

RISK ASSESSMENT

Information of Activity: WETLANDS

Site: Wildlife Habitat Location: Wetlands Habitat Area

Identified by: Sybella Salter, Assistant Manager Date: 8 June 2024

Identified Hazard / Task: Wetlands Habitat Tours/ Talks

Risk Analysis – level of risk

Identified Hazards	Risk Assessment			Risk Score E x L x C	Risk Level
	Exposure (E)	Likelihood (L)	Consequence (C)		
Physical Strains & Sprains	2	0.3	2	1.2	L
Tip/Fall Hazard	3	0.3	5	4.5	M
Animal Interaction- bites and scratches	3	0.3	3	4.5	M
Falling branches/tree limbs from above.	2	0.3	10	6.0	M
Structural integrity for above beams Stork Tower	0	0.3	15	0	L
Child falling into Wetlands waterway.	2	0.3	10	6.0	M

Definitions					
Exposure E	Likelihood L	Consequence C	Risk Score	Hierarchy of Risk Controls	
Continuously 10	Almost Certain 1.0	Catastrophic 20	E >20 H >10 M 3 – 10	Elimination is a permanent solution and should be attempted in the first instance. Substitution involves replacing the hazard or environmental aspect by one of the lower risk. Engineering controls involve physical barriers or structural changes to the environment or process. Administration controls reduce hazard by altering procedures and providing instructions Personal protective equipment last resort or temporary control.	
Frequently 6	Likely 0.6	Major 10			
Occasionally 3	Possible 0.3	Moderate 5	L <3		
Infrequently 2	Unlikely 0.1	Minor 2			
Rarely 1	Rare 0.05	Insignificant 1			

LEGEND

E: extreme/significant risk; immediate action required; must be managed by senior management with a detailed plan, notify RMO immediately.

H: high risk; senior management attention needed; detailed research and management planning at senior levels.

M: moderate risk; management responsibility must be specified; manage by specific monitoring or response procedures.

L: low risk; manage by routine procedures; unlikely to need specific allocation of resources

Details of Action to be Taken

Actions: (When determining action, refer to Hierarchy of Risk Control.)

Physical Strains & Sprains – Perceived risks minimised by participants given clear instructions of the importance of staying on the designated track and following directions given by leader upon entering the habitats / enclosures/ tours, wearing the appropriate PPE (enclosed shoes), following clear instruction / signage, staying to pathways and following directions of park signage.

Animal Feeding –: To be done only under constant supervision of qualified animal handler. Perceived risk minimised by participants not being able to feed any park animal exhibit other than macropods.

Trip/Fall Hazard – Stork Walk - Perceived risks minimised by participants wearing the appropriate PPE (enclosed shoes), following clear instruction / signage, staying to pathways and following directions of park signage and or tour leader.

Animal Handling – To be done under supervision of qualified animal handler. Perceived risk minimised by participants being given clear directions on the correct way to handle animals and given demonstrations by qualified handler prior to handling any animals. (Not applicable to Wetlands Tour)

Free flight wildlife interaction -Perceived risks minimised by clear instructions on engaging with wild animals / signage to engage / not engage with wildlife, following staff advice on wildlife, staying to pathways and following directions of park signage and information.

Falling branches/tree limbs – Perceived risks minimised by scheduled monitoring canopy and tree limbs. Recommend a twice yearly (November- pre-wet season; and May post-wet season) assessment by professional arborist and cut at-risk tree limbs & branches.

Wetlands Stork Tower Structural integrity – 2nd storey. – Risk mitigated by closure of access door to the public and staff to second level platform

Waterway access Wetlands - Perceived risks minimised with water areas fenced and closed off general park access , following clear instruction / signage, staying to pathways and following directions of park signage and or tour leader.

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