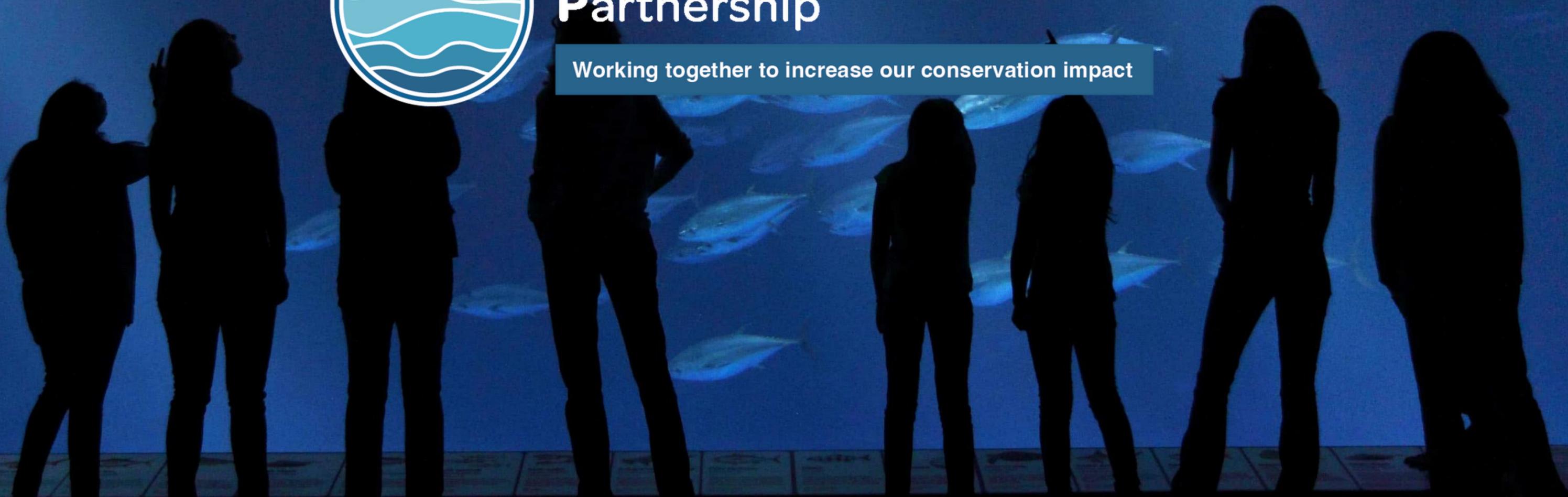




Aquarium Conservation Partnership

Working together to increase our conservation impact



About ACP

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The Aquarium Conservation Partnership (ACP) is a coalition of aquariums working to conserve our ocean and freshwater ecosystems and committed to sustainable practices. As trusted, science-backed institutions that welcome millions of visitors each year, aquariums are uniquely positioned to engage the public in conservation. With an equity lens, ACP leverages the collective resources of member institutions across the United States and Canada to mobilize audiences, advocate for policy change, and advance conservation at local, state, and national levels.

Our Mission

We safeguard ocean and freshwater ecosystems by aligning and supporting the conservation efforts of aquariums across the United States and Canada for greater collective and individual impact.

Our Vision

Our ocean, lakes, rivers, and streams are healthy and resilient. They sustain diverse communities of people and wildlife. Ocean and freshwater resources are equitably distributed and those most impacted are centered in decision making.

OUR VALUES



ACP Priorities

Our Priorities



Advance equity and environmental justice in ocean and freshwater conservation.



Protect ocean and freshwater ecosystems and wildlife.



Combat climate change and its impact on people, the ocean, and freshwater ecosystems.



Reduce the sources of plastic pollution in ocean and freshwater ecosystems.



Improve the sustainability of fisheries and aquaculture.

ACP Members



35 Accredited Institutions
in 23 States and 2 Countries



Vancouver, BC, Canada

ACP Corporate Member



Your mission. Together.

ASSOCIATION OF ZOOS & AQUARIUMS

The AZA is an ex-officio member of the ACP.
All ACP member aquariums are AZA-accredited.

ACP Business Commitments

Commitment to Sustainable Business Practices

Our member institutions “walk the talk” by jointly committing to and adopting sustainable practices in all aspects of our operations, from eliminating single-use plastic to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to sourcing sustainable seafood. We strive to innovate by adaptively modeling sustainability, encouraging other businesses to join us, inspiring our audiences, and by showcasing the actions we are taking ourselves.



