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Giant Pacific octopus (Enteroctopus dofleini) © Seattle Aquarium





President's Letter

Kia ora/Hello members of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA).

I would like to begin my first Annual Report as President of WAZA by thanking you for the trust that has been placed in me to lead our global association.

I am both excited and thrilled to be in this position particularly when WAZA is in the process of implementing our new vision and strategy for the future. Together we have assessed our role within conservation and our collaborative aim is to expand our impact to become a globally recognised and trusted conservation leader.

As WAZA President, I follow Clément Lanthier, who leaves behind an amazing legacy of heralding change and guiding WAZA through the strategic planning process that culminated in April 2023 with unanimous approval from WAZA members. Together with the new strategy and a new Council elected in 2023, I am enthusiastic at what our community will achieve as we enter a new chapter in WAZA's history, towards achieving our shared vision.

One of the key pillars in our strategic priorities is reputation. Upon consideration of how the zoo and aquarium community is perceived in some regions, it is crucial for us to continue to communicate the vital work that we do as a collective and our impact on conservation and animal welfare. To further this, the new Council took the decision to implement the Communications Committee, which includes representatives from across our diverse membership. I am excited at the prospect of the work that will be completed by this new Committee. All the WAZA Committees work tirelessly to support the achievement of our new vision and strategic priorities.



Another reason why 2023 was a crucial year for WAZA, was that it saw the achievement of the 2023 Animal Welfare Goal by six associations. This has been a landmark for our Association as we set benchmarks of excellence for our community. We celebrated this success at our annual conference at San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance which saw more members attend than ever before!

I look forward to seeing even more of our members at the 79th Annual Conference at Taronga Zoo in Sydney this year.

I want to thank the Council and the Executive Team for their unwavering dedication to our work on behalf of our members. As WAZA implements and takes forward the new vision under the direction of the new Council, I look forward to seeing the exciting possibilities the future holds for our community.

Ngā mihi/ Regards

Karen Fifield MNZM WAZA President



CEO's Letter

Dear WAZA members and supporters. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I present to you the 2023 WAZA Annual Report.

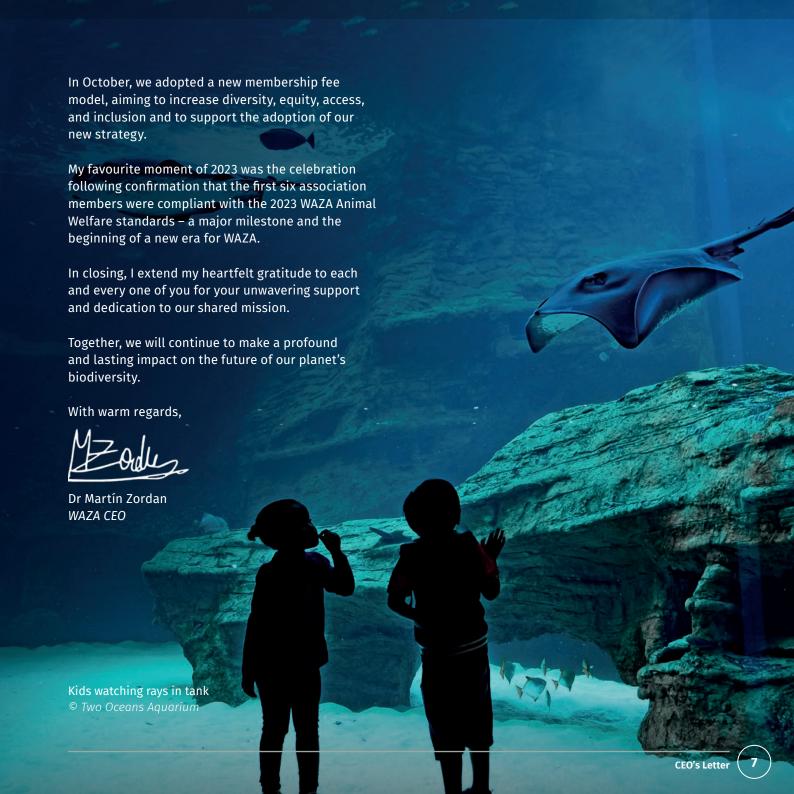
WAZA's vision, approved by members during an extraordinary Virtual Assembly on 20 April 2023, is to be a globally recognised and trusted leader advancing conservation and animal welfare.

