The Tulsa Zoo is a supporter of South African penguin conservation in an effort to help raise awareness for their endangered species. South African penguins are endangered and the only penguin species endemic to the African continent. The Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANCCOB) is a registered non-profit organization whose primary objective is to reverse the decline of seabird populations through the rescue, rehabilitation and release of ill, injured, abandoned and oiled seabirds.

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• The Tulsa Zoo has been supporting the Penguin and Seabird Ranger program. These rangers are especially important in the African penguins’ molting season. Adult breeding penguins abandon their young as they undergo their annual molt. The chicks would face starvation if it weren’t for the efforts of SANCCOB and the Penguin and Seabird Rangers. These rangers are located on two land-based African penguin colonies, Simon’s Town and Stony Point, and also on the coastal islands of Robben Island, Bird Island and St Croix Island in Algoa Bay. The Tulsa Zoo supports the conservation and recovery work being done on Robben Island.

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