

Dusit Zoo

First Visit: 29th April 2015

As it is in many places in Thailand, the main attraction is the white tigers, of which there are apparently two, along with six other Bengal tigers. The white tigers did take pride of the place and had the better of the two enclosures, though neither of them was lacking. Both areas had huge spaces and natural elements with trees, caves and plentiful water to enjoy. The white tiger enclosure also had a pulley system, which looked as though food or enrichment was winched along. This would allow for stimulation of hunting behaviours. All the tigers seemed to be enjoying their surroundings, utilising various parts, and all were very much at ease.

Second Visit: 3rd February 2017

The second visit showed no changes in the enclosure style or the welfare of the tigers residing within. All tigers still appeared relaxed and disinterested with the watching visitors. There were, however, fewer tigers within the zoo itself.

Third Visit: 4th April 2018

Again, there were no changes in the design of the enclosure, nor the number of tigers out in them. For the last two years, it would appear that it was the same three tigers in all the enclosures. Still, there are no signs of stereotypy and the tigers remain relaxed. The enclosures are very clean and well-maintained, always provided with clean water.

Fourth Visit: 2019

The zoo was closed in September 2018 with all the animals moved to other ZPO facilities. There is talk of a new zoo to be built outside Bangkok, but it does not look as though this will happen soon.