

EAZA is recruiting for new members to join the EAZA Conservation Education Committee. We would like to continue the balanced representation on the committee from all regions of Europe, therefore we welcome applications from educators in the following countries: **Armenia, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom**. We would encourage applications from individuals from all levels of experiences working in an EAZA zoo or aquarium. The EAZA Conservation Education Committee has been in place since 1995. It is one of EAZA's Specialist Committees and is primarily responsible for helping to deliver EAZA's objective "maximising the conservation impact of EAZA and our Members".

### **Committee Goals**

The committee has the following goals:

1. Supporting EAZA Members in meeting the EAZA Conservation Education Standards
2. Supporting the integration of conservation education within the zoo and aquarium community;
3. Improving the professional knowledge of staff responsible for education within the zoo and aquarium community;
4. Promoting of educational opportunities within other EAZA committees and specialist groups, for example within the Taxon Advisory Groups.

Further information about the structure and roles of the committee can be found in the [Terms of Reference](#) document.

### **Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

EAZA's education objective is interpreted in two ways:

1. EAZA wants to further the quality and extent of environmental/conservation education in its member institutions in order to increase effectiveness in nature conservation. EAZA wants to be a facilitator for the membership to help achieve this objective
2. EAZA wants to promote the enormous potential value of zoo and aquarium education to authorities and conservation bodies. EAZA seeks support for its members' individual and joint education programmes, and invites other organisations to make efficient use of these programmes.

The committee works towards achieving these objectives through linking to aims as set out in EAZA strategy. The committee organises the biennial EAZA Education Conferences (EEC), supports the EAZA Conservation Campaigns, and works with the EAZA Academy to support delivery of related training courses.

### **Responsibilities of Committee Members**

The Conservation Education Committee usually meets during the EAZA Annual Conference, and for a mid-year activity and strategic planning day around March/April. The committee also meets during the biennial EEC and virtually throughout the year. It is expected that Committee members will attend at least half of the meetings (virtual attendance is acceptable). The Committee member must be fully supported by their institution. All Committee members are expected to actively work towards fulfilling the Committee's strategic aims. Committee members will be reviewed after a term of three years.

### **Joining the Committee**

If you have a responsibility for education at an EAZA member institution and would like to be considered for membership of the Conservation Education Committee, please send an expression of interest to committee liaison Laura Myers ([laura.myers@eaza.net](mailto:laura.myers@eaza.net)) by 30 November 2020 with the following information:

- Highlights from your CV and a brief summary of your current job role (no more than two pages)
- A letter of support from the director of your institution