This vision has been guiding our association since then, placing us in a better position to achieve the impact we aim to generate.

As this report will show, 2023 was a pivotal year as our association, now 88 years old, made substantial progress to remain current and increase its societal value. Alongside our new vision, we adopted the 2024–2026 WAZA strategy, establishing four strategic priorities: Transformative Change, Species Impact, Global Members and Reputation. Whether these priorities are self-explanatory or require more information to fully understand, what is clear is that WAZA – its office, council, committees, members and more – is focused, committed and looks at its work through these four lenses.

Additionally, 2023 saw the election of the 2023–2025 WAZA Council, led by the 4th woman president in WAZA's history and, for the first time, with more women than men sitting on the Council. This represents a significant step towards greater gender equality in our leadership.

With a more ambitious vision, we undertook some organisational restructuring. This included expanding the portfolio of our Membership Director to include events, creating the new role of Membership and Events Director, and establishing a position for a Membership and Event Assistant. We also introduced the role of WAZA Finance and Office Manager.



WAZA Council

October 2021-October 2023

WAZA Council President:

Clément Lanthier DVM MBA - Calgary Zoo, Canada

Vice President:

Karen Fifield, MNZM - Wellington Zoo, New Zealand

Immediate Past President*:

Theo B. Pagel - Cologne Zoo, Germany

Region I: Canada and the United States of America Bob Chastain – Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, US Alejandro Grajal – Woodland Park Zoo, US

Geoffroy's tamarin (Saguinus geoffroyi) © Reserva Natural Bioparque Wakatá



Region II: Europe and the Middle East

André Stadler – Alpenzoo Innsbruck, Austria Sanna Hellström DVM – Helsinki Zoo, Finland Thomas Kauffels – Opel Zoo, Germany

Region III: Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, South America, Africa, Asia (excluding the Middle East), and Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and the Pacific Islands)

Darío Lareu – Fundación Temaikèn, Argentina Judy Mann-Lang – South African Association of Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR), South Africa Eric Tsao – Taipei Zoo, Taiwan

Association Seats

Nicola Craddock – Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia (ZAA), Australia

Myfanwy Griffith – European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), The Netherlands

Craig Hoover – Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). US

Alexandra Guerra – Latin American Zoo and Aquarium Association (ALPZA), Chile

Observer Seats*

Kira Mileham – IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC), US

David Field – Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, Edinburgh Zoo, UK

Alistair Dove - Georgia Aquarium, US

*Darío Lareu passed in July 2024. We are grateful for this valuable contribution to WAZA.

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Region I: Canada and the
United States of America
Brandie Smith – Smithsonian's
National Zoo and Conservation
Biology Institute, US
Cynthia Whitbred-Spanoulis –
Virginia Aquarium & Marine
Science Center, US
Alejandro Grajal – Woodland
Park Zoo, US

Region II: Europe and the Middle East André Stadler – Alpenzoo Innsbruck, Austria Sanna Hellström DVM – Helsinki Zoo, Finland Mike Jordan – Chester Zoo, UK Region III: Mexico, Central
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South America, Africa, Asia
(excluding the Middle East), and
Oceania (Australia, New Zealand,
Papua New Guinea, and the
Pacific Islands)
Elaine Bensted – Zoos South
Australia, Australia
Eric Tsao – Taipei Zoo, Taiwan
Judy Mann-Lang – Two Oceans

Association Seats

Aquarium, South Africa

Craig Hoover – Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), US Nicola Craddock – Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia (ZAA), Australia Myfanwy Griffith – European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), The Netherlands Alexandra Guerra – Latin American Zoo and Aquarium Association (ALPZA), Chile

Observer Seats*

Kira Mileham – IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC), Australia Peggy Sloan – Shedd Aquarium, US In 2023, the following Council
Members ended their terms:
Clément Lanthier, Theo B. Pagel,
Bob Chastain, Bert Vescolani,
Thomas Kauffels and Darío
Lareu. We would like to extend a
heartfelt thank you to these Council
Members for their dedication and
service to the WAZA Council.

