

## Auckland Zoo Head of Life Sciences

In addition to being a global city with stunning scenery, wonderful beaches and sub-tropical islands, Auckland is a city with one of the most progressive zoos in the world. Here, wildlife conservation sits at the very heart of what we do.

At Auckland Zoo we bring people together to build a future for wildlife. We do this by demonstrating care for wildlife, inspiring our visitors to value wildlife, helping to conserve wildlife in the wild and building a high performance organisation.

We have recently embarked on an ambitious \$150 million capital expenditure upgrade programme, which will see the transformation of much of the site and the development of new infrastructure across the zoo.

Right now we are looking for someone to join Auckland Zoo's leadership team, who is as passionate about the diverse roles of a good zoo in the conservation of wildlife as we are. Someone who can help us further develop as one of the most forward-thinking zoos in the world.

He kōrero mōu: About you

The Head of Life Sciences plays a vital part in planning the strategic direction of Auckland Zoo. Reporting to the Zoo Director, this role provides direction to, and oversight of, the management of the animal departments, our field conservation programme and our science and veterinary services.

The Head of Life Sciences is also responsible for ensuring that the animal-related aspects of all new capital developments are delivered successfully and innovatively; for managing the appropriate allocation of resources across the department; and for providing expertise, leadership and support to ensure all programmes within Life Sciences are delivered successfully

From you we need:

- A post-graduate qualification in a biological or conservation discipline
- A minimum of 10 years' experience in a relevant discipline,
- Proven leadership and management success
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of the modern conservation role of zoos
- Extensive knowledge and understanding of intensive species management, zoo collection planning and wildlife conservation
- Strong project management, budget development and planning skills
- Experience with a wide variety of national and international media and press
- Demonstrated partnership development and management experience with international not-for-profit organisations
- Demonstrable familiarity with the aims and activities of recognised conservation bodies such as the International Union for Conservation of

Nature, Conservation Planning Specialist Group and New Zealand  
Department of Conservation

Ngā āhuatanga kei a mātou: What we offer

This is simply a unique career opportunity in a unique environment. For the right  
creative and committed individual, this will be your dream job

For more information or to apply online, go to;

<https://careers.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/job/Central-Auckland-Head-of-Life-Sciences-1010/510114410/>

**Applications close 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019.**