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Position statement on: Keeping of Wild Animals in Captivity

CapeNature **aims** to mitigate the negative impacts from the keeping of wild animals in captivity.

CapeNature **recognises** that in some cases the keeping of wild animals in temporary or permanent captivity may yield conservation benefits.

CapeNature **recognises** the role of environmental education and research through keeping of wild animals in permanent captivity.

CapeNature **recognises** the role of rehabilitation, through keeping animals in temporary captivity.

CapeNature **requires** that all facilities keeping wild animals in captivity source specimens from legal captive facilities and not from the wild.

CapeNature **urges** that the conservation benefit for keeping of wild animals in captivity outweighs the financial incentive.

CapeNature **recommends** that facilities keeping wild animals in captivity consider all welfare and ethical aspects in the course of their activities.

CapeNature **supports** the captive keeping of wild animals for conservation, research and rehabilitation purposes.

CapeNature **supports** the keeping of any wild animal in captivity that has a conservation benefit.

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