



2022 Annual Report

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Inspiring Communities to Save Wildlife for Future Generations is only possible when we work together in partnership. From Native American tribal groups to the Asian Pacific Islander community, the local and state government and the communities that surround Denver Zoo, 2022 highlighted the importance of the teamwork needed to make a difference for wildlife.



On our campus, we greeted over 1.8 million people, welcomed a host of adorable new Zoo babies and broke ground on two incredible new projects—a new flamingo habitat, opening late 2023, and the Down Under Experience, opening in 2024. We hosted the Equity in Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Summit for Action, and helped to facilitate the donation of 47 bison to local Native American tribes. And, as a part of our international partnerships, helped to support our zoo colleagues in Ukraine.

Across Colorado, we contributed to significant conservation wins for iconic species—including the successful release of 570 state-endangered boreal tadpoles as well as bringing attention to the need for a wildlife crossing over I-70 near Vail. And to close out the year, our friends and neighbors came through for us *yet again* with their financial support on a record-breaking Colorado Gives Day.

Scroll on to see how teamwork made 2022 a winning year.

Bert Vescolani | President and CEO

TOADALLY AWESOME

CONSERVATION SUCCESS

DENVER ZOO PARTNERS WITH COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE ON A BREEDING AND RELEASE PROGRAM FOR THE LOCALLY ENDANGERED BOREAL TOAD. IN JUNE OF 2022, WE SUCCESSFULLY RELEASED 570 TADPOLES.

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SACRED SPECIES

RESTORATION + REPARATION

DENVER ZOO HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN RESTORING COLORADO'S BISON HERDS AND THEIR NATURAL HABITAT. TO DATE, WE HAVE MADE REPARATIVE DONATIONS OF 47 BISON TO NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES.

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ICONIC ANIMALS

SAFE PASSAGE FOR WILDLIFE
DENVER ZOO AND OUR PARTNERS ARE HELPING TO BUILD A WILDLIFE CROSSING OVER I-70 TO RESTORE MIGRATION PATTERNS FOR ICONIC ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPECIES AND DECREASE ANIMAL-VEHICLE FATALITIES.

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ECOR SUMMIT FOR ACTION

ON SEPTEMBER 30, DENVER ZOO HOSTED THE EQUITY IN CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION SUMMIT FOR ACTION—FOCUSED ON THE INTERSECTION OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN CONSERVATION.

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WILD WELCOME: 2022 NEW ADDITIONS

Every baby born at Denver Zoo is adorable, but our littlest wild ones are particularly precious when they're the result of a Species Survival Plan partnership. As an AZA-accredited institution, we work with accredited zoos around the country to maintain healthy, genetically diverse populations of the species under our care. Animals transferred to our care from partner zoos also play an important part in the long-term success of our shared mission.



