** BEAR CONSERVATION**

**Zoo-check Questionnaire**

**(please complete a separate sheet for each species of bear observed)**

**Zoo:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date/Time**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Species:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1) Does it appear that adequate provision is made to meet the**

**species-specific needs of the animals with regards to temperature, ventilation, lighting, humidity and noise (tick if yes as appropriate)?**

* Temperature
* Lighting
* Humidity
* Noise

Notes:

**2) Is sufficient shelter provided in outdoor enclosures to give protection**

**from inclement weather and excessive sunlight (tick as appropriate)?**

* No shelter is provided
* Shelter is provided but insufficient for all animals in the enclosure
* Amount of shelter provided is just sufficient for all the animals in the enclosure
* More than sufficient shelter is provided for all the animals in the enclosure

Notes:

**3) Can the animals see beyond the enclosure** **(tick as appropriate)?**

* Animals are housed in a pit or in an indoor tank
* Animals are housed in a cage
* Animals are housed in an enclosure where the they are able to climb to a position where they can view beyond the enclosure
* Animals are housed in an enclosure where they have complete and unobstructed view of the surrounding natural environment at ground level

Notes:

**4) Is there a mix of hard and soft substrates suitable for the animals (tick as appropriate)?**

* Concrete or wire meshed floor
* Sandy soft ground or other soft areas such as wood chippings or soil
* Hard ground
* Soft ground with grass covering
* bedding available in less than 75 percent of the floor
* Grass/soft bedding available in at least 75 percent of the enclosure
* Grass/soft bedding available throughout the enclosure

Notes:

**5) Are enclosures and enclosure barriers in such a condition that there is no**

**likelihood of harm to animals (for example from rusty/sharp objects (tick as appropriate)?**

* Yes
* No

Notes:

**6)** **Is the enclosure hygienic (for example, lack of rubbish / faeces, no algae in water, enclosure is well-drained) (tick as appropriate)?**

* Yes
* No

Notes:

**7)** **Do the animals appear to be in good physical health (tick as appropriate)? (If possible please provide photographs and/or videos)**

* Yes
* No

Notes:

**8)** **Are the animals provided with space sufficient to encourage natural movements and behaviours?**

Approximate size of enclosure:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

**9) At the time of visit were active efforts being made to enrich the environment (tick as appropriate) (tick as appropriate)?**

* No enrichment is provided
* Enrichment is provided but insufficient for all the animals in the enclosure
* Enrichment provided for all the animals
* A variety of enrichment is provided
* Enrichment provided also stimulates natural behaviours
* Able to confirm that enrichment is changed regularly

Notes:

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**10)** **Is it evident that the enrichment devices provided are being used (tick as appropriate) (tick as appropriate)?**

* No enrichment is provided
* Animals not observed using the enrichment
* Animals observed using the enrichment

Notes:

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**11) Do the enclosure barriers effectively prevent contact between public**

**and the animals?**

Notes:

**12)** **Is there more than one animal present? If so do the animals appear to interact positively with one another (tick as appropriate)?**

* Only one animal observed in enclosure
* Animals appear to interact positively
* Animals appear uncomfortable or aggressive with one another
* No interaction observed.

How many animals were observed in the enclosure?……………………………

Notes:

**13) Are there signs of abnormal behaviours (tick as appropriate)?**

* No signs observed
* Signs observed (please provide description below or submit video)

Notes:

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**14) Can the animals retreat from public view and from the view from each other (tick as appropriate) (tick as appropriate)?**

* No private areas are provided
* Private areas are provided but insufficient for all the animals
* Private areas provided are in an inappropriate position.
* Number of private areas provided equals to number of animals in the enclosure AND are in appropriate positions.
* Number of private areas provided is greater than number of animals in the enclosure AND are in appropriate positions.

Notes:

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Please write any additional notes or comments on a separate sheet of paper.

When completed please send us an electronic copy, attached to an email to [zoonews@bearconservation.org.uk](mailto:zoonews@bearconservation.org.uk). If you need any help or have any questions you can use that address to get in touch. Thank you.