

# A Journey through South East Asia



Melbourne Zoo, Melbourne, Australia

The master plan for the Asian Precinct at the Melbourne Zoo builds upon the principles and award winning success of the Trail of the Elephant exhibit which opened in 2003 and was Phase I of this 10-acre parcel in the zoo. The precinct will take visitors on a trek through a variety of South East Asian landscapes inhabited by some of the signature animal species of the region.

The interpretive story of the plight of four species, whose shrinking habitats are being destroyed by human encroachment, will be told

by four separate voices. Sumatran Tiger, Asian Elephant, Small-clawed Otter, and Orang-utan are species under stress and each requires a different human response for their conservation. Each exhibit will explore how man and animal can survive together if rational responses are made and habitat protection efforts are implemented by local, regional, and international conservation groups.

A multiple-species exhibit will highlight the Melbourne Zoo's conservation efforts throughout

Asia and specific on-going programs in the Philippines with Crocodile, Spotted Deer, and Visayan Warty Pig. As planning for the entire zone continues, the design for an Orang-utan exhibit will be developed and constructed as Phase II of the Asia Precinct. The new exhibit opened in 2006.

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