* Based on the bylaws approved in 2019, these positions are non-voting seats.

Walrus (Odobenus rosmarus) © Aquarium du Québec





WAZA **Standing Committees**

Committee for Population Management

Chair: David Field - Royal Zoological Society Scotland Edinburgh Zoo, UK

Ethics and Animal Welfare

Chair: Alejandro Grajal -Woodland Park Zoo, US

Finance

Chair: Cynthia Whitbred-Spanoulis - Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center (VAMSC), US

Membership

Chair: Nicola Craddock -Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia (ZAA), Australia

Nominating

Chair: Clément Lanthier

WAZA Non-Standing Committees

Associations

Chair: Craig Hoover - Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), US

Aquariums

Chair: Peggy Sloan -Shedd Aquarium, US

Conservation and Environmental Sustainability

Chair: Judy Mann-Lang -Two Oceans Aquarium, South Africa

Reverse the Red Committee

Chair: Theo B. Pagel -Cologne Zoo, Germany

Communications Committee

Chair: Sanna Hellström DVM -Helsinki Zoo, Finland



WAZA Welcomes New Members



New Institutional Members

- 1. Edmonton Valley Zoo, Canada
- 2. Mundo Marino, Argentina
- 3. Reserva Natural Bioparque Wakatá, Colombia
- 4. Roger Williams Park Zoo, United States
- 5. Seattle Aquarium, United States
- 6. The Florida Aquarium, United States
- 7. The Scientific Center Kuwait (TSCK), Kuwait
- 8. Wingham Wildlife Park, United Kingdom



New Corporate Members

- Bernard Harrison and Friends LTD, Marshall Islands
- 10. EcoLeaders, LLC, United States
- 11. PJA Architects + Landscape Architects, p.s., United States
- 12. SSA Group, United States
- 13. Triotech Amusement Inc., Canada
- 14. Wild Immersion, France
- 15. Wildlife Collection LLC DBA Fahlo, United States
- 16. Zigong Lantern Group, United States

Person wearing elephant tracking bracelets © Fahlo

Fanny Cornejo, Yunkawasi Co-Founder and Executive Director, Keynote Speaker II at the WAZA Annual Conference © WAZA WAZA | ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Key Highlights from the 78th WAZA Annual Conference

The 78th WAZA Annual Conference was held from 8–12 October 2023 in San Diego, US. Hosted by the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance (SDZWA), the attendees met to discuss seminal issues for the zoo and aquarium community. We welcomed over 300 attendees from more than 40 regions and countries across the world, highlighting WAZA's global membership and reach. This is the highest number of attendees for any WAZA conference in the last two decades and demonstrates the value of the work that we do for our diverse community.

There were several panels at the conference, where discussions took place on emerging trends in the zoo and aquarium community, the prioritisation of conservation education within WAZA and the different Centers for Species Survival.

Some of the key highlights from the Conference included the launch of the Reverse the Red Short Guide, highlighting the pivotal role of zoos and aquariums in addressing the decline of biodiversity and safeguarding endangered species. The Conference also saw the launch of the The International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission (IUCN SSC) position statement on zoos, aquariums and botanic gardens, a landmark for the zoo and aquarium community. Lastly, the Conference celebrated the associations that have been successful in the implementation of the 2023 Animal Welfare Goal. The WAZA members associations that have achieved the goal in 2023 are the Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia (ZAA), the Pan African Association of Zoos and Aquaria (PAAZA), the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA), the Latin American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (ALPZA), the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) and Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA).



