

WAZA Honorary Membership

The WAZA Honorary Membership is a prestige recognition for individuals deemed worthy of such recognition as exemplified by their active support of WAZA's objectives.

WAZA Honorary Members enjoy benefits such as attending General Assembly including administrative sessions but without voting right, joining WAZA Annual Conferences with the discounted membership rate, and being eligible to join WAZA non-standing committees or working groups, amongst [other membership benefits](#). The WAZA Council shall have the sole authority to approve individuals to be Honorary Members.

For more information about this membership category, please see [WAZA Bylaws](#) Article 5, 5.2 (g).

Nomination criteria and procedure

The nominee shall be those individuals deemed worthy of such recognition as exemplified by their active support of WAZA's objectives.

The objectives of WAZA include:

- to promote cooperation between zoological gardens and aquariums with regard to the conservation, and management of animals in human care, and to encourage the highest standards of animal welfare and husbandry,
- to increase the number of zoos and aquariums that participate in the conservation of wild species and their habitats,
- to promote and coordinate cooperation between national and regional associations and their constituents,
- to represent, manage, promote and defend the common interests of the members before other international organisations or assemblies,
- to promote and support education and research in zoological gardens and aquariums, especially environmental education, wildlife conservation and environmental research.

Nominations should be submitted and seconded by current WAZA members in good-standing at the time of nomination. Self-nominations are not accepted.

If you wish to nominate an individual for the WAZA Honorary Membership, please request for a nomination form from membership@waza.org. The nomination will be passed to the WAZA Membership Committee for review, then to the WAZA Council for final approval. Nomination is open all year round, but the duration of the process will vary, depending on when the quarterly Council meeting will be held.