The AZA Network brings together great ideas, best practices and lessons learned from the zoo and aquarium community. This diverse community allows for open professional interest groups or closed working groups. AZA’s goal is to provide engaging and meaningful ways for professionals in the zoo and aquarium community to collaborate with one another. The more our community uses the Network, the more valuable it becomes.

*Start discussions. Invite colleagues. Share resources. Get connected.*

**WHO USES THE AZA NETWORK?**

- Individual Members of AZA;
- Non-Members;
- Employees of AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums;
- Committees, working groups, task forces;
- AZA Staff

**GETTING STARTED…**

1. **Review** [www.aza.org/aza-network](http://www.aza.org/aza-network) to learn about the AZA Network and view the tutorials available.
2. **Login** at [network.aza.org](http://network.aza.org) using the primary email and password for your MyAZA account.
3. **Accept** the terms of use and accept if you agree.
4. **Complete** your profile with a photo, bio, social links, etc.
5. **Select** My Account to update email preferences, set community notification, and set up your signature block.
6. **Join** professional interest Communities that are of interest to you. Select Communities on the top navigation and view all the Communities available to join.
7. **Participate!** Start discussions, upload resources in the library, and connect with peers in that are also members of the community.

**HOW DO I RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF DISCUSSIONS?**

There are multiple ways to set up your notification preferences:

**Real Time:** Notifications in "real-time" means you will receive an email for each discussion post. You may reply to sender or group from the email.

**Daily Digest:** Community notifications set to "daily digest" means you will receive a single email every day for each community when one or more discussion posts are made. You may reply via the digest to the group or the poster. Should you want to access the message through the AZA Network interface, a login is required.

**Consolidated Digest:** More than just discussions, all community content across all communities to which you belong is included in consolidated digests (option for daily or weekly). These include community
discussion posts, library entries, announcements and events. Please note that although you will be notified of all activity, accessing posts will require you to log into the AZA Network.

**No email:** You may choose to not receive any notification of activity.

**WHAT COMMUNITIES CAN I JOIN?**

- If you a registered user of the AZA Network, regardless of member status, you have access to the following OPEN Communities:

  - Ambassador Animals
  - Annual Conference
  - Aquatic/Marine
  - Business Operations
  - Citizen Science
  - Climate Change
  - Development/Fundraising
  - Diversity
  - Education
  - Exhibit Design
  - Facility Management
  - Field Conservation
  - Green/Sustainable Operations
  - Information Technology
  - Nature Play
  - New AZA Directors
  - Palm Oil
  - Party for the Planet
  - Purchasing/Procurement
  - Volunteers/Docents
  - Volunteer Management
  - Wildlife SOS Network
  - World Oceans Day
  - Young Professionals
  - Zoo & Aquarium Special Events

- Registered users who are also individual AZA members in the professional categories (Associate, Affiliate, Fellow, and Student) have access to join the following:

  - Animal Behavior
  - Collection Sustainability
  - Conservation Psychology
  - Finance
  - Government Affairs/Regulations
  - Human Resources
  - Lion Species Survival Plan (SSP)
  - Lion SSP Keepers
  - Marketing
  - Membership
  - Research & Technology
  - Social Media
  - Society/Foundation
  - Training
  - Trends
  - Visitor Services

- Registered users who are employees of AZA-accredited zoos, aquariums, and certified related facilities regardless of individual membership, are eligible to join the following:

  - Animal Health
  - Animal Management
  - AZA SAFE: Saving Animals From Extinction
  - Public Relations/Communications
  - Rodent TAG Group
  - Rodrigues Fruit Bat SSP
  - Safety
  - Species Survival Statistics Library

In addition to the special interest communities above, there are many communities associated with AZA Committees, membership categories, working groups, events, and task forces that you may already be a member of. These can be found by selecting “My Communities” in the top navigation.
Contact AZA at membership@aza.org and let us know if you have questions.