

White Cockatoo

Cacatua alba



Also known as the Umbrella Cockatoo because of their large, relatively flat white crest, these almost pure white Cockatoos are found in flat or gently sloping primary and logged lowland forest in Indonesia.

Although they used to be common throughout the Northern Moluccas Islands, their numbers are now much reduced due to logging of habitat, particularly the tall trees used for nesting in, and also due to trapping. Currently, both adults and young are taken, and it is considered that the present levels of exploitation are not sustainable.

Although generally sweet in temperament, the Cockatoos do not make great pets. Their habit of screaming early in the morning and late in the afternoon is the main reason we have so many donated to the park. They are also highly intelligent and social birds and need constant attention which many people are not prepared for. 9 of our 11 White Cockatoos were donated to us as ex-pet birds.



Lifespan: 50 Years

Weight: 550 g

Size: 46cm

Breeding Season: April - May

Incubation Period: 27 -28 Days

Number of Chicks: 2 - 3

Diet: Mainly seeds and fruits; also occasionally insects during breeding season.

Problems They Face: Habitat destruction, trapping for pet trade.

Conservation Status: Vulnerable - CITES App. 2