Perhaps the most significant aspect of the conference was the Annual General Assembly where the membership met to approve the changes in the membership fee structure and endorsed the 2027 Population Management Goal. These two significant items, alongside other discussion points will allow WAZA to work towards the achievement of its ambitious new vision.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the conference – the host, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance and all attendees, and we look forward to the 79th WAZA Annual Conference which will be hosted by Taronga Conservation Society Australia in Sydney, Australia from 3 to 7 November 2024.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: https://www.waza.org/priorities/animal-welfare/2023-animal-welfare-goal/ Female Northern white-cheeked gibbon (Nomascus leucogenys) © Edmonton Valley Zoo WAZA | ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Progress towards the WAZA 2023 Animal Welfare Goal

In 2023, WAZA leapt forward progressing towards the WAZA 2023 Animal Welfare Goal (23AWG). The first set of reviews of our member National and Regional Associations Animal Welfare Evaluation Processes began. This concluded in October 2023 when six National and Regional Associations met the 23AWG and received recognition during the 78th WAZA Annual Conference. The WAZA members associations' that met the goal in 2023 are the:

- Zoo and Aguarium Association Australasia (ZAA)
- Pan African Association of Zoos and Aguaria (PAAZA)
- European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA)
- Latin American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (ALPZA)
- Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA)
- Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA)



ALPZA receives plague meeting WAZA 2023 Animal Welfare Goal © WAZA

WAZA plans to continue working on a second set of reviews in the upcoming year. Due to timeline disruptions resulting from different regional challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to support all WAZA member associations to achieve the 23AWG, the WAZA Council made the decision in January 2024 to extend the deadline. The new timeline for National and Regional Associations to have an animal welfare evaluation process in place is the end of 2024.



A new Code of Ethics for WAZA

During the 78th WAZA Annual Conference in San Diego in October 2023, the new WAZA Code of Ethics was approved. This code is based on four principal documents: WAZA's Animal Welfare, Conservation, Sustainability and Conservation Education Strategies, and is a comprehensive ethical framework created for WAZA members to follow. As a continuously evolving field, particularly in terms of cultural and scientific trends, the updated version emphasises the role of high ethical standards that WAZA members must uphold in all endeavours, including animal welfare, conservation, environmental sustainability, education, research, business practices and human relations. Periodic reviews are planned to ensure the document remains up to date in the domain of ethical consideration.



A New Goal for WAZA: The WAZA 2027 Population Management Goal (27PMG)

After discussions that began in 2022 during the 4th Joint TAG Chairs Meeting in Long Beach, US, a goal similar to the WAZA 2023 Animal Welfare Goal regarding effective regional population management was explored by the WAZA Council and the WAZA Committee for Population Management (CPM). In March 2023, following a workshop held in Amsterdam convening population management experts from seven regional and national associations, six key elements of professional and effective population management were identified to begin building the framework for the 27PMG, and the requirements were developed for each of the key elements below:

- Goal-driven species selection
- Sourcing, transfer and destination policy
- Data, tools and science
- Animal Welfare
- Engagement and participation by the members
- Capacity building and staff

In October 2023, WAZA members unanimously passed the resolution '78.2. WAZA Population Management Goal', which expressed members agreement in implementing such a goal for our organisation. The WAZA 27PMG states that by 31 December 2027:

- WAZA Regional associations must have a science-based population management framework that reflects the specific professional and effective elements of population management as approved by WAZA.
- WAZA Regional associations must require participation of its institutional members in their population management framework, such that there is institutional responsibility for effective and impactful population management.

Launch of the WAZA × Reverse the Red Short Guide

The Reverse the Red movement continued to gain momentum during 2023 with the successful launch of the 'WAZA × RTR Short Guide: How Your Zoo or Aquarium Can Join Reverse the Red and Halt Biodiversity Decline'. This guide has been developed to provide clarity to zoos and aquariums on the ways in which they can join the Reverse the Red campaign, contribute to species conservation while optimising their unique skills and avail of the reach of our community. The guide showcases success stories of WAZA members, highlighting the actions already being taken towards the safeguarding of endangered species and species recovery. They include examples of conservation initiatives taken which have created collaborations between local communities and governments, helped ameliorate the conservation status of species and established Centers for Species Survival.

