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### AZA to the Rescue

AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums provide the highest quality of animal care. Their expertise with many species makes AZA professionals uniquely qualified to rescue animals in crisis situations. And they do--traveling the globe to help animals in distress. Read [more](#) about the dramatic rescue stories below.

### Bird Experts Flock to Rescue

*Working around the clock, AZA bird experts alongside Mexican biologists and citizens save hundreds of flamingo chicks abandoned after a jaguar scare.*

### Terror in the Tropics

In 2000, a colony of 16,000 Caribbean flamingos, one of only three in the world, nested on an island just off the coast of Mexico's lush, tropical Yucatan Peninsula. They soon had an unwelcome guest. [Click here to read the full story.](#)

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### Project Seahorse

Founded in 1996, Project Seahorse studies and protects seahorses while helping people who depend on seahorses develop sustainable livelihoods. "We



Longhorn seahorses. Copyright Shedd Aquarium. Photo by Edward Lines, Jr.

### Secret Lives of Seahorses

**Hang On!** Illusive and sedentary, seahorses are hard to observe in the wild. Their upright bodies are built for stability rather than speed, so they spend most of their time clinging to sea plants, coral branches, sponges, even shoes and nets with their prehensile tails, hidden among the seagrasses, corals, and mangroves in tropical and temperate coastal waters around the globe. From this safe position a seahorse sucks tiny animals through its long snout, swallowing them