



PRESS RELEASE

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Completing the Tiger Trail

The Isle of Wight Zoo's conservation project in India received a welcome boost this week thanks to a mother and daughter team.

Tracy Dove (51), the zoo's Education and Conservation Officer, walked the Isle of Wight Coastal path with her daughter Jenny Mitchell (23). The two of them covered the 70 mile path in just four days, even finding time for the occasional ice cream on the way. They returned to the zoo in the afternoon of Saturday 4th June, serenaded along Sandown seafront by Unidos samba band.

Tracy said afterwards, "It has been a long and, at times, painful journey, but the thought of protecting the beautiful tigers of Karnataka kept us going when we had blisters on our blisters"

In total they raised £1192 for the zoo's tiger project in Karnataka, which is administered by the charity Global Tiger Patrol. The project supports wild tigers and the people who share their lives with them. As well as Tracy and Jenny's efforts, the zoo is selling conservation wristbands and raising money on-site. Local schools have also been involved in fundraising for the project, holding events throughout the year.

The Isle of Wight Zoo would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this valuable project.

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Notes to editors:

The Isle of Wight Zoo aims to promote the survival of endangered species through first class educational and recreational experiences, exemplary animal management, conservation and research. The Zoo is best known for its work with exotic cats. As a centre for surplus or rescued big cats, all have come to the Zoo at different stages of their lives and from a variety of backgrounds. The Isle of Wight Zoo is currently home to 8 tigers, 4 lions and 2 jaguars.



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