2023 saw the launch of the worldwide Reverse the Red Day on 7 February and announced the very first World Species Congress to take place in May 2024.



YOU CAN READ THE REVERSE THE RED SHORT GUIDE HERE:

https://www.waza.org/ priorities/conservation/wazartr-short-guide/



Kea (Nestor notabilis) © Zoo Praha **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT REVERSE** THE RED AND HOW YOUR ZOO OR AQUARIUM CAN GET INVOLVED! https://www.waza.org/priorities/ conservation/reverse-the-red/ WAZA | ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Reverse the Red

In 2023, Reverse the Red (RtR) launched the first ever Reverse the Red Day on 7 February to kick off the 2023 Year of Action. RtR Day content had the potential to reach at least 9.1 million people online based on calculations of follower size on participating accounts. There were also at least four regional associations, 12 international bodies and over 100 zoos and aquariums sharing content.

Throughout the year, Reverse the Red produced a series of podcasts called The Possibilists, which highlighted a success story a month, each focusing on different taxa. Stories were shared by a number of WAZA members throughout the Year of Action for both the podcast and highlights on social media. Reverse the Red also hosted monthly webinars aimed at building capacity, sharing knowledge and growing networks.

WAZA's Committee for Reverse the Red developed a short guide for members to learn more and see where their conservation work fits within the movement. This will hopefully lead to more participation in next year's RtR Day celebrations.

Through sessions at the WAZA Annual Conference, International Zoo Educators Conference, and other gatherings, including the first in person meeting for the Centers for Species Survival, Reverse the Red continued to grow the coalition throughout 2023. A Strategy Director was hired to support the activities and strategy of the mission and vision.

The decision was made to host the first-ever World Species Congress to fulfil the 2008 IUCN **World Conservation Congress** Resolution 4.019, supported by WAZA, that called for a sciencebased, interdisciplinary, inclusive gathering to highlight the status of species and chart the future course of species conservation. Plans materialised throughout 2023 to present a 24-hour, fully virtual programme on 15 May 2024 that would further amplify success and accelerate action towards species recovery.



In September, the Executive Office welcomed María Jesús Sanz, as the new Finance and Office Manager. With a background in Economics and a master's degree in International Humanitarian Action, María has extensive experience of working as a financial project controller in the administration department of different NGOs with a focus on international cooperation and the social sector.



Janet Ho is the new WAZA Membership and Events Director. Janet joined WAZA in 2018, where she was responsible for developing and leading the global association's membership growth and maintenance strategy. With the expansion of her role to Membership and Events Director, she will also oversee the organisation of WAZA events such as annual conferences and other events.



Emma Burke is now the new WAZA Membership and Events Assitant. Emma joined WAZA as the Administrative Assistant in June 2022. Originally from Ireland, Emma has a diverse background, having worked in various roles such as hospitality, HR administration and Corporate Coordination. Emma's passion for learning and growth has led her to transition into the role of Membership and Events Assistant.

Visitors in tunnel tank at Zoo Miami © PJA Architects

WAZA Expands Executive Office

In April 2023, WAZA members voted unanimously to approve the new vision and strategic priorities for the future of our global association. This was followed by the Annual General Assembly in October 2023, in San Diego, where the membership also voted on and unanimously approved the changes in membership fees that will allow WAZA to work towards achieving the ambitious mandate its members have entrusted upon it. As the Executive Office begins the process of operationalising the new vision and strategic priorities. a key step is ensuring that there is enough capacity within the office.



Finance Committee Chair's Letter

Dear WAZA members, I am delighted to present to you the annual report of the Finance Committee for WAZA for the fiscal year 2023.

As Chair of the WAZA Finance Committee, it is my privilege to share with you the highlights of our financial performance and key strategic initiatives aimed at enhancing our fiscal strength over the past year.

Financial Performance:

In 2023, WAZA continued to maintain a strong financial position, with prudent fiscal management and strategic allocation of resources. Over the past year, the Council unanimously decided against pursuing non-profit status following the denial of our application by the Spanish Courts, Given that 95% of our revenues are derived from memberships, this decision has minimal implications for our tax position, and we will continue to operate as a private association.

