**Thomas R. Baines Award for Excellence in Habitat Design and Development**

**Application Form**

This award recognizes excellence in live animal display and exhibit design and development by a CAZA-accredited institutional member. Success in this category will depend upon the applicant applying creative and unique approaches to animal care and welfare, enhancing public appreciation of the species, and conveying meaningful educational messages.

A successful application will demonstrate **long-term institutional commitment to conservation efforts.**

**Eligibility**

* Open to **CAZA institutional or educational affiliate members**.

**A. CANDIDATE INFORMATION**

* Habitat Title:  
  (Provide the official title of the habitat being submitted for consideration.)
* Species contained in the exhibit:
* Construction time length excluding planning:
* Date the exhibit opened to the public:

**B. APPLICANT DETAILS**

* Institution Name:
* Address:
* Chief Executive Name & Title:
* Institution Size:
  + ☐ 50 Full-Time Employees (FTES) or More
  + ☐ 49 FTES or Fewer

**C. NARRATIVE (Maximum 6 Pages)**

Applications must be in **Word format** (PDF submissions will not be accepted).

Project Description:

1. Project Goals:

* Intended impact and outcomes of the project

1. Significance of Project:

* Describe any innovative and leading-edge approaches utilized to enhance the well-being of the animals housed in the exhibit
* Outline any new and innovative project elements that enhance conservation or education messaging
* Describe approaches utilized to optimize the effective operation and maintenance of the facility

1. Initiative, Creativity and Impact

* Outline how the project plays a leadership role in zoo and aquarium exhibit design by developing and applying new thinking or processes which enhance operational conservation (how you have utilized the functional aspects of the previous exhibit and enhanced them, or have found a way to repurpose aspects if applicable), education and animal wellbeing that can be applied to other exhibits.

1. Organizational Commitment:

* Detail the financial and human resources invested.
* Describe the infrastructure used or developed for the project.
* Outline the sustainability and continuous improvement strategy.

1. Long Term Benefits and Project Impact:

* Outline how the exhibit will have a significant, positive, long-term impact on the zoo and aquarium community.
* Describe how the project addresses issues related to education, operational conservation or animal welfare.
* Outline how you will measure the project’s success in meeting the intended outcomes. Please include any key results achieved to date.

**D. IMAGES & MEDIA SUBMISSION**

* **A short video (required - max 5 minutes), PowerPoint (max 12 slides), Google Slides (max 12 slides), or up to 12 JPEG images** can be submitted to support the application further

**F. COLLABORATION (If Applicable)**

* List any contributing partners and their specific roles in the project.

**G. APPLICATION CONTACT (in the event the Awards Committee has questions or requires additional information regarding your nomination)**

* **Name:**
* **Title:**
* **Phone:**
* **Email Address:**

**H. APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**All applications must be submitted electronically by August 15th.**Late submissions will **not** be considered.

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* **Organization:**
* **Contact Person for Award (if selected):**
* **Plaque Ordered:** ☐ Yes ☐ No