Zoo AZA Accreditation Checklist

Quality Control

DATE	INSTITUTION	ASSESSED BY	ACCREDITATION DUE
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ANIMAL CARE & WELFARE

	READY	GAP		READY	GAP
Animal care SOPs current for all species	○	○	Animal records current in ZIMS or TRACKS	○	○
Diet programmes reviewed by nutritionist	○	○	SSP/TAG recommendations followed	○	○
Enrichment programme documented and varied	○	○	Enclosure standards met for all species	○	○
Animal welfare assessment programme active	○	○	Animal acquisition/disposition policy followed	○	○

VETERINARY PROGRAMME

	READY	GAP		READY	GAP
Full-time or retained veterinarian	○	○	Quarantine facilities and procedures	○	○
Veterinary hospital or treatment area adequate	○	○	Necropsy and diagnostic services	○	○
Preventive medicine programme documented	○	○	Zoonotic disease management plan	○	○

SAFETY & SECURITY

	READY	GAP		READY	GAP
Written safety programme and policies	○	○	Emergency drills conducted and documented	○	○
Animal escape contingency plan	○	○	Fire detection and suppression adequate	○	○
Perimeter security adequate	○	○	Staff safety training documented	○	○
Dangerous animal protocols (Category 1)	○	○	Visitor safety barriers per AZA standards	○	○

EDUCATION & CONSERVATION

	READY	GAP		READY	GAP
Education department and programme	○	○	Field conservation participation	○	○
Interpretive signage at all exhibits	○	○	Research programme or collaboration	○	○
Conservation messaging integrated	○	○	Community outreach and engagement	○	○

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

	READY	GAP		READY	GAP
Governing authority active and engaged	○	○	Master plan for physical development	○	○
Financial stability demonstrated	○	○	Adequate staffing levels	○	○
Strategic plan current	○	○	All required permits and licences current	○	○

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

Life support systems maintained (aquatic) ☐ Ready ☐ Gap ☐ N/A

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	READY	GAP		READY	GAP
HVAC for indoor exhibits functional	○	○	Guest amenities adequate	○	○
Food preparation areas clean and adequate	○	○	ADA accessibility throughout	○	○
Commissary and feed storage proper	○	○			

READINESS SUMMARY

Critical gaps requiring immediate action

Moderate gaps for improvement plan

Mock inspection scheduled _____

Assessed by signature _____

Director signature _____

Notes

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