

Zoo's vow to raise £10,000 for tigers

THE IW Zoo has pledged to raise £10,000 over the next year to support an expanding tiger project in India.

Islanders have been warned to expect the unexpected as the zoo plans a series of strange and bizarre events throughout the year, all in aid of its flagship species.

This week the zoo welcomed renowned wildlife artist Joanna May, as she prepares for the launch of her

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tiger exhibition.

Joanna, who sells her work through Christie's auctions, spent two days at the zoo to learn about tigers and sketch individuals to base her paintings on.

She will donate a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of her tiger paintings and prints to the zoo and WWF.

Earlier this year, the zoo received the news its current

project, supporting a tiger conservation project in Karnataka, would be expanding. The area is populated by wild tigers in the Kudremukh National Park and Bhadra Reserve, and the project leader has been working with local people to promote conservation.

The IW Zoo, which is home to ten tigers, has more than doubled its pledge to commit funds to the project.

Among an array of fundraising activities, the zoo's chief executive, Charlotte Corney, will be taking the plunge this time next year in a Channel swimathon.

Meanwhile, tiger lovers can show their support for the big cats by visiting the zoo on World Tiger Day on Sunday.



Artist Joanna May sketching tigers at the IW Zoo. 0910-J43495