

Memories of Steve Irwin at Singapore Zoo:



- Special guest Steve Irwin receiving a cheque donation of S\$20,000 from Fanny Lai, Executive Director of Singapore Zoo. The money, from the Wildlife Conservation Fund, would be used for Australia Zoo's conservation and education programmes.
- His exuberant manner aside, Steve was always gentle and respectful when handling animals.
- Doing what he did best: Steve in the thick action, dabbling with crocodiles.
- Steve and the Singapore Zoo keepers celebrating their triumph after transferring a 4.2m false gavia from Reptile Garden to Treetops Trail.

Remembering Steve Irwin

Steve Irwin, 1962 – 2006

Wildlife warrior extraordinaire Steve Irwin succumbed to a stingray barb that pierced his heart in Australia's Great Barrier Reef on 4 September 2006.

Famed for getting perilously close to deadly beasts, most notably crocodiles, this animated naturalist popularised the word "Crikey!" and was an international ambassador for conservation. Despite his flamboyance, there was no denying his sincerity in wanting to protect all creatures.

The owner of Australia Zoo considered Singapore Zoo the sister organisation of his park, and made many visits here over the years, both personally and professionally.

Steve was instrumental in steering the concept and design of Australian Outback, brainstorming with Singapore Zoo extensively; from the effectiveness of educational interpretives to suitable flora to providing some of the animals. The Eastern grey kangaroos and inland taipans in this exhibit came from Australia Zoo. On 9 March 2006, he was a special guest at the opening of Australian Outback and marveled everyone with his infectious enthusiasm.

Everyone who met him that day will remember the ease with which he handled the taipan, the world's most venomous land snake, so fluidly and respectfully. It was pure poetry. Little did we know it was the last time we would have the privilege of his company.

Ever zealous and unassuming, this unforgettable personality lived with wildlife in his veins. His legacy will continue. He will be dearly missed.

We pay tribute to the late Crocodile Hunter, a great wildlife icon who epitomised the spirit of passionate conservation and a beloved friend of Singapore Zoo.