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WAZA response to the global climate change crisis

This is an urgent request from the Council, and from the Conservation and Sustainability Committee of World Association of Zoos and Aquariums to the Directors of its members (zoos, aquariums and regional associations) to support the following statement.

An urgent message to world leaders

Through our organisations, we, directors of the international zoo and aquarium community, collectively engage with and educate 600 million visitors each year, and conduct extensive conservation activities in the wild and in our zoos and aquariums.

We send an urgent message to world leaders, stressing the extreme gravity of the climate change threat facing wildlife and natural systems.

Agreement in Copenhagen to reduce atmospheric CO_2 to the safe level of <350 ppm is the only way to give the international conservation community a real chance to manage the negative effects of climate change on the natural world.

Through concerted and immediate action, this target is achievable. To avoid potentially catastrophic consequences for humanity and wildlife, it is essential.

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