

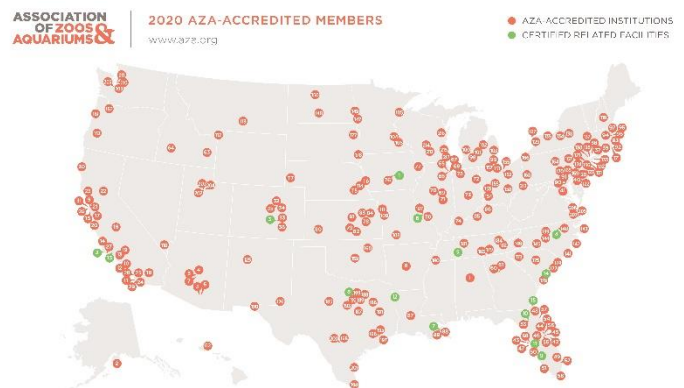
ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

AZA Fact Sheet

Accreditation

238 accredited zoos and aquariums in 13 countries

- USA: 214 in 46 states and D.C.
- Canada: 7
- Mexico: 5
- Bahamas: 1
- Bermuda: 1
- Dominican Republic: 1
- Argentina: 1
- Colombia: 1
- Spain: 1
- Hong Kong: 1
- Singapore: 2
- South Korea: 2
- United Arab Emirates: 1



- ✓ 14 certified related facilities
- ✓ Accreditation occurs every 5 years
- ✓ Approximately 25 facilities undergo the accreditation process every 6 months

Types of Accredited Institutions

- 136 zoos
- 57 aquariums
- 8 both zoo and aquariums
- 17 safari and theme parks
- 16 science and nature centers
- 2 aviaries
- 2 butterfly houses

- ✓ 54% are non-profit facilities
- ✓ 35% are municipally owned/operated facilities
- ✓ 11% are for-profit facilities

Animals in AZA-Accredited Institutions

- ✓ Over 730,000 animals in the care of AZA-accredited zoo and aquarium professionals
- ✓ Over 8,500 species
- ✓ Over 800 Vulnerable, Endangered, Critically Endangered, and Extinct In The Wild species as categorized by the IUCN Red List

Species Survival Plan® (SSP) Program

- ✓ Over 500 Species Survival Plan® Programs
- ✓ 43 Taxon Advisory Groups (TAGs)

AZA Reproduction Management Center

- ✓ Supports SSP® programs by monitoring the safety and efficacy of contraceptives used for all mammalian species and helping bring new contraceptive methods to the zoo, aquarium and wildlife community

AZA Population Management Center

- ✓ Population planning for 500 species for the next 100 years

Conservation

- ✓ Over \$208 million was spent on field conservation in 115 countries in 2020
- ✓ 223 species and subspecies that benefited are listed as Endangered or Threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act
- ✓ Nearly \$25 million was spent on AZA SAFE: Saving Animals From Extinction programs in 2020.

AZA's Conservation Grants Fund

- ✓ Over \$8.5 million supporting over 450 conservation projects since 1991

Economic Impact of AZA Accredited Zoos and Aquariums

In the most recent survey in 2018, AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums:

- ✓ Contributed more than \$22.5 billion to U.S. economy
- ✓ Supported more than 198,000 full-time jobs in the U.S.
- ✓ Served more than 200 million annual visitors worldwide (183 million in the U.S.)

Informal Science Education by AZA Accredited Zoos and Aquariums

Based on the Education Programs survey data from 2019:

- ✓ AZA members provided teacher professional development, curriculum resources and free planning visits that reached more than 96,000 teachers
- ✓ 5.5 million individuals were reached through field trips, outreach programs and education resources targeted to K-12 students
- ✓ 124 facilities reported more than 1,200 education programs that include content about connecting to nature, reaching more than 33 million.

AZA Professional Development

- ✓ Nearly 2,000 zoo and aquarium professionals completed AZA courses from 2016-2020
- ✓ AZA offers 17 in-person and 5 virtual courses team-taught by professionals in the field designed to develop a variety of animal management, education, and leadership skills
- ✓ AZA's Executive Leadership Development Program prepares the next generation of executive leaders to successfully advance the zoo and aquarium movement in

the future. More than 70 leaders have completed the program since 2014, with 20 having been promoted to the role of Executive Director or CEO.

About AZA

Founded in 1924, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of zoos and aquariums in the areas of conservation, animal welfare, education, science, and recreation. AZA is the accrediting body for the top zoos and aquariums in the United States and eight other countries. Look for the AZA accreditation logo whenever you visit a zoo or aquarium as your assurance that you are supporting a facility dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you, and a better future for all living things. The AZA and its members are leaders in saving species and your link to helping animals all over the world. To learn more, visit www.aza.org.