

## **Become a Rainforest Explorer!**

Become an intrepid explorer of the rainforest in ZSL Whipsnade Zoo's Butterfly House.

- In pairs, walk slowly around the house, noting down every different animal (or species) you see use the identification sheet on the back of this spotters sheet to help you identify them. You won't just find butter-flies, so keep your eyes peeled for other animals too!
- 2) Keep a **tally** of how many of each species you see
- 3) Explorers like to know where in the habitat an animal lives, so be sure to write down where you see the animals (their **microhabitat**).
- 4) After you've finished exploring, see which species you saw the most of, and which microhabitat had the most animals in it.
- 5) Discuss in groups what made the animals you saw so good at living in a rainforest habitat?

**Remember** - you're in the animals' home, so respect them by being quiet and making sure not to touch them as butterflies and moths are very fragile.

Butterfly House spotting sheet			
Name:			
Class:			
What we saw (Species)	Where we saw it (Microhabitat)	How many we saw (Abundance)	What is looked like (Description)
Blue Morpho Butterfly	On a leaf	IIII	Large bright blue wings

## SPOTTER'S GUIDE

## Frequent Flyers...

What can you spot in the Butterfly House today?



## Other animals:



West African dwarf crocodile



Crested wood partridge



Vampire crab



Madagascan hissing cockroach



Salmon pink bird eating spider



Giant spiny stick insect