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Climate Commitment



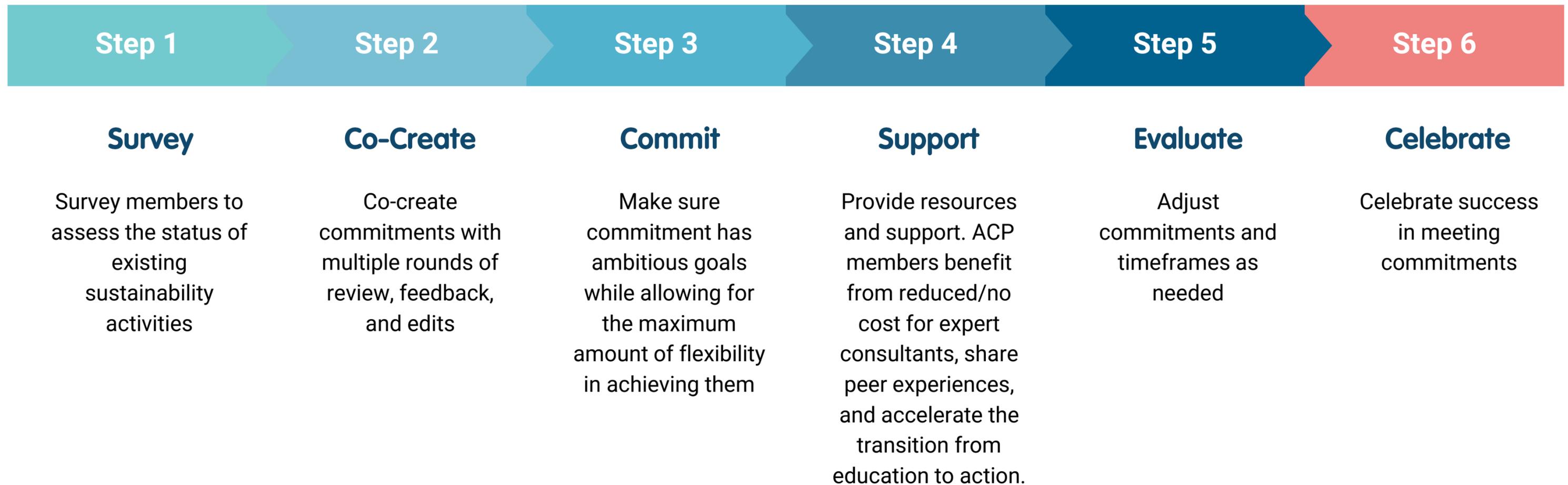
Plastic Commitment



Sustainable Feed Commitment

ACP Approach

ACP's strength lies in the ability to leverage the power of collective action in support of each other.





CLIMATE COMMITMENT

With a long-term goal of achieving carbon neutrality, ACP members made the following joint commitments on April 22, 2023:

By April 2023, ACP members:

- Completed an initial greenhouse gas inventory for Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions.
- Determined the priority categories for Scope 3 emissions and determined a timeline for completing a Scope 3 inventory.

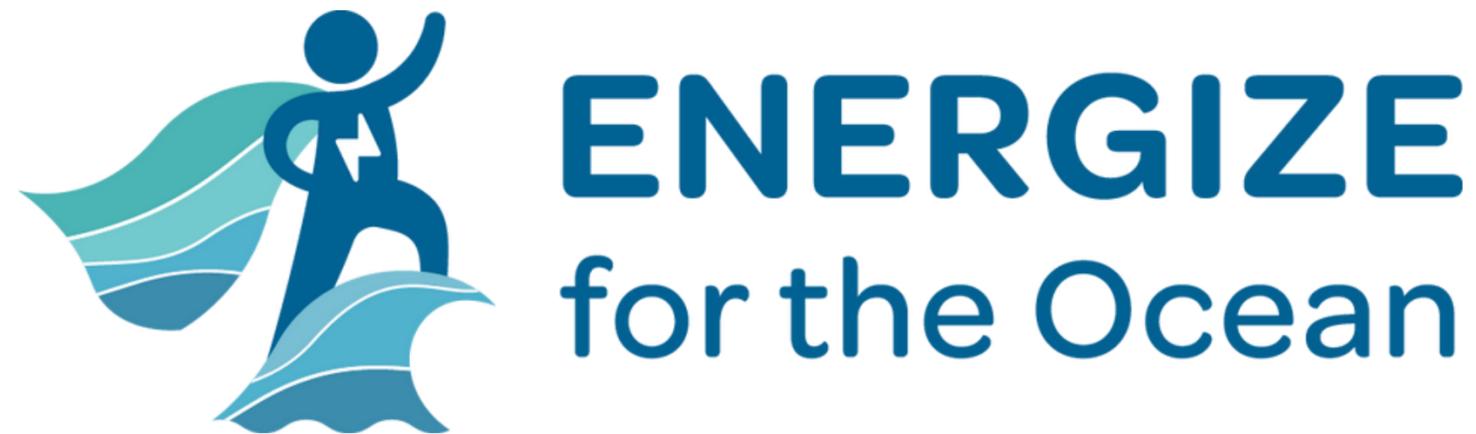
By April 2025 or sooner, we will:

