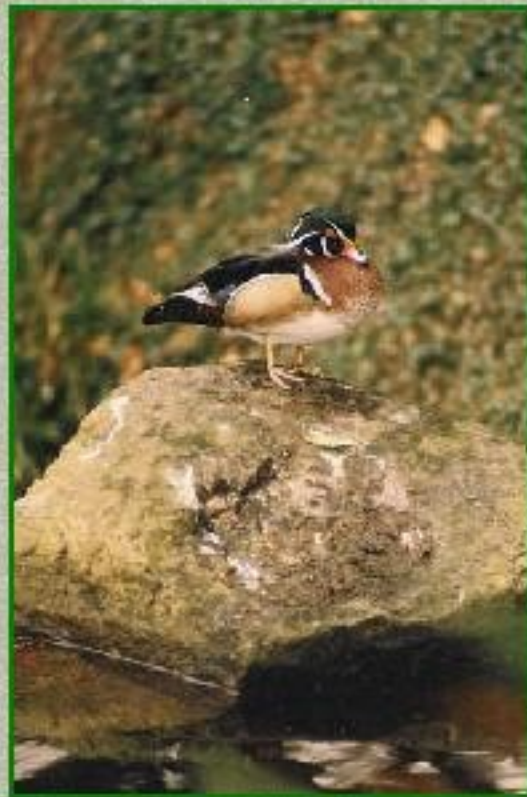




**PROTECT NATURE:**

# *Stanley Park*



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# NATURAL STANLEY PARK



Lifeforce was formed in 1981 to raise public awareness of the interrelationship of human, animal and environmental issues. This is our 25th Anniversary of protecting ecosystems such as Stanley Park for both people and animals to enjoy.

We must raise public awareness of the need to protect wildlife and the natural beauty of Stanley Park from the aquarium and zoo industry.

During the past several decades individuals and organizations have been struggling to stop these private vested interests from commercializing precious parkland and encroaching upon nature. Our park won't continue to survive destructive and haphazard business expansion without your help. We must stop the destruction and privatization of public green space.





# STANLEY PARK PROGRAMS



For 25 years Lifeforce has been campaigning to protect precious Stanley Park and to stop capture and imprisonment of fellow sentient creatures with whom we share this planet. In spite of our progress the park is becoming too expensive and inaccessible for all to enjoy. The Aquarium/zoo business will control most of the park and charge more and more if we don't Save Stanley Park.





## NATURE THREATENED



- While Vancouver voted against having a zoo in Stanley Park the Vancouver expansion could include polar bears, walruses, Arctic seals, Arctic foxes, beavers, seabirds and more. **Some of these species and numerous others can be seen freely in Stanley Park.**



- In 1988 the Vancouver Aquarium promised that a new beluga pool would be for the three belugas but when one died they captured three more. This resulted in overcrowding, abnormal aggression, wounds and isolation. Two have been sent to Sea World in the US. **They started construction without the Federal government's Environmental Impact Study.**



- Aquariums and zoos have depleted wildlife populations. The Vancouver Aquarium harpooned an orca to kill as a model for a sculpture. When the orca survived for 86 days and attracted the public they started the orca slave trade. This led to the capture of 48 from one population. The Southern Community lost a generation and future babies. These orcas are now facing extinction.







## PARK FAUNA & FLORA



Beautiful flora include ferns, mushrooms and flowering plants. Old coniferous and deciduous trees with their undergrowth provide homes for many types of songbirds.



Stanley Park is truly an area of ecological importance which provides a valuable, yet free, educational experience and peace of mind.



Over 15 years ago one study found 213 Native Plant species, 47 Mammal species, 233 Seasonal Bird species (and 20 other possible species), 97 Marine Organisms species, 5 Reptilia species and 9 Amphibia species. Insects, spiders, mosses, liverworts, lichen, fungi and exotic plants were not determined.







## A NATURE SANCTUARY



A diversity of fauna and flora can be found in Stanley Park. There are great forests, lakes and gardens. The surrounding shoreline has sea lions, seals and much more.

The park provides a home for numerous bird species including seabirds, Great Blue Herons, eagles, owls, jays, waterfowl and geese. There is also a variety of reptiles, amphibians and butterflies. Mammals include raccoons, skunks, beaver, river otters, American mink, muskrat and many more. One of the most popular animals are the entertaining squirrels who meet you as you enter the park.





## HISTORY



In 1889, Lord Stanley, Canada's Governor General, dedicated a unique 400 hectares of forested peninsula **"To The Use And Enjoyment Of People Of All Colours, Creed And Customs For All Time."** Stanley Park is recognized internationally as a rare, natural urban park. The federally leased land has been recognized by the public as an area which provides a "sense of place" (Stanley Park Master Plan, 1988). In 1989, Liferforce succeeded in having Stanley Park designated as a National Historic Site.

As a gift of nature - that vital link between people and wildlife - the park is a legacy to be protected.





## **PROTECTING NATURE**

- People and organizations worldwide are opposed to the Vancouver Aquarium's destructive expansion plans. The Aquarium claims that there is only a small vocal minority. However, in 2006, there are no captive whales and dolphins in the UK and Mexico has banned all imports and exports of all primates and dolphins. In 1992 South Carolina banned the captivity of dolphins. In 1985 the state of Victoria imposed a ban on the capture and display of captive cetaceans and in 1994 the state of Queensland banned the capture of dolphins (Australia).
- There are also 50 facilities worldwide that have stopped dolphin captivity.





# **OUR VISION TO PROTECT STANLEY PARK AND ANIMALS**

- Implement Parks Board Bylaws that would truly phase out animal prisons and prohibit all major construction.
- Instead of spending millions of tax dollars on artificial zoo/aquarium buildings use scarce time and funds to protect and clean up habitats by supporting eco friendly lifestyles.
- Create marine and terrestrial sanctuaries with Eco Centers to educate people and to get them involved!
- International organizations continue to educate everyone about stewardship programs. Living Eco Friendly lifestyles can be obtained without imprisoning animals. International efforts continue to recycle/reduce wastes, promote car pooling and bicycling, reduce pollution, stop over-fishing, to promote green boating, educate about global warming and climate change and much more.

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## OUR VISION

- Spend scarce funds on protecting wildlife – more enforcement and education.
- International efforts have been taken to ID orcas, create marine sanctuaries, implement recovery plans for endangered species, to save whales (the lone orca “Springer”) and much more. There have even been successful releases of captive dolphins.
- Educate people about speciesism – being brainwashed to accept human domination over other species. Tourists who are on shopping tours and others are unaware of the Aquarium’s sad history. Attendance numbers do not represent informed public opinion.
- More emphasis on learning about Stanley Park and Supernatural British Columbia. Implement programs such as Liferforce’s self-guided Stanley Park Nature and History Walks, Live Link Video Trail Walks, Imax Films, cultural activities, theatre shows and Marine eco tours including seeing orcas near Stanley Park. Develop stamps and license plates supporting wildlife freedom.

*Freedom-Not Captivity*



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