

# ACCREDITED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

## **Accreditation**

AZA accreditation ensures that the animals you visit at accredited zoos and aquariums receive excellent care every day. Visitors should be proud to know that this organization has met mandatory, rigorous, professional standards for animal welfare and management, veterinary care, behavioral enrichment, nutrition and staff training.

AZA accreditation standards exceed currently established local, state and federal guidelines. And, because AZA's top priority is the care of animals, AZA's accreditation standards are continuously reviewed and enhanced.

Once accredited, every zoo and aquarium is expected to continuously advance its professional operation. AZA continually monitors accredited organizations, and every accredited zoo and aquarium must go through the entire accreditation process every five years.

## **Wildlife Conservation**

Every AZA-accredited zoo and aquarium is a leader in conservation, participating in a long-term plan involving habitat preservation, public education, field conservation, genetically diverse breeding, and supportive research to ensure survival for many threatened and endangered species. Through AZA's Conservation Endowment Fund, accredited zoos and aquariums support thousands of wildlife conservation programs around the world.

## **Science Education**

At the core of every AZA-accredited zoo and aquarium is the commitment to engage the public in significant conservation education programs. Over the past 10 years, AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums have trained more than 400,000 teachers with award-winning, proven science curricula. In addition, AZA organizations educate more than 12,000,000 students every year in the classroom or in the field.



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## **LOOK FOR THE AZA LOGO**

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) is a leader in global wildlife conservation, and your link to helping animals in their native habitats. Look for the AZA logo when you choose to visit a zoo or aquarium. This is your assurance that you are supporting an organization dedicated to providing excellent care for animals, a great experience for you and your family, and a better future for all living things.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums accreditation logo is the most reliable and easiest way for people to identify zoos and aquariums where high-quality animal care is the first priority, and where there is a significant commitment to wildlife conservation.

## **CONNECT WITH CONSERVATION**

AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums offer visitors a fun and easy way to discover connections to their environment and teach them how to make a difference in protecting and preserving our planet. Connect with conservation by visiting your accredited zoo or aquarium today!



For more information,  
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