- Determine net zero goal(s) and timeline(s).
- Develop an emissions reduction plan and determine a timeline for completing the plan.

Annually, we will:

- Measure and report greenhouse gas emissions.
- Identify, share, and implement strategies to (1) reduce greenhouse gas emissions from operations and (2) remove greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere.
- Support strong nature-based solutions in international, federal, and state climate change policies.
- Communicate the journey to achieve carbon neutrality with audiences.

Climate Commitment: IMLS





Aquarium Conservation Partnership Benchmarking

Welcome to the ACP Premium Dashboard!

Use this dashboard to understand your organization's performance compared to others.

Benchmark

Organization

Data

Year

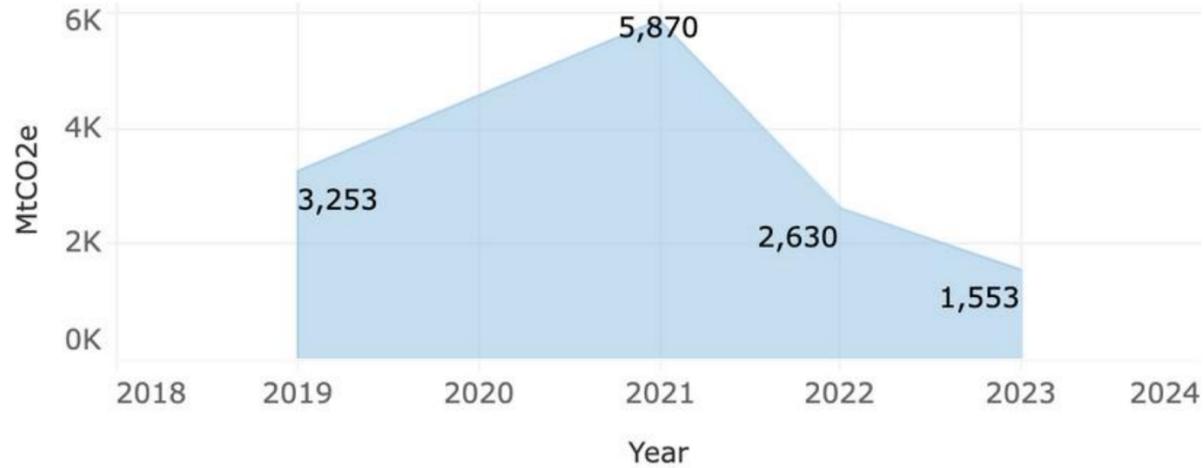
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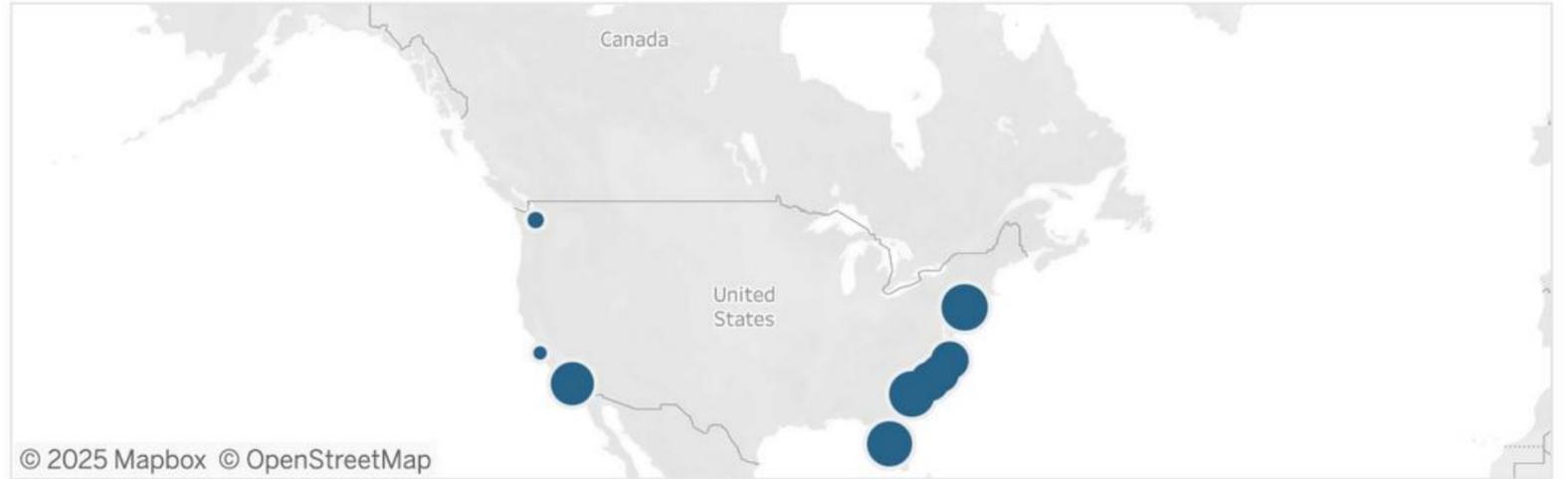
ACP Emissions Impact