Key Financial Highlights:

Revenue Growth: We experienced modest revenue growth last year; adding eight new institutional members, eight corporate members and five life members to our organisation.

Expense Management:

Our fiscal management remained exceptional with expenses coming in lower than fiscal year 2022 and underscoring our continued commitment to financial stewardship.

Key Grants Awarded:

- 10,000 euro to the EAZA Emergency Appeal for Ukrainian Zoos
- 15,000 euro to the IUCN Species Survival Commission
- 4,700 euro in travel grants for members to attend the WAZA Global Zoo and Aquarium Population Management Workshop
- 19,800 euro in travel grants for members to attend the 78th WAZA Annual Conference.

Policy Development:

During the fiscal year, the Finance Committee took proactive steps to strengthen WAZA's financial governance framework by drafting and implementing two key policies:

Cash Reserve Policy: This policy outlines guidelines for maintaining appropriate levels of cash reserves to ensure financial stability and mitigate liquidity risks.

strategic Fund Policy: This policy establishes clear objectives and parameters for the management and utilisation of strategic funds, enabling WAZA to invest in strategic initiatives, projects and/or opportunities that align with the strategic objectives set by the Council.

Looking Ahead:

As we look ahead to the future, the Finance Committee remains committed to upholding the highest standards of financial integrity and transparency. We will continue to work closely with the Council, management team and stakeholders to navigate the evolving landscape and position of WAZA for long-term success. Additionally, the new membership fee structure establishes a global structure which is more equitable

for the diverse membership of organisations with different sizes and from various regions. The fee structure supports our valued members and facilitates new membership opportunities where current representation is low, at the same time it will continue to allow our organisation to remain resilient and adaptable, ensuring sustainable revenue streams in future years.

In conclusion, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my esteemed colleagues on the Finance Committee for their unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions. I also extend my thanks to all WAZA members for their steadfast commitment to our shared vision and mission. Together, we will persist in making a significant difference in wildlife conservation and the promotion of animal welfare globally.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Cynthia Whitbred-Spanoulis Chair of the WAZA Finance Committee



Balance Sheet

| Data in EUR | Actual 2022 | Actual 2023 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | | |
| A) NON-CURRENT ASSETS | 511 521,62 | 511 177,48 |
| Tangible assets | 5 593,48 | 3 638,49 |
| Long-term financial investments | 505 928,14 | 507 538,99 |
| B) CURRENT ASSETS | 586 620,47 | 691 274,80 |
| Trade and other accounts receivables | 15 275,62 | 0,00 |
| Users and trade receivables | 14 885,00 | 0,00 |
| Other accounts receivable with Public Administration | 390,62 | 0,00 |
| Short-term financial investmens | 621,01 | 5 508,75 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 570 723,84 | 685 766,05 |
| TOTAL ASSETS (A + B) | 1 098 142,09 | 1 202 452,28 |
| A) NET WORTH | 994 558,48 | 1 145 097,65 |
| Equity | 731 047,18 | 881 586,35 |
| Surplus from previous years | 634 643,02 | 736 039,18 |
| Surplus of the year | 96 404,16 | 145 547,17 |
| Subsidies, grants and legacies received | 263 511,30 | 263 511,30 |
| B) NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Long term provisions | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| C) CURRENT LIABILITIES | 103 583,61 | 57 354,63 |
| Short-term provisions | 44 585,46 | 5 945,87 |
| Short-term liabilities | 1 294,28 | 3 847,19 |
| Trade accounts payable and other payable | 52 711,87 | 40 961,57 |
| Trade accounts Payable | 2 623,44 | 10 951,01 |
| Employees (Salaries pending payment) | 18 786,45 | 0,00 |
| Current tax liabilities and Other debts with Public Admin. | 31 301,98 | 30 010,56 |
| Short-term deferred income | 4 992,00 | 6 600,00 |
| TOTAL NET WORTH AND LIABILITIES (A+B+C) | 1 098 142,09 | 1 202 452,28 |

