



SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZOOS & AQUARIUMS ASSOCIATION

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SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZOOS & AQUARIUMS ASSOCIATION



The **SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZOOS & AQUARIUMS ASSOCIATION (SEAZA)** is a non-profit, non-governmental organization of zoological institutions in the Southeast Asian Region. SEAZA 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 regional neighbors, Hong Kong and Taiwan. SEAZA was founded in 1990 and is a Regional Association Member of the **WORLD ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & 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, and 2) to significantly contribute to wildlife science and education advancement, as well as to biodiversity and wildlife habitat conservation initiatives, especially in the Southeast Asian Region.



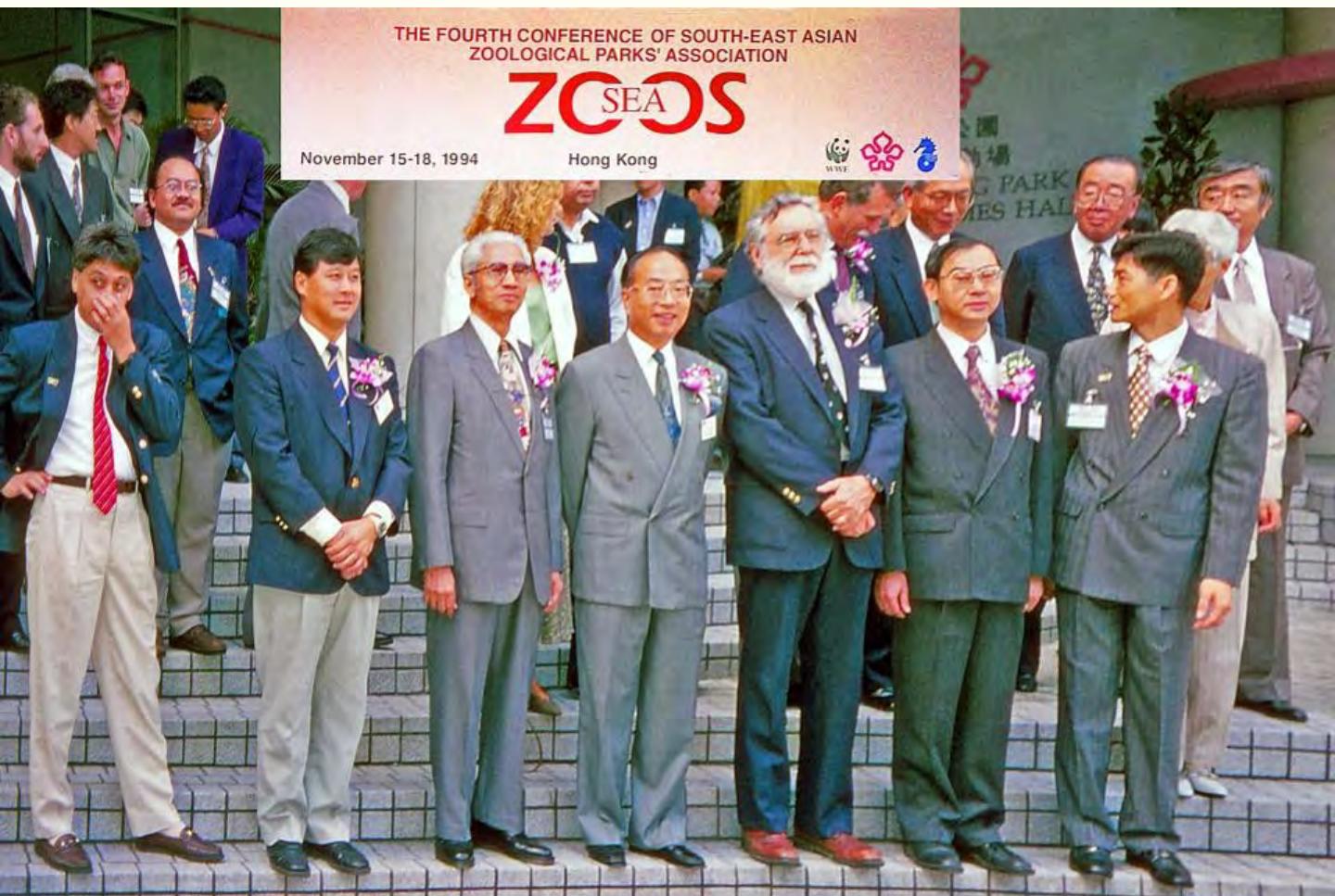
# Objectives

- Ensure the well-being and welfare of wildlife under human care through advocating continuous development and committed implementation of ethical and sound *ex situ* animal management practices;
- Ensure zoological institutions' ability to maintain sustainable and viable populations of wildlife species in *ex situ* settings through advocating scientific research and effective population management programs;
- Encourage zoological institutions to maximize visitor experience through innovative and relevant education programs aimed at promoting nature appreciation and biodiversity conservation awareness and action;
- Inspire zoological institutions to be primary centers for biodiversity and wildlife habitat conservation through encouraging them to participate or engage in *in situ* – *ex situ* scientific research and education initiatives;
- Promote camaraderie and cooperation between zoological and other scientific, educational, and conservation institutions and organizations within the Southeast Asian Region and the rest of the world in the common pursuit of noble interests and goals with implications to biodiversity and wildlife habitat conservation