The graph below shows the average emissions for the ACP members that submitted their emissions numbers in a given year.



Emissions per sqft

Use this map to understand emissions per square foot. Use the tool area in the top left corner to navigate the map easily. Hover over the dots to understand specific organization details.



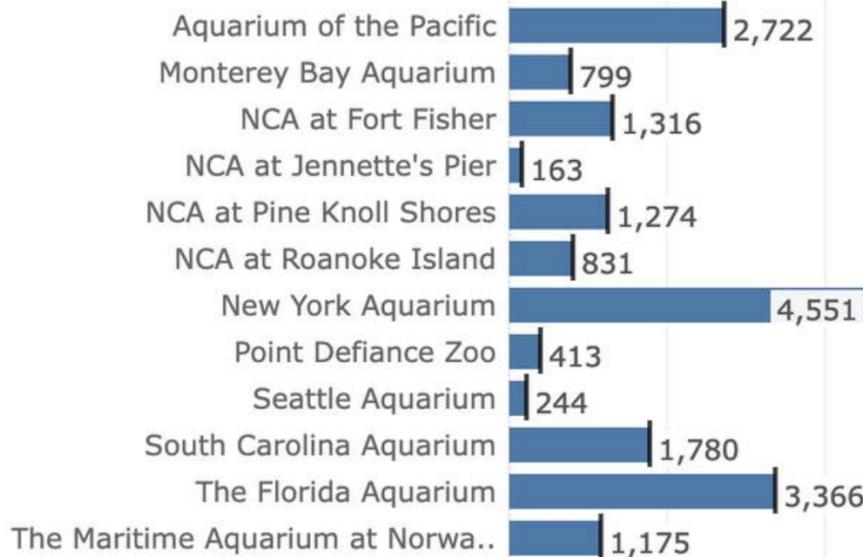
Net Zero Goals

The below organizations have set a goal to reach net zero emissions (90% emissions reduction from baseline) by the identified year.