WINSTON + DOUG

Eastern Bongos



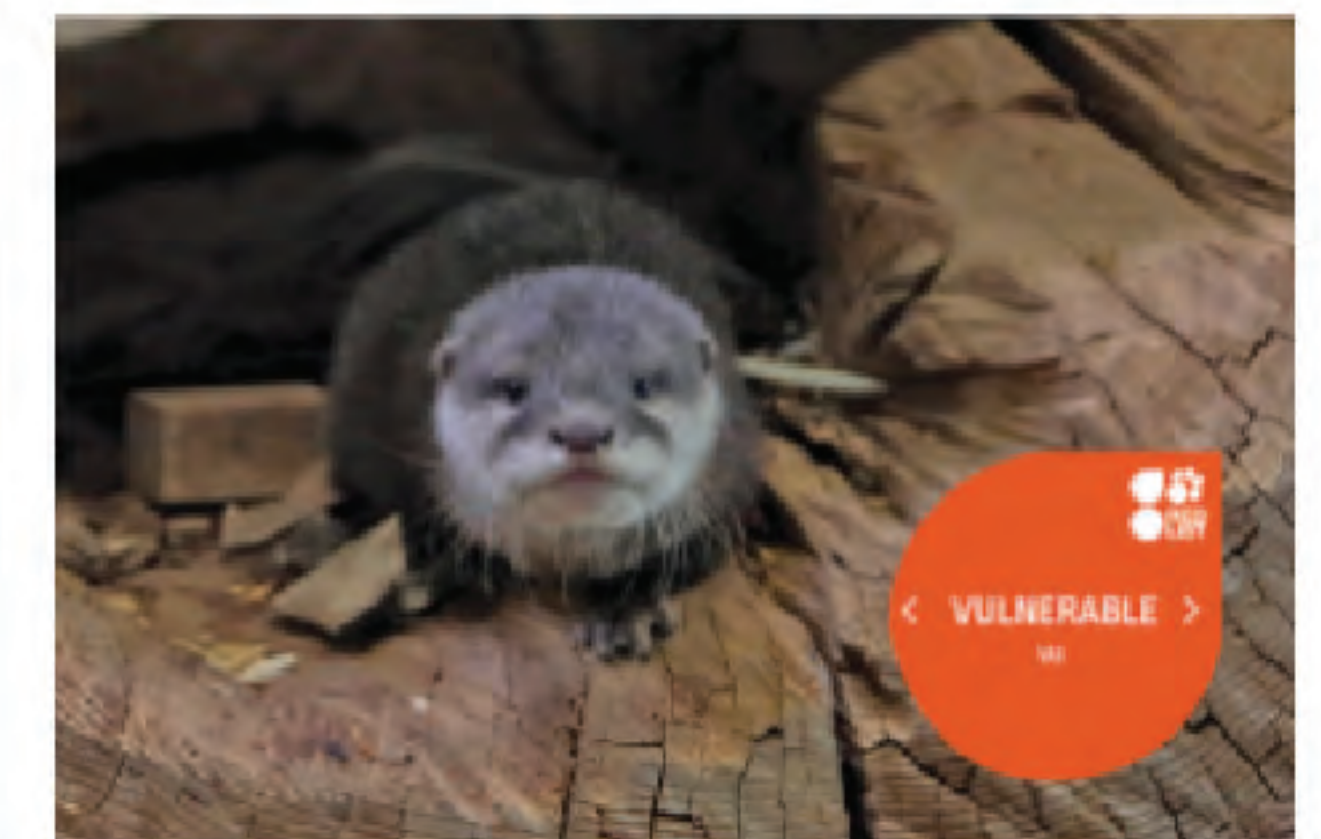
SMAUG + SAPHIRA

Coconut Lorikeets



CHICKPEA

Golden Lion Tamarin



JAI

Asian Small-Clawed Otter



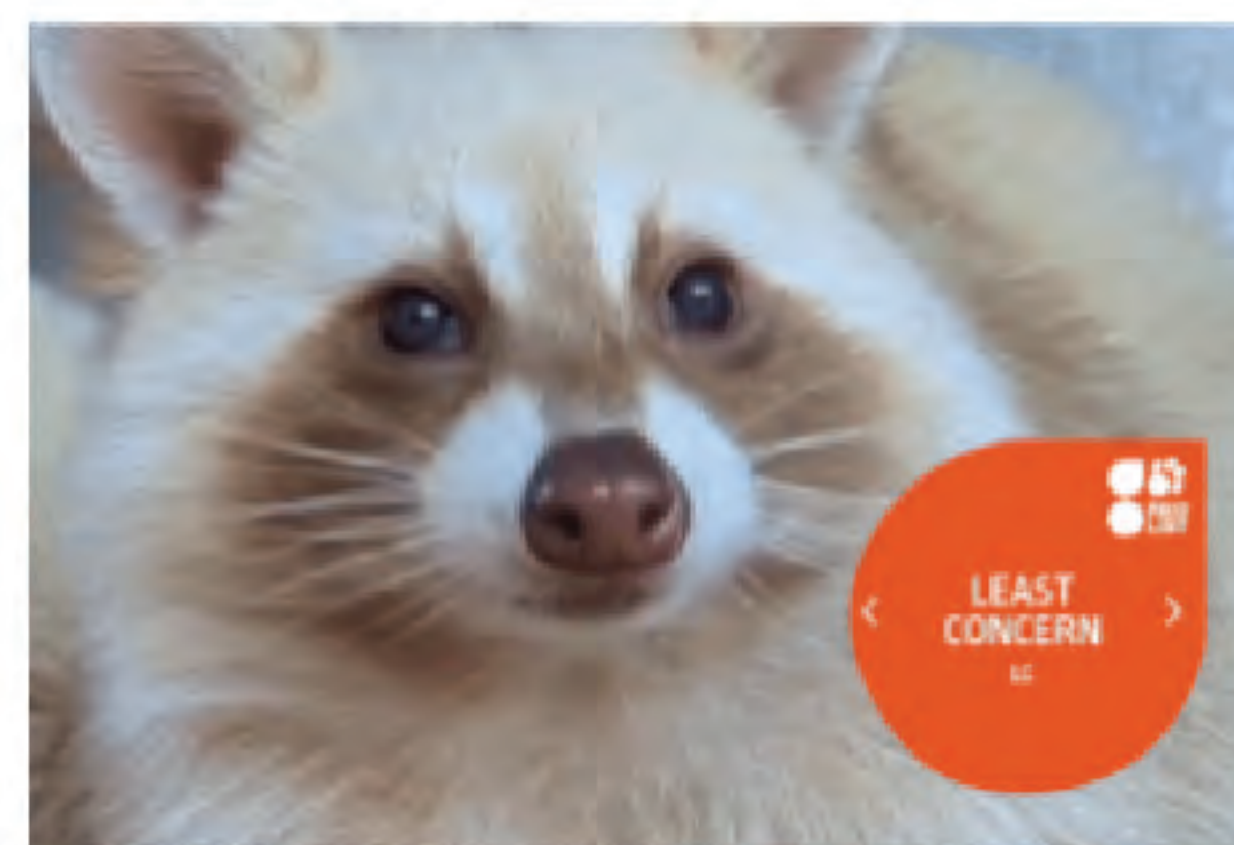
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Southern Gerenuk



