



Friend of the Sea Sustainable Aquarium Requirements

All requirements are mandatory unless specified.

Checklist must be filled in and signed by the Aquarium's Owner/Manager.

Evidence has to be provided where required. Tick requirement when compliant.

Aquarium Name:

Full address:

1. Environmental Management System

1.1 The Aquarium has a written environmental policy (*Evidence to be provided: Signed Environmental Policy, on Company headed paper*).

1.2 The Aquarium has identified a person in charge of the implementation of the Environmental Policy.

Name:

Surname:

Email:

Telephone:

1.3 Measures are in place to ensure implementation of the Environmental Policy principles.

Describe measures in place:

2. Aquarium Species

- 2.1**The Aquarium does not hold in captivity birds, mammals, reptiles. *(Evidence to be provided: List of species held in the Aquarium)* □
- 2.1.1** Animals unable to be released in the wild can be kept in captivity until the moment of their death. *(Evidence must be provided: origin of the animal, disability reason, official authorization to hold the animal in captivity from an accredited veterinary).* □
- 2.2**All the corals held by the Aquarium must originate from coral farms. *(Evidence to be provided: Purchase documents providing origin and quantities).* □
- 2.3**The Aquarium holds only animals from closed-cycle farms or Friend of the Sea certified from sustainable fisheries. *(Evidence to be provided: Purchase documents providing origin and quantities).* □
- 2.3.1** In case the Aquarium holds animals not in compliance with 2.3, it formally engages to source in the future only in compliance with 2.3 *(Evidence to be provided: Formal engagement).* □
- 2.3.2** *Animals are fed with fish sourced from fisheries certified sustainable [RECOMMENDATION, to become mandatory 3 years after first certification date]* *(Evidence to be provided: Feed purchase documents).* □
- 2.4**In case the Aquarium holds animals for recovery purposes, evidence must be provided of origin, reason for recovery, plan to release. *(Evidence to be provided: official authorization to trade and hold the animal in captivity; reasons for recovery and plan to cure and release from an accredited veterinary).* □

3. Animal Welfare

- 3.1**The Aquarium's staff in charge of handling and feeding animals has undergone at least one informative course on Animal Welfare. *(Evidence to be provided: Course presentation or content description, date of the course and list of participants).* □
- 3.2**The Aquarium provides adequate nutrition for each species. *(Evidence to be provided: nutrition plan produced by an accredited professional)* □
- 3.3**The Aquarium provides adequate water quality for each species, also in consideration of presence of different species in the same tank. *(Evidence of last 12 months records of water quality parameters).* □

- 3.4 The Aquarium has a quarantine zone. (*Evidence to be provided: map with location of quarantine zone*). □
- 3.5 The Aquarium provides veterinary medical care. (*Evidence to be provided: agreement with accredited veterinary in charge of medical care*) □
- 3.6 Touch tanks and scuba diving, if any, are managed according to written rules and procedures to ensure animal welfare and visitor's safety. (*Evidence to be provided: Procedure and/or written rules. On site information for visitors*). □

4. Education and Conservation

- 4.1 The Aquarium provides scientific information beside each display, including a description of the habitat, current status of the species and threats. (*Evidence to be provided: Pictures of at least three displays with scientific information.*) □
- 4.2 The Aquarium has in place, or engages to put in place in the next 12 months, at least two information/educational courses/events per year: one for younger and one for adult visitors. (*Evidence to be provided: course brochure, invitation and images of the course held*). □
- 4.3 The Aquarium has in place, or engages to put in place in the next 12 months, a conservation program for aquatic species. This can be a supported/sponsored program or one managed by the Aquarium itself. (*Evidence to be provided: Description of the conservation program, website if any*). □

5. Pollution prevention

- 5.1 The Aquarium has a water recirculation system in place. □
- 5.2 All Aquarium waste is treated in compliance with local laws. (*Evidence to be provided: contract agreement with waste management provider; compliance with waste water parameters according to local authorities*). □
- 5.3 Waste is recycled. (*Evidence to be provided: contract agreement with waste management provided*). □
- 5.4 Measures are in place to improve energy efficiency [RECOMMENDATION to become mandatory 3 years after first certification date]. □
Describe measures in place, if any:

6. Social Accountability

- 6.1** The Aquarium wages are in compliance with the national minimum legal wage.
(Evidence to be provided: Sample contract).
- 6.2** The Aquarium's employees contracts include maximum number of hours of work and minimum number of hours of rest in compliance with national legislation.
(Evidence to be provided: Sample contract).
- 6.3** The Aquarium is in compliance with national laws on minimum working age and health care provision. *(Evidence to be provided: Sample contract).*

Aquarium:

Name and Surname:

Role:

Signature (Stamp if applicable):

Date: