



Ethical Purchasing Policy

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This policy is based on Marwell Wildlife's mission and organisational aims; our Environmental and overarching Ethical Policy; and on our Conservation Strategy. Marwell Wildlife believes we have a responsibility to manage our supply chain responsibly in support of our charitable objectives. We recognise that our purchasing decisions can have global impacts and contribute to the local economy, both in the UK and in other parts of the world. We also have an opportunity to positively influence the purchasing behaviour of our guests.

Marwell Wildlife acknowledges that becoming a sustainable business is a process and we encourage suppliers to work to improve performance in any areas where they may be weak. This policy sets out our minimum standards for suppliers; preference will be given to those who can demonstrate higher standards of performance.

Environmental protection

Suppliers should have processes in place to actively improve the efficiency with which finite resources (such as energy, water and raw materials) are used. Suppliers should have appropriate management, operational and technical controls in place to minimise, and ultimately eliminate, the release of harmful emissions to the environment. Marwell will not trade with any organisation who is not able to comply with locally applicable legislation.

Whole life cycle impacts will be considered in purchasing decisions including materials, manufacturing, use and disposal phase impacts. Preference will be given to local goods and materials where appropriate.

External verification of products or services is encouraged through schemes such as: [Fair Trade](#), [Rain Forest Alliance](#), [Forest Stewardship Council](#) and [Marine Stewardship Council](#). We will preferentially source externally verified products where available. In particular all timber will be either from a local, traceable source or from FSC certified sources and all tea and coffee will be from Fair Trade or Rainforest Alliance certified sources. Marwell Wildlife will eliminate palm oil from our supply chain wherever possible. Where palm oil is used, we aim to purchase from the most sustainable sources available such as [Palm Oil Innovation Group](#) (POIG) or Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO).

Social issues and workers rights

Marwell Wildlife fully supports the [United Nations Convention on the rights of the child](#), the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#), and the [International Labour Organization's convention on labour standards](#). Marwell will not trade with any organisation known to be in contravention of these international standards.

International standards on environmental and social issues are continually improving. This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated to reflect current levels of best practice.

Signed:



James Cretney, Chief Executive
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