

What is the Conservation Committee?

The Newport Aquarium Conservation Committee is the steering and recommendation body for all conservation activities at Newport Aquarium and designated "conservation projects" of the WAVE Foundation. The Conservation Committee will facilitate the application, selection and recommendation of new conservation activities and projects. "Conservation activities" are those programs based on internal participation and application. "Conservation projects" are those programs based on overall participation with external application.

Current Members

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Volunteer Services

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Penguin Species Survival Plan Meeting

The WAVE Foundation and the Newport Aquarium sponsored the 2011 African Penguin SSP Management and Planning Meeting July 17 - 20. Twenty-five Zoos and Aquariums from around the country sent representatives for the 3 day meeting. The African Penguin SSP Steering Committee met to discuss issues concerning AZA institution participation and support for field research. The second part of the meeting was focused on a 2 year management plan and breeding recommendations.



Recommendations for penguin transfers and breeding recommendations are important to maintain genetic diversity within the North American population. The African Penguin SSP (Species Survival Program) is one of the oldest and successful programs in the AZA. There are nearly 800 birds in 50 AZA institutions around the country.

The meeting topics ranged from program marketing within AZA institutions, fundraising and veterinary techniques. African Penguin SSP fundraising supports field research as well as projects by staff in AZA facilities. A presentation was given on the African Chick Bolstering project. Orphaned chicks are found in November and December and taken to SANCCOB for rescue and rehabilitation. This has now proved to be an annual occurrence every December. Volunteers and professional staff are needed to assist the SANCCOB staff in hand-raising these baby penguins. The time commitment is approximately 14 – 16 days.



The African Penguin SSP meetings were Productive and all of the delegates were impressed with the professionalism of our staff and the overall appearance of the Aquarium.

The 2013 meeting will be in Chicago at the AZA Population Management Center at the Lincoln Park Zoo.



Spotlight on SANCCOB

The WAVE Foundation at the Newport Aquarium partners with organizations all over the globe in an effort to increase ocean conservation. One partnership is with SANCCOB, the South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds.

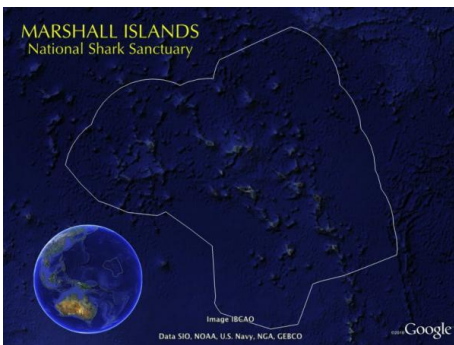
Two of SANCCOB's core functions are to rehabilitate oiled, injured and ill seabirds and to rear chicks that have been orphaned. They are also ready 24/7 to respond to major oil spills that occur along the South African coast.



The WAVE Foundation conservation committee has funded multiple donations to SANCCOB to help them further their mission to promote seabird conservation, especially that of the African penguin. To learn more about SANCCOB, [visit their website](#).

World's Largest Shark Sanctuary Part of Groundbreaking Legislation

In October, the Republic of the Marshall Islands established the world's largest shark sanctuary. The law, which was passed unanimously by the Islands' governing body, prohibits any fishing, sale or ownership of sharks or shark parts. It also establishes a sanctuary for sharks around the islands, comprised of more than 700,000 square miles of ocean. This is the largest sanctuary of its kind, and the country of Mexico could fit comfortably in the space. Anyone caught fishing for sharks in this area now faces fines ranging from US \$25,000 to US \$200,000.



Request For Proposal (RFP)

Anyone with a project or idea to submit to the Conservation Committee for consideration may complete a "Request for Proposal" application located on the Conservation bulletin board across from the Water Cooler or on the website for added convenience.

Submit completed forms to Kathy McDonald.

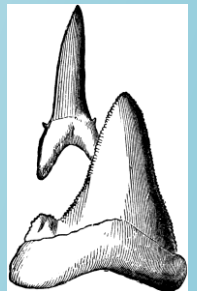
New Members

Are **YOU** interested in serving on the Conservation Committee? New Member applications are located on the Conservation bulletin board across from the Water Cooler and is open to Cast and Volunteers.

Please submit completed applications to Michael Stevens.

New Shark Teeth Necklaces Unveiled

Something new has arrived at WAVE. The popular shark tooth necklaces made by biologist Jen Hazares' brother Tim Swope come in fun new designs. You can now purchase teeth mounted in the shape of a sea turtle, a sand dollar or a Hawaiian shark hook.



The necklaces are being sold in the Aquarium gift shop and on the WAVE Foundation website for \$25 to support shark conservation and research.