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## MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION





## Association Member

SEAZA Association Members are National Zoo Associations from the Southeast Asian Region, including Hong Kong and Taiwan. Only one National Zoo Association from each nation should be officially represented in SEAZA.

If a specific country's situation warrants for more than one zoo association to exist, then those organizations should reach an accord as to which among them would represent the nation in SEAZA. Similarly, if no zoo association exists in a particular country, then a duly-registered organization or company can act and register as such and represent the nation in SEAZA.

**Zoological institutions under SEAZA-recognized National Zoo Associations are not automatic SEAZA Institutional Members unless an institution applies and is accepted as such.**

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Organization should be an association of zoos and aquariums legally registered with their respective nation or territory
- Organization should be based in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, or Taiwan

### REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of intent to join SEAZA duly signed by the Association's President/Chairperson
- Association's valid government-issued business/operation permit and other documentary materials as may be required by the SEAZA Executive Board

Annual Membership Fee: **US\$ 300.00**





## Institutional Member

SEAZA Institutional Members are zoological institutions (i.e., zoos, aquariums, wildlife parks, marine parks, wildlife rescue centers, wildlife research centers, animal farms) that are open to the public and are located in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, or Taiwan. A zoological institution intending to become a SEAZA Institutional Member should be, first, a member of the SEAZA-recognized National Zoo Association of that institution's country. A SEAZA Institutional Member shall be represented by the institution's President/Chair/Director or CEO or any other high-level officer or executive as authorized by the institution's board or upper management. SEAZA Institutional Members have the right to actively participate and the EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO VOTE in the SEAZA Annual General Assembly. SEAZA Institutional Members will be required to undergo the Animal Welfare Certification Audit. The SEAZA Executive Board may reserve exclusive benefits and entitlements to SEAZA Institutional Members.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Institution should be zoological in nature
- Zoological institution should have appropriate facilities and expertise to provide proper care and welfare requirements to animals in *ex situ* settings
- Zoological institution should be open to the public on a regular and predictable basis
- Zoological institution should be based in Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, or Taiwan
- Zoological institution should be a member of a SEAZA-recognized National Zoo Association

### REQUIREMENTS

- LETTER OF INTENT to join SEAZA
- Endorsement from NATIONAL/REGIONAL/GLOBAL ZOO ASSOCIATION where INSTITUTION is a member





- OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE's appointment document/s by the institution's board or upper management
- Information materials with institutional profile (e.g., brochure, flyer, articles, write-up, etc.)
- Valid government-issued business/operation permit
- FULL LIST of SPECIES in Collection

The SEAZA Membership Committee will evaluate the Institution's application and may coordinate an on-site assessment with the applicant and the concerned national zoo association. Afterwards, the Committee will deliberate on whether to recommend acceptance of the applicant as an Institutional Member of SEAZA.

**One-time joining fee: equal to Annual Membership fee assessed**

**SINGLE INSTITUTION MEMBER**

with annual operating budget < US\$5M: **US\$ 300.00**

with annual operating budget > US\$5M: **US\$ 1,000.00**

**MULTIPLE INSTITUTION MEMBER**

with annual operating budget < US\$5M: **US\$ 1,000.00**

with annual operating budget between US\$5M-50M: **US\$ 2,000.00**

with annual operating budget < US\$50M: **US\$ 3,000.00**

**SEAZA Animal Welfare Certification Audit Fee**

**US\$ 1,000 per institution**

*Certification is valid for five (5) years*





## International Institution Member (currently under review)

SEAZA International Institutional Members are organizations that are outside of Southeast Asia, Taiwan, and Hong Kong and support the vision, mission and interests of the Society. They must complete the SEAZA Animal Welfare Evaluation and Certification and abide by the SEAZA Constitution.

An International Institutional Member may not be represented on the Executive Board; may be represented on any committees of the Society other than standing committees; shall appoint an official representative to the Society, who may attend any General Assembly on behalf of the International Institutional Member and participate in any discussions thereat; and shall not be entitled to hold office or to vote at any General Assembly and shall not be considered when determining whether a quorum is present thereat.