Profit and Loss Account

| Data in EUR | Actual 2022 | Actual 2023 | 2023 vs 2022 | % | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------|--|
| | | | | | |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Membership Fees | 853 643,00 | 855 937,01 | 2 294,01 | 0,27% | |
| Sponsorship & donations | 2 802,00 | 855,00 | -1 947,00 | -69,49% | |
| Sales & Services | 17 282,00 | 12 664,76 | -4 617,24 | -26,72% | |
| Total | 873 727,00 | 869 456,77 | -4 270,23 | -0,49% | |
| | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Salaries | 403 412,00 | 361 139,21 | -42 272,79 | -10,48% | |
| Benefits | 14 907,00 | 12 776,89 | -2 130,11 | -14,29% | |
| Consultants & Training | 36 919,00 | 32 650,06 | -4 268,94 | -11,56% | |
| Travel | 63 459,00 | 52 724,98 | -10 734,02 | -16,91% | |
| WAZA Grants | 51 656,00 | 56 778,12 | 5 122,12 | 9,92% | |
| Office Rent | 35 575,00 | 38 827,23 | 3 252,23 | 9,14% | |
| Marketing | 21 383,00 | 31 906,07 | 10 523,07 | 49,21% | |
| Legal & Accounting | 54 246,00 | 52 432,53 | -1 813,47 | -3,34% | |
| Office expenses | 22 620,00 | 18 929,19 | -3 690,81 | -16,32% | |
| Bank Charges | 3 284,00 | 2 673,83 | -610,17 | -18,58% | |
| Others | 0,00 | 50,00 | 50,00 | - | |
| VAT non deductable / taxes | 34 430,00 | 40 642,45 | 6 212,45 | 18,04% | |
| Debtors | 5 000,00 | 15 360,31 | 10 360,31 | 207,21% | |
| Events | 7 887,00 | 7 018,73 | -868,27 | -11,01% | |
| Contingency | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | - | |
| Total | 754 778,00 | 723 909,60 | -30 868,40 | -4,09% | |
| | | | | | |
| BALANCE | 118 949,00 | 145 547,17 | 26 598,17 | 22,36% | |

WAZA Committee Reports

WAZA Standing Committees

Ethics and Animal Welfare Committee (EAWC)

- After two years of development and consultation, the Ethics and Animal Welfare Committee completed the new code of ethics for WAZA, which was approved by WAZA members at the 78th WAZA Annual General Assembly. More information can be found on page 15.
- The EAWC furthered its work in developing an Ethical Concerns and Inquiry process that would support the implementation of the new Code of Ethics.
- The EAWC assisted with the advancement of WAZA's 2023 Animal Welfare Goal (23AWG), ending the year with six regional associations being confirmed by WAZA. More information on the progress achieved can be found on page 14.

Finance Committee

 The WAZA Finance Committee met every quarter to provide oversight and generate recommendations to the WAZA Council regarding WAZA's revenues and expenses, accounts, and annual audit addressing any issues of a financial nature as assigned by the Council.

Membership Committee

- The new membership fee model was finalised for launch in January 2024. The new fee model establishes a global fee structure more equitable for institutions of different sizes and in various regions to join WAZA membership; supporting our valued members and facilitating new membership opportunities where member representation is currently low. The new fee structure assists WAZA in achieving its strategic objectives, ensuring the organisation's growth and ongoing relevance in a constantly evolving world.
- The Membership Committee reviewed candidates applying for WAZA membership, leading to the addition of 16 members in 2023.
- The Committee assessed the membership application process and required application criteria for each membership category to further strengthen the process and fortify the reputation of WAZA.

