



## MoU between EAZA and EAAM January 2010

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) and the European Association for Aquatic Mammals (EAAM) is to coordinate the activities, policies and standard practices related to the management of aquatic mammal species held under human care by institutions members of one or both of these organisations.

Close collaboration will benefit EAZA and EAAM members by working towards the implementation of joint management strategies for aquatic mammal species and will facilitate sharing bilateral information and dialogue.

Within the framework of this MoU the parties agree the following:

- The President or another board member of EAAM can have a vice chair seat in the EAZA Marine Mammal TAG. The chair of the EAZA Marine Mammal TAG can represent EAZA in EAAM as well as Procet meetings.
- The associations will strive to avoid overlapping conferences.
- The associations will share information both ways on topics of mutual interest.
- The associations will strive to achieve best husbandry practices in respect of the welfare of aquatic mammals by developing and following species specific husbandry guidelines.
- EAAM will stimulate its members to manage their aquatic mammal species in accordance with the breeding programmes (EEPs and ESBs) provided and implemented by the EAZA Marine Mammal TAG.
- Both associations will strive for self-sustaining populations of aquatic mammals in human care, thereby following the EAZA Marine Mammal TAG's Regional Collection Plan. The species are managed in the spirit of what is best for the population.
- EAAM and EAZA will encourage participation in each others conservation projects and campaigns.
- The duration of this MoU is 5 years and is renewable for identical periods after evaluation.
- This MoU can otherwise be terminated at any time, with the mutual written consent of the participants.

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Signature for EAAM

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