



SEAZA CONSERVATION STANDARDS

Introduction

The **SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZOOS AND AQUARIUMS ASSOCIATION (SEAZA)** is a non-profit, non-governmental organization of zoological institutions and affiliates in the Southeast Asian Region. Its Institutional Members are zoological institutions coming from ASEAN member and observer nations (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, and Timor Leste) as well as from other regional neighbors i.e. Japan, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. SEAZA is a member of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

The primary purpose of SEAZA, as an organization, is to promote among its members

- 1) adherence to highly acceptable *ex situ* animal management standards and best practices
- 2) to significantly contribute to the advancement of wildlife science and education, as well as to biodiversity and wildlife habitat conservation initiatives, especially in the Southeast Asian Region

The SEAZA Conservation Committee is leading efforts to encourage and enable every SEAZA member to engage in and contribute to field conservation.

The SEAZA Conservation Committee works towards ensuring SEAZA and its members have a positive impact on nature conservation, including a focus on the conservation of Southeast Asian biodiversity.

Purpose

This SEAZA Conservation Standards have been developed by the SEAZA Conservation Committee with the purpose of outlining what is expected from SEAZA members in relation to the conservation of species and biodiversity. It is intended for use by directors, field conservation staff, educators, curators, researchers and others who have a responsibility for conservation activities both inside and outside the zoo premises.

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Recognising that the furtherance of wildlife conservation is one of the main objectives of a modern zoological institution and SEAZA, all members of SEAZA are guided to follow the SEAZA Conservation Standards:

- Communicate and promote knowledge and activities on wildlife conservation, biodiversity and animal welfare within your organization, to external audiences and relevant stakeholders;
- Document their conservation efforts and impacts on effectiveness through regular surveys;
- Implement the WAZA Conservation Strategy (2015) to the best of their abilities;



- Aim to collaborate with the wider conservation community including wildlife agencies, conservation organizations, governments and research institutions in maintaining global biodiversity;
- Be responsible for the conservation of threatened species native to the South-east Asian region and participate in local or regional conservation initiatives wherever possible, in cooperation with relevant stakeholders;
- Be aware of and comply with existing conservation guidelines (e.g. the IUCN SSC Guidelines for Reintroductions and other Conservation Translocations, IUCN Guidelines for Management of Confiscated, Live Organisms, IUCN Species Survival Commission Guidelines on the Use of Ex situ Management for Species Conservation etc.) and ensure that activities relating to such are endorsed by the relevant wildlife management agencies;
- Where possible engage in and support conservation activities that contribute to the long-term survival of species in natural ecosystems and habitats;
- Participate in joint SEAZA conservation and sustainability awareness campaigns, to educate and empower the public and promote zoos as conservation-oriented institutions

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