

# SUFFABLE DIET FOR THE ANNALS

WILDLANDS has a central kitchen where the animal food is prepared. The vet and the dietician work in close collaboration. They play a major role in maintaining the health of the animals.

## DIETARY KITCHEN

All the food enters the dietary kitchen. The kitchen staff prepares the food for all the animals. The food is transported to the animal enclosures and readied so that the keepers can feed the animals.



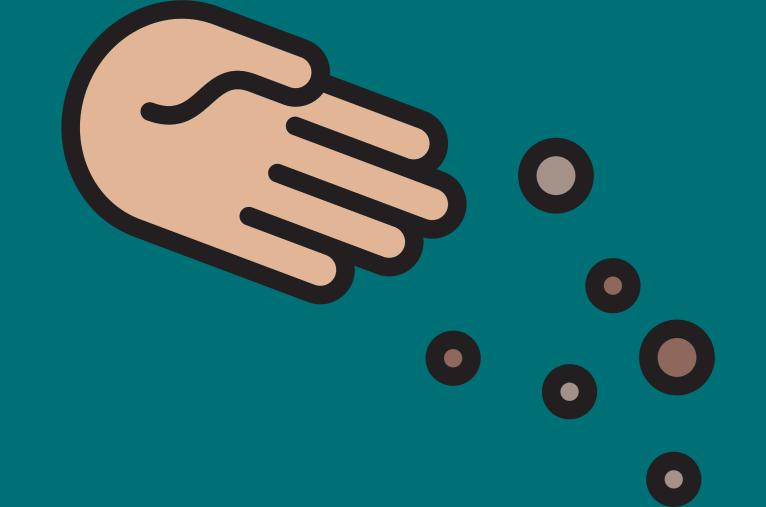
FOOD ENTERS



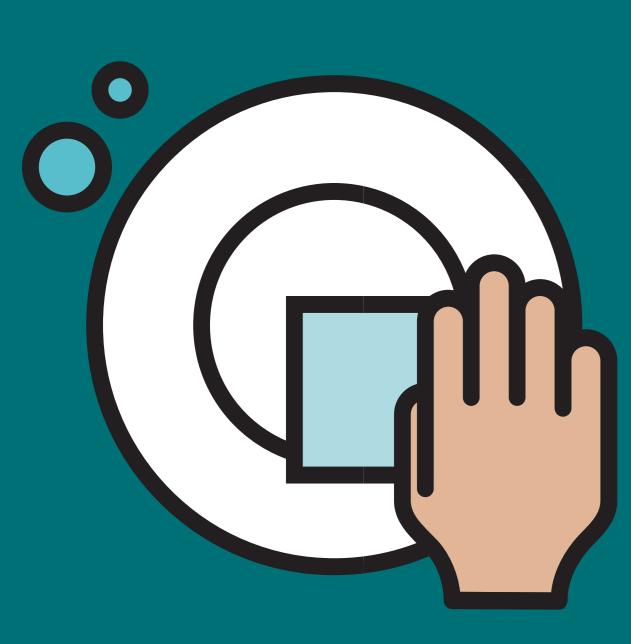
FOOD PREPARATION



PORTIONING, READYING AND TRANSPORTING



FEEDING THE ANIMALS



WASHING-UP IN THE DIETARY KITCHEN

#### GRENGROCER

The dietary kitchen receives top-quality vegetables from local suppliers. In addition, individuals occasionally offer food that is still perfectly edible, but would otherwise be thrown away. For example, because a cucumber is curved instead of straight. The vegetables do not have to have the 'perfect shape'. Neither the animals nor the kitchen staff care about what shape they have.

#### NEW ANIMAL? NEW DIET!

The dietician at WILDLANDS formulates a diet for each animal species. The dietician has contact with other zoos and also conducts research into the types of food the animals eat in the wild. The teeth and digestive system of the animals are also considered, because these have adapted to the food an animal eats.

Sometimes it looks like the animals are not getting the 'right' food. You might think that primates eat bananas, right? Well, they do eat fruit, but these native types of fruit from tropical regions are nowhere like the fruit that we find in the supermarket.

The types of fruit that primates eat are very rich in fibre and not very sweet at all. That is why it is better for the primates to eat vegetables with more fibre and less sugar. Each animal is therefore assessed to see which nutrients it needs.



Wild banana

#### LION FOOD?

When an animal dies in the zoo, like an impala or goat, the vet assesses whether the animal is suitable to feed to the lions.





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## FOOD ENRICHMENT

The animals in WILDLANDS also get food enrichment. Their food is then offered to them in a stimulating way by freezing it, for example, or by hiding it in a ball with holes. This prevents the animals getting bored and keeps them busy finding food, just like their cousins in the wild.