GWEN

African Penguin



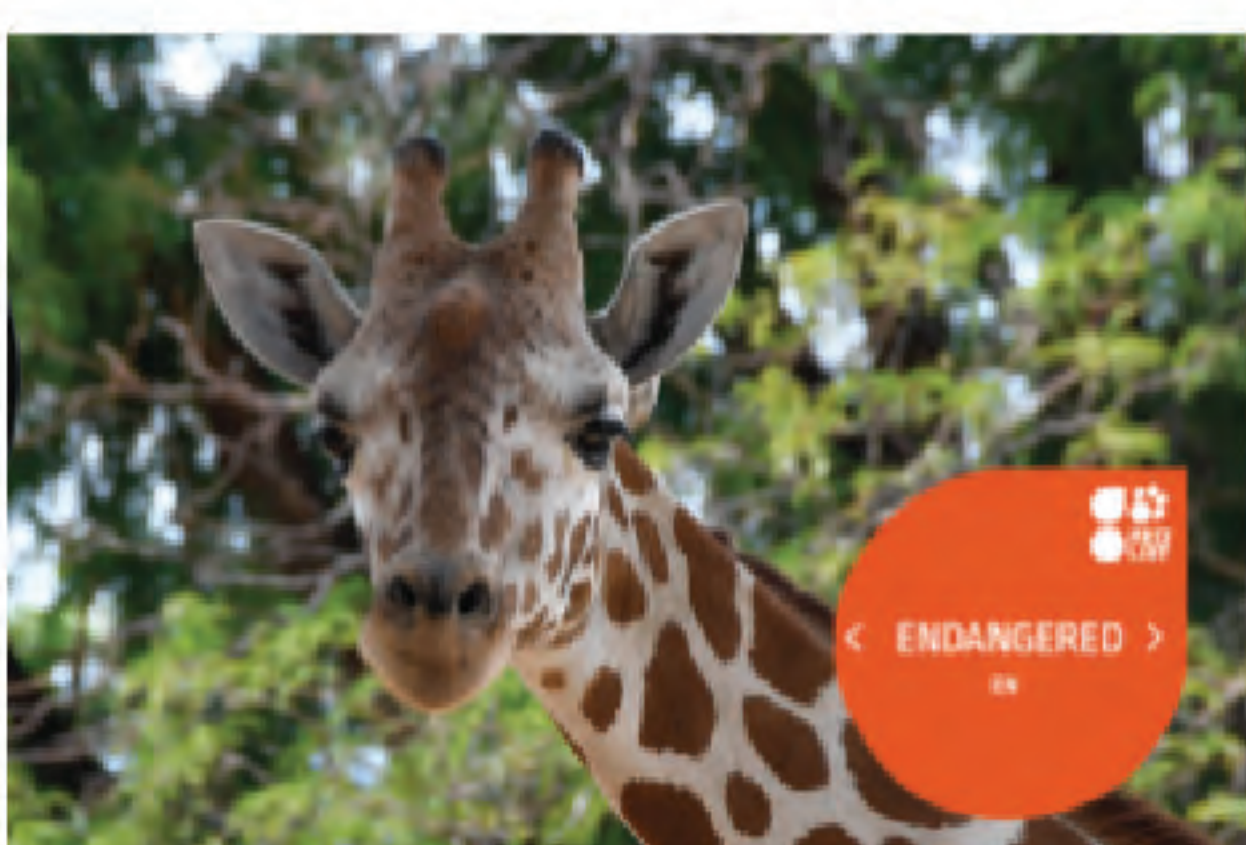
CASHEW + PECAN

Leucistic Raccoons



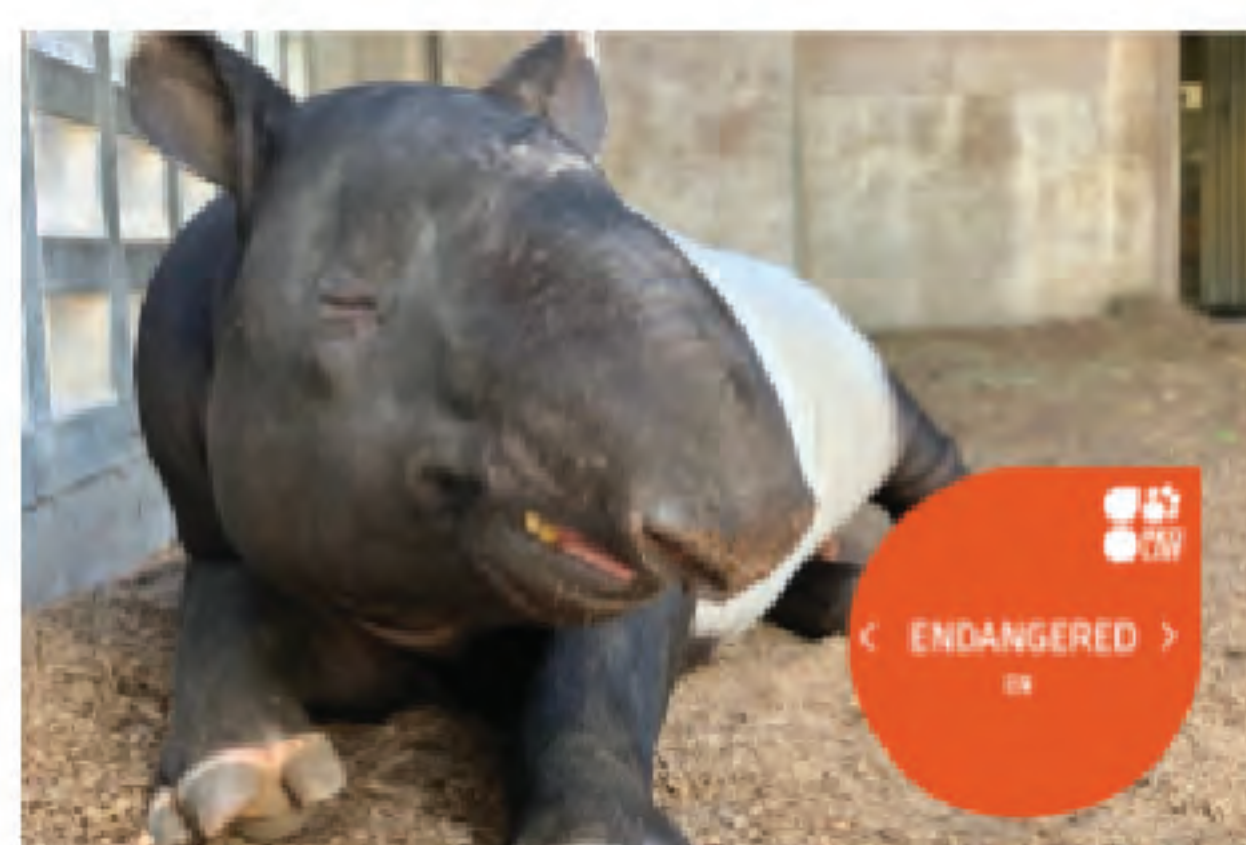
JIBBITZ + JEB

Orinoco Crocodiles



BB

Reticulated Giraffe



JONHI

Malayan Tapir



JASIRI

Reticulated Giraffe



PHOEBE, HAROLD + HARRIET

Red River Hogs

ON THE HORIZON

In 2022, we began planning and construction on two incredible new exhibits, continuing our tireless quest for excellence in both animal care and guest experience.



