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AZA Professional Development and Member Services

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We are raising the standards of health and wellbeing



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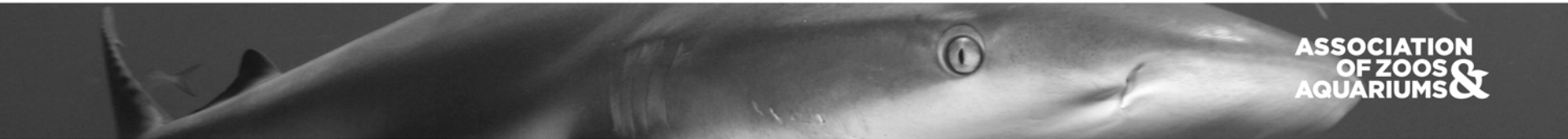
AZA Vision and Mission

Our Vision

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums envisions a world where animals thrive because all people respect, value, and conserve wildlife and wild places.

Our Mission

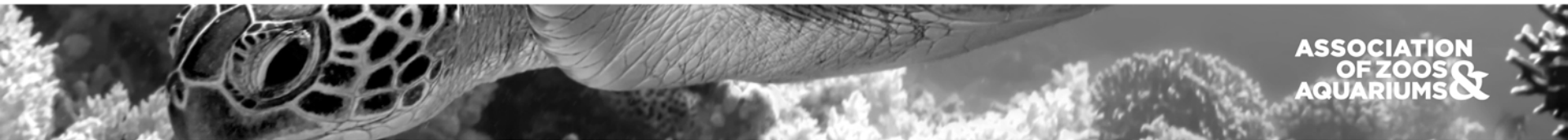
AZA serves our members in advancing animal wellbeing, public engagement, and the conservation of wildlife and wild places, setting the global standard of excellence.



Our Promises



- We uphold and advance AZA accreditation as the standard of excellence in the aquarium and zoo profession.
- We increase the collective impact of AZA members, fostering collaboration to save animals from extinction.
- We tell powerful stories and inspire action on behalf of our members, wildlife, and wild places.
- We support AZA members to thrive and excel as champions in their field.
- We advance diversity, equity, access, and inclusion in the profession and embed these as values into AZA's organizational culture.
- We steward the resources of the Association to achieve our mission, through these promises, and ensure financial viability for the future.



Learn with us!



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Welcome to AZA Learn

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums brings you AZA Learn! Explore online professional development, training, and peer-learning resources designed to meet the evolving needs of the zoo and aquarium community.

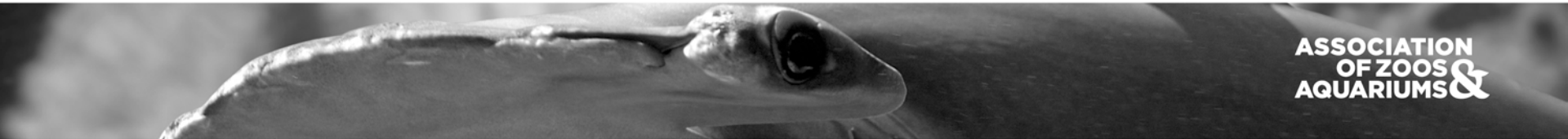
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Get Involved



- Join the Network
- Reach out to us!
 - membership@aza.org
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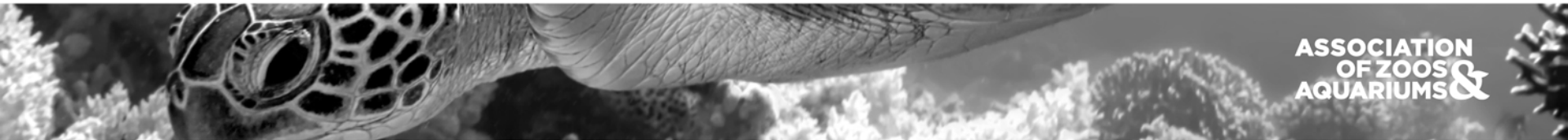
Professional Individual Membership Options

Professional Associate (\$100 per calendar year)

- Employees of a non-AZA member zoo or aquarium, or actively seeking employment in the zoo/aquarium community. This category is also available to those who share a non-commercial professional interest such as volunteers and docents and those in related fields like conservation, academia and government.

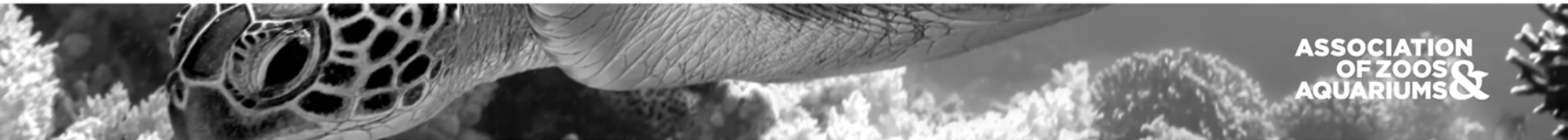
Student (\$40 or \$60 + Connect Subscription per calendar year)

- Students shall be individuals who are enrolled full-time or part-time as a student in a compulsory or higher education system.



Professional Individual Member Benefits

- Member-exclusive subscription to AZA's *Connect* magazine
- Receive monthly member e-newsletter, *INSIGHT*
- Discounts to attend AZA's Annual Conference, Mid-Year Meeting, and Professional Development courses
- Receive discounted or free admissions to other AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums
- Opportunities to apply for grants (SAFE and Animal Wellbeing Fund Grants)
- Eligibility to serve on AZA committees (if selected)
- Access to:
 - Members Only resources on AZA's website (including animal management information)
 - AZA's Job Listings board (to view open positions across AZA accredited members)
 - AZA's Network (community discussion boards to share knowledge, best practices, and experiences)
 - AZA's Online Member Directory (where you can view member organizations and reported demographic data)



Advocate Membership

The Advocate of Zoos and Aquariums category is available to those individuals who share the conservation mission of the AZA but are not working at a zoo or aquarium or related field.

Member Dues: \$30 or \$50 + Connect Subscription per calendar year

Advocate Benefits:

- AZA's quarterly newsletter, *Explore* (showcases the latest animal births, hatchings, advocacy efforts, and conservation success stories)
- Letter/gift recognizing your support for AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums

