**Criteria of Learning Sources for Zoo**

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**Abstract**

 ZPO has spent many years to develop the criteria of learning sources for zoo by base on the agreement and sharing experiences of education expert from Thailand and partners foreigners such as EECG, SEET, DANCED, USAID, NAAEE, Smithsonian and Office of the Basic Education Commission of Thailand, research project, benchmarking. There are base on Education Act of learning sources for the zoo and will be supporting 3 purposes of modern zoo standard and zoo design in universal design as well as social needs. It will be a new challenge for the modern zoo. These benefits will fulfill all concerns of stakeholders.

 The criteria have been creating more benefits concern including tools for the development of the learning sources, tools for data collection and information technology. The criteria can indicate the position of your zoo and finding best practices from an auditor who giving more suggestions and comments through knowledge and experiences to sharing as integrations for process. Certainly, the criteria of learning sources for zoo would be an opportunity for improvement continuously on your new challenge.

 The content of criteria including with wildlife animal collection plan, zoo design, knowledge management (KM) and education management in the zoo, internal process of the organization, budgets, lifelong education process, research and cooperate between institute. The learning process base on the zoo context in the concept “happy learning beyond the classroom through sensory of awareness which is active learning and learner-centered as well”.