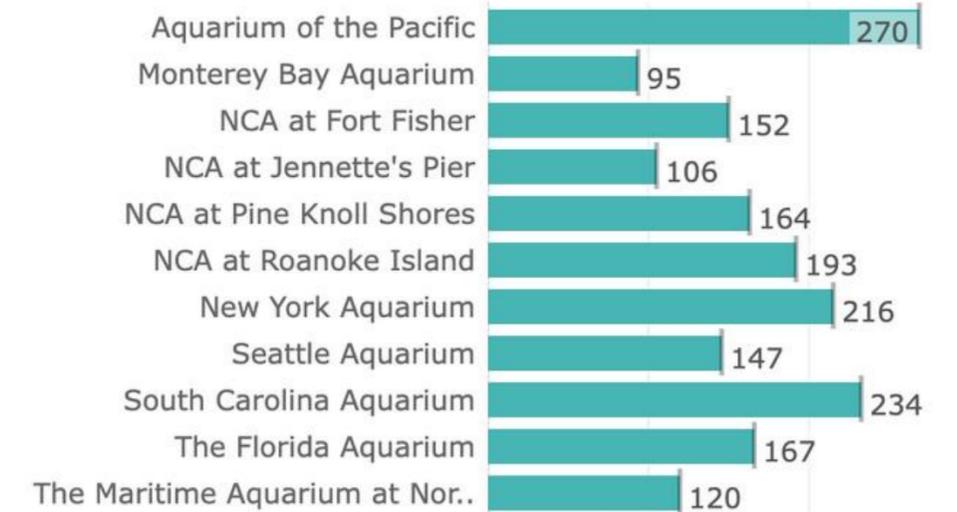
Absolute Impact Per Aquarium

Understand the scope 1 & 2 emissions created by each organization.



EUI

Site Energy Use Intensity (EUI) is another metric that can be used to gauge reduction over time and be more consistent.

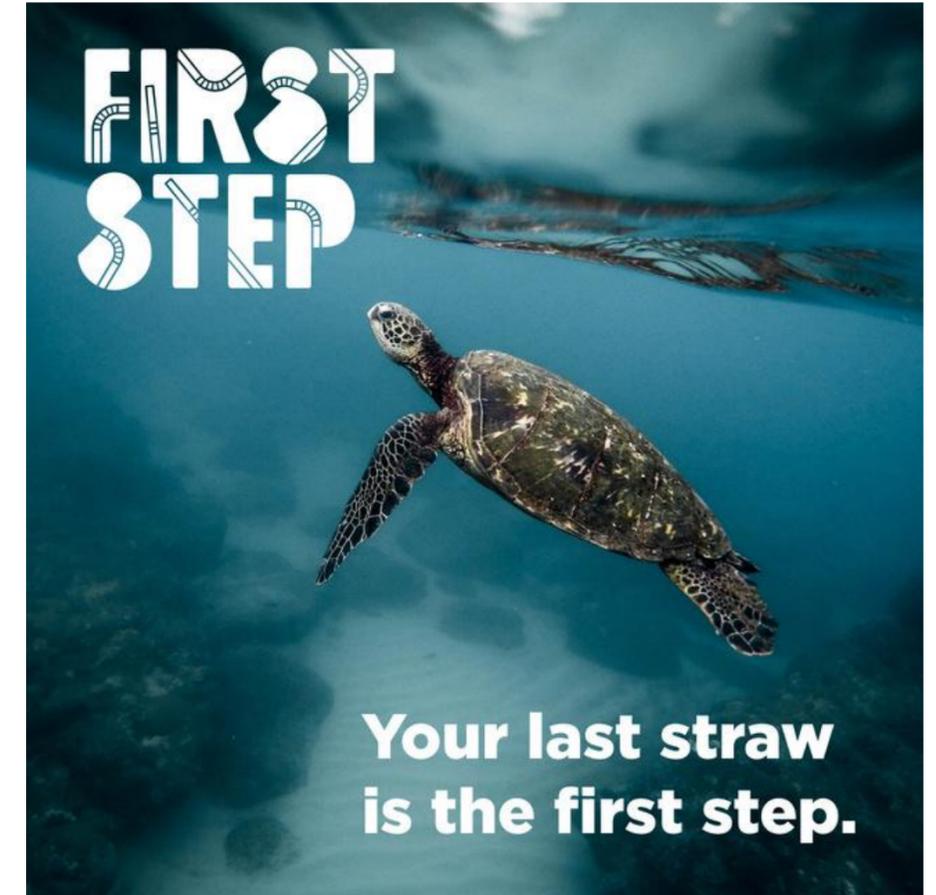




PLASTIC COMMITMENTS

Our members lead by example by adopting sustainable business practices. We demonstrate that prioritizing sustainability doesn't mean sacrificing profits. Since forming in 2016, ACP members have taken action to reduce single-use plastic in our operations, and have worked with regional businesses to do the same. We did this by collaborating with each other, and working closely with our vendors and suppliers to identify and source more sustainable products. These changes included offering products and packaging that are reusable or made of alternative sustainable materials, installing water refilling stations, and messaging to our visitors about the reason behind these changes.

Consumer Campaigns





MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

JUNE 2017

ACP aquariums made the following collective commitments:

- Immediately eliminate single-use plastic bags and plastic straws.
- Eliminate plastic beverage bottles by 2020.
- Showcase innovative alternatives to single-use plastic.

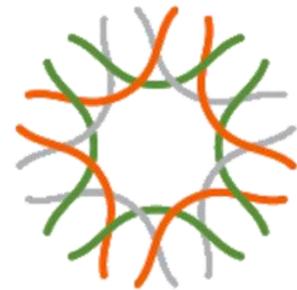
APRIL 2019

ACP aquariums made the following additional commitments:

- Significantly reduce or eliminate single-use plastic packaging in retail products.
- Dining area tableware (including plates, cups, lids, dishes and utensils) are single-use plastic free.
- Reduce single-use plastic in back of house operations.

NOAA Marine Debris Grant

Participating Members



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ACADEMY OF
SCIENCES



SEATTLE
AQUARIUM



Kansas City
ZOO
& AQUARIUM

ACP Plastic Dashboard

Through ACP's NOAA Marine Debris Grant, we are developing a plastic dashboard to better understand our collective operational usage. Dashboard is in development with the Verdis Group.

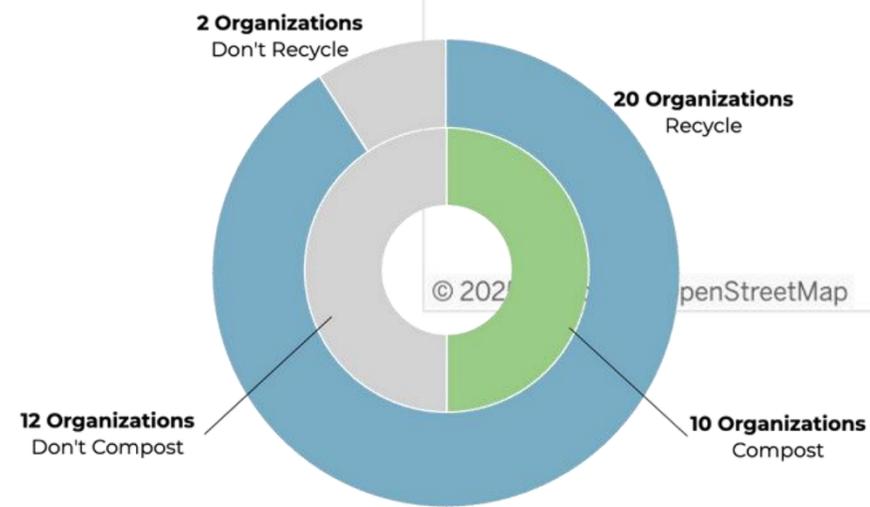
Plastics Mapping

Use the map below to understand how many plastic items and plastic alternatives that each ACP member uses in their food service operations.



Compost and Recycling

Composting and recycling are important methods for reducing the impacts associated with food service waste. Use this graph to see how many of our member organizations compost and recycle.



Plastic Elimination

This table shows which food service items your organization has eliminated single-use plastic for. A "✓" means your organization does not use plastic for a given item, an "X" means your organization does use plastic for that item at least some of the time.

Beverage containers	✓
Coffee cup lids	✓
Condiment packets (e.g., ketchup, mayonnaise, etc.)	✓
Cups	✓
Drink stirrers	✓
Plastic bags	✓
Plates and bowls	✓
Snack bags (e.g., chips, candy, nuts, etc.)	X
Storage container	X
Straws	✓
To-go containers	✓
Utensils	✓
Water bottles	✓



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Sustainable Purchasing Guide



SUSTAINABLE FEED PILOT

AZA SAFE Shark and Ray and the Aquarium Conservation Partnership have developed a project to source sustainable seafood feed for animals in our care to address the growing demand for seafood while protecting ocean health and wildlife populations from overfishing.



Pilot Participants



Sustainable Feed Pilot

In this pilot project we have engaged 54 ACP and SAFE Shark and Ray partners to:

- Assess and evaluate the sustainability of seafood products they are currently sourcing
- Use the results to Pilot a Joint Business Commitment to Feed Sustainable,
- While monitoring and evaluating the impact and success of pilot facilities that make this commitment, and lastly
- Create a pathway to include the broader AZA community in this initiative



ACP Resources



Sign- up for ACP Weekly Splash by emailing Bianca (bsantos@mbayaq.org)



ACP can participate in staff meetings, give presentations, and conduct onboarding webinars



www.aquariumconservation.org



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