Cuttlefish (Sepiida) © Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Centre

Nominating Committee

- The Nominating Committee, chaired by Prof. Theo Pagel (Immediate Past President), included Mr. John Frawley (Minnesota Zoo) for Region I, Dr. James Cretnery (Marwell Wildlife) for Region II, Dr. Jenny Gray (Melbourne Zoo-Zoos Victoria) for Region III, and Mr. João Falcato (Lisbon Oceanarium) for Aquariums.
- Participation in this election was slightly lower, with 71% (215 votes) cast. In accordance with WAZA bylaws, which mandate a maximum election period of 30 days, voting was open from 24 July to 22 August. Members were invited to vote and received reminders on 31 July, 7 August, 16 August, and 21 August, as well as weekly reminders every Friday in the WAZA electronic newsletter.

Committee for Population Management (CPM)

2023 marked the year a new goal for WAZA was set: the 2027 Population Management Goal (27PMG). This became the main focus of the WAZA CPM throughout the year.

- Following the WAZA Council's recommendation, the WAZA CPM organised the Global Zoo and Aquarium Population Management Workshop, held in Amsterdam at the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) office.
- The essential elements for professional and effective population management frameworks were defined, thereby building a framework for the 27PMG.
- The groundwork for developing the requirements that regional and national associations would have to meet was set.
- Supporting documents to be developed and support the implementation of the 27PMG were identified.
- A resolution was passed by WAZA members at the 78th WAZA Annual General Assembly, entrusting CPM with the implementation of the 27PMG.
- The committee oversaw the International Studbook (ISB) and the Global Species Management Plan (GSMP) Programme, approving eight ISB keeper transfers and two GSMP convenor transfers, and received 16 published International Studbooks.
- Work on reviewing and updating the frameworks for the ISBs and GSMPs began.



MORE INFORMATION ON THE 27PMG CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 16 AND: https://www.waza.org/priorities/ conservation/waza-2027-populationmanagement-goal



Polar Bears (Ursus maritimus) in enclosure in Columbus Zoo © PJA Architects

WAZA Non-Standing Committees

Associations Committee

- The WAZA Associations Committee convened three times, with two virtual meetings and one hybrid one. Key activities included sharing updates on emerging legislative proposals and providing an additional platform for input and dissemination of WAZA updates, such as the new membership fee model and the Reverse the Red initiative.
- A notable area of work was the peer review process, in which multiple associations evaluated each other's animal welfare evaluation processes to ensure compliance with the 2023 Animal Welfare goal. ALPZA, AZA, CAZA, EAZA, PAAZA and ZAA successfully completed the steps to meet this goal, marking significant progress in our collective commitment to animal welfare.

Roseate Spoonbill (Platalea ajaja)

Conservation and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC)

- Launched the aforementioned WAZA × RtR Short Guide: a resource that discusses the various ways to take part in WAZA's and IUCN SSC's co-founded coalition to reverse the trend in species decline. More information can be found on page 17.
- Launched PalmOil Scan in Australia and New Zealand. The app is now available in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Surveyed WAZA members to understand the impact of some of the resources that the committee and organisation have put together over the last 10 years to inform future areas of improvement.
- With support from the WAZA Executive office, developed a communications plan to further the communication of the existing resources.
- Judged and presented Marwell Wildlife with the Conservation Award for their work reintroducing the Extinct in the Wild Scimitar-Horned Oryx, and Loro Parque with the Environmental Sustainability Award for their sustainability initiatives and becoming a Zero Emissions zoological facility.

Aquariums Committee

 The WAZA Aquariums Committee met three times over the year and expanded its membership to include Committee members from various regions so as to enable richer and more diverse inputs during committee meetings.

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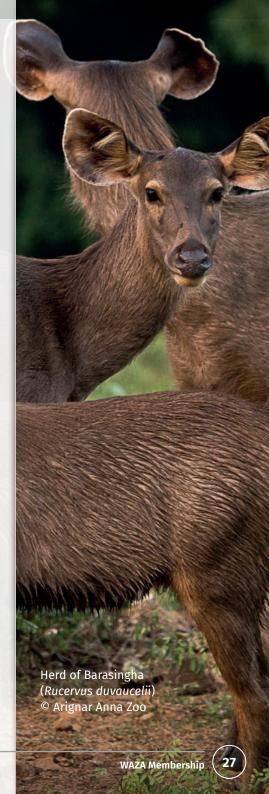
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