



## 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.*

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**Aquarium Name:**

**Full address:**

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### 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: