**Program Partner**

**Statements of Individual Commitment and Institutional Support**

The *[Name of AZA Organization]* is committed to providing resources (financial and/or in-kind ) and support for the management of the SAFE: Sharks and Rays*,* led by Hap Fatzinger at NC Aquarium Fort Fisher*]*.

Responsibilities of the program partner are outlined in the [SAFE species Program Handbook](https://assets.speakcdn.com/assets/2332/aza_safe_species_handbook.pdf)[[1]](#footnote-1) and include identifying a program partner representative who will:

* Serve as the primary point of contact between the organization and the SAFE species program, and
* Work with the program leader, the WCC, and the AZA Conservation, Management, and Welfare Sciences Department to ensure that the SAFE species program runs effectively and efficiently.

**Summary of organization’s intended program partner resource commitment to SAFE species program.** Briefly describe how commiting to this SAFE program relates to the organization’s conservation priorities, and the SAFE species program’s written (or expected, if a new program) objectives. (200 words or less)

The organization also agrees to help:

* Develop program plans for SAFE species programs that include measurable objectives that advance an established conservation plan, and
* Implement the program plan and its actions to advance the conservation of the target species/taxa.

The organization understands that failure to meet these obligations may result in the AZA member organization being removed as a program partner.

The above-named organization further grants AZA the nonexclusive right to publish on the AZA website and in AZA publications that information gathered for SAFE species programs supported by the organization. The organization retains all rights not otherwise in the public domain.

**Name and title of the program partner representative**:

Email address for representative:        
Date:

Signature of program partner representative: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of the director/governing official**:

Date:

Signature of director/governing official: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Per AZA SAFE Species Program Handbook: Funding expectations of Program Partners should be clearly articulated. AZA suggests that Program Partner participation be valued at a minimum of $1500 per year in direct financial and/or in-kind support, but specific expectations for meaningful participation should be defined by each program, as appropriate for their program plan and species’ needs. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)