### REQUIREMENTS

- LETTER OF INTENT to join SEAZA
- Endorsement from NATIONAL/REGIONAL/GLOBAL ZOO ASSOCIATION where INSTITUTION is a member
- OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE's appointment document/s by the institution's board or upper management
- Information materials with institutional profile (e.g., brochure, flyer, articles, write-up, etc.)
- Valid government-issued business/operation permit
- FULL LIST of SPECIES in Collection
- Document certifying the Institution's Operational Budget

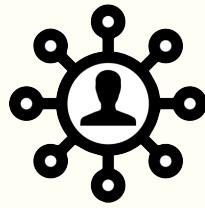
**One-time joining fee: equal to Annual Membership fee assessed**

< US\$5M operational budget: **US\$ 3,000.00**

US\$5M-50M operational budget: **US\$ 4,000.00**

> US\$50M operational budget: **US\$ 5,000.00**





## Affiliate Member

SEAZA Affiliates are either, 1) zoological institutions or organizations that are based outside of Southeast Asia, or, 2) are other scientific institutions/organizations (i.e., academia, museums, conservatories, agricultural farms & gardens, non-governmental organizations, animal interest groups, etc.) within or outside Southeast Asia that are advocating the same ideals as that of SEAZA and are willing to actively participate and be involved in the association's programs and endeavors. A SEAZA Affiliate shall be represented by the institution's President/Chair/Director or CEO or any other officer or executive as authorized by the institution's board or upper management. SEAZA Affiliates have the right to actively participate, but are ineligible to vote, in the SEAZA Annual General Assembly and are entitled to other benefits as may be implemented by the SEAZA Executive Board.

### REQUIREMENTS

- LETTER OF INTENT to join SEAZA
- OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE's appointment document/s by the institution's board or upper management
- Endorsement from NATIONAL/REGIONAL/GLOBAL ZOO ASSOCIATION where INSTITUTION is a member
- Information materials with institutional profile (e.g., brochure, flyer, articles, write-up, etc.)
- Valid government-issued business/operation permit

The SEAZA Membership Committee will evaluate the Affiliate's application and may coordinate an on-site assessment with the applicant and the concerned national zoo association. Afterwards, the Committee will deliberate on whether to recommend acceptance of the applicant as an Affiliate Member of SEAZA.

One-time joining fee: **US\$ 1,000.00**  
Annual membership fee: **US\$ 1,000.00**





## Corporate Member

SEAZA Corporate Members are professional individuals or representatives of commercial companies delivering or rendering products and/or services to zoological institutions. SEAZA Corporate Members shall have observer status and are ineligible to vote in the SEAZA Annual General Assembly but are entitled to selected benefits as may be implemented by the SEAZA Executive Board.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of intent to join SEAZA
- Professional license or company's valid government-issued business/operation permit and other documentary materials as may be required by the SEAZA Executive Board
- Evaluation by the SEAZA Executive Board

One-time joining fee: **US\$ 1,500.00**  
Annual Membership fee: **US\$ 1,500.00**





## Individual Member

SEAZA Individual Members are individual persons whose field of work/interest is related to zoo/aquarium endeavors. SEAZA Individual Members may be professionals who are either working on wildlife/biodiversity oriented studies/endeavor or associated with zoological institutions or organizations. SEAZA Individual Members cannot officially represent the institution/organization to which they are affiliated. SEAZA Individual Members have the right to actively participate, but are ineligible to vote, in the SEAZA Annual General Assembly and are entitled to other rights and benefits as may be implemented by the SEAZA Executive Board.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Letter of intent to join SEAZA
- Professional license or documentary proof of work on zoo/aquarium or wildlife/biodiversity oriented endeavor

One-time joining fee: **US\$ 100.00**  
Annual Membership fee: **US\$ 100.00**



# NOTICE TO SEAZA APPLICANTS

Please fill out and submit duly accomplished Application Form along with the Formal Letter of Intent to join SEAZA and other attachments to:

Email Address: [seaza.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:seaza.secretariat@gmail.com) | [info@seaza.asia](mailto:info@seaza.asia)

Address the Letter of Intent to:

**DR. H. RAHMAT SHAH**  
PRESIDENT  
SOUTHEAST ASIAN ZOOS & AQUARIUMS ASSOCIATION

For any concerns, kindly contact the SEAZA Secretariat via the following channels:

Email: [seaza.secretariat@gmail.com](mailto:seaza.secretariat@gmail.com) | [info@seaza.asia](mailto:info@seaza.asia)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/seaza.asia](https://www.facebook.com/seaza.asia)

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