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The International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) is disappointed in Thomas Cook's recent decision to stop selling tickets to Loro Parque. The decision is short-sided and does not consider Loro Parque's ongoing and unwavering commitment to conservation, education, and the welfare of animals.

Loro Parque's commitment to animals extends not only to those in their care, but also to species around the world. The Loro Parque Foundation has contributed more than \$19 million for more than 150 conservation projects in over 35 countries. These important efforts have had a direct and positive impact on several species of critically threatened animals.

Loro Parque has been an upstanding member of IAAPA since 2011. The park is a member of global associations including The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) and the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA). Loro Parque is also the first zoo in Europe to earn the American Humane Association (AHA) Humane Conservation certification.

IAAPA believes the Thomas Cook agency chose to ignore the positive impact Loro Parque, its employees, and its guests have on animals when this announcement was made. The park's history of positive work with animals and continued, unwavering dedication to conservation and education should speak for itself. IAAPA hopes Thomas Cook will reconsider this recent decision.

IAAPA supports Loro Parque as a member of our global association and the positive impact the park's efforts make to protect the welfare of animals around our world.