

# Aquarium Conservation Partnership

The Aquarium Conservation Partnership (ACP) is a first-of-its-kind collaboration of aquariums formed to increase our collective impact on ocean and freshwater conservation.

ACP's primary goal is:

To work together to reduce the sources of ocean and freshwater plastic pollution through a mix of consumer, business, and policy strategies.



Together, ACP member aquariums advance science-based conservation goals by leveraging our unique assets, including our scientific expertise, our reach with the public, our business leadership, and our credibility with decision makers. These assets set us apart from other conservation actors and present opportunities for aquariums to add value to a range of conservation initiatives at the local, state and international level.

The ACP was launched in 2016 by Monterey Bay Aquarium, Shedd Aquarium and National Aquarium. Since then, ACP membership has grown to 19 aquariums, all of which are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. ACP members commit to implementing a Conservation Action Agenda, which includes specific goals and outcomes, and a timeline for action. The primary goal of the ACP is to work together to reduce the sources of ocean and freshwater plastic pollution through a mix of consumer, business, and policy strategies.

The ACP also serves as a “strategic table” for aquariums to take coordinated action on other conservation goals, including: increasing ocean and freshwater ecosystem protection; protecting global shark and ray species; and improving the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture. The ACP is a source of information and analysis on these issues, as well as a forum for dialogue between aquariums and external partners. The ACP is not intended to be a public-facing entity; all actions are taken on behalf of the members themselves, either individually or with other aquariums.

## For more information

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## In 2016-17, ACP aquariums have taken the following actions:

- Launched a consumer campaign to reduce demand for single-use plastic.
- Committed to reducing single-use plastic in our retail and food service operations.
- Took action at the local and state level to advance plastic pollution policies.
- Supported the federal Microbead-Free Waters Act and NOAA's Marine Debris program.
- Helped secure new international protections for sharks and mobula rays.
- Championed new Marine National Monuments.
- Endorsed a new federal seafood traceability program.



The ACP was created to amplify the **collective conservation voice** of aquariums.

# Aquarium Conservation Partnership Members

**Nineteen** U.S. aquariums have joined the ACP since 2016.

## Founding members



## Members



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