FLAMINGO HABITAT

Opening Late 2023 | \$406,458 Raised in 2022

Inspired by the stark landscapes of the Andean Highlands, our flock's new strutting grounds will feature a shady, circulated lagoon, a dedicated nesting area and space for guest encounters.



DOWN UNDER EXPERIENCE

Opening in 2024

Breathing new life into the area formerly occupied by Bird World, this immersive multi-species exhibit will feature a Wallaby Walkthrough and the Zoo first hands-on Conservation Station.





The Mane Event

2022

JANUARY 6, 2022



Entering 2022 with open arms on our first of 7 Free Days

MARCH 3, 2022



We launch fundraising effort for Ukraine zoos; \$50K raised

APRIL 30, 2022



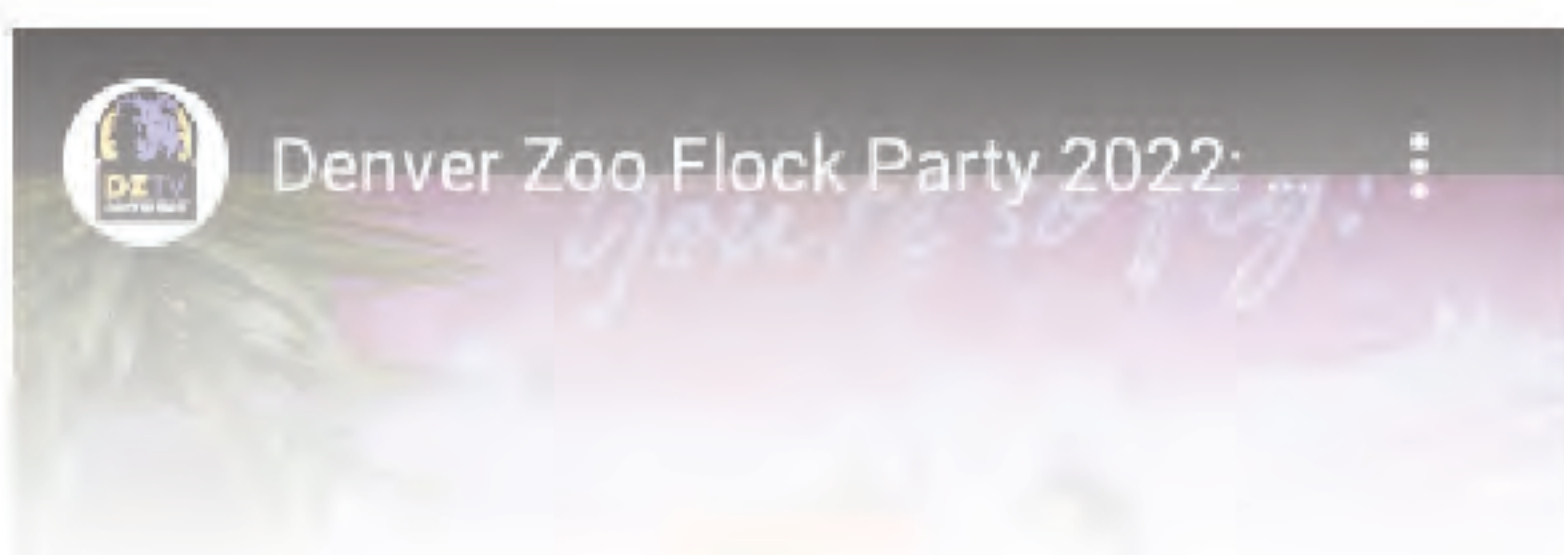
Dia del Niño celebrates all children with SCFD Partners

MAY 14, 2022



Honoring Colorado's Asian cultures and communities

JUNE 11, 2022

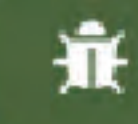


Denver Zoo Flock Party 2022



Flock Party raises \$510K+ for our beloved flamingo flock

OCTOBER 1, 2022



First-ever Trick-or-Treat trail delight more than 21K guests

OCTOBER 15, 2022



Field Conservation team surveys endangered frogs in Peru

DECEMBER 6, 2022



DECEMBER 31, 2022

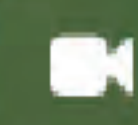


Zoo Lights: Low-Sensory Night returns for a second year



A record Colorado Gives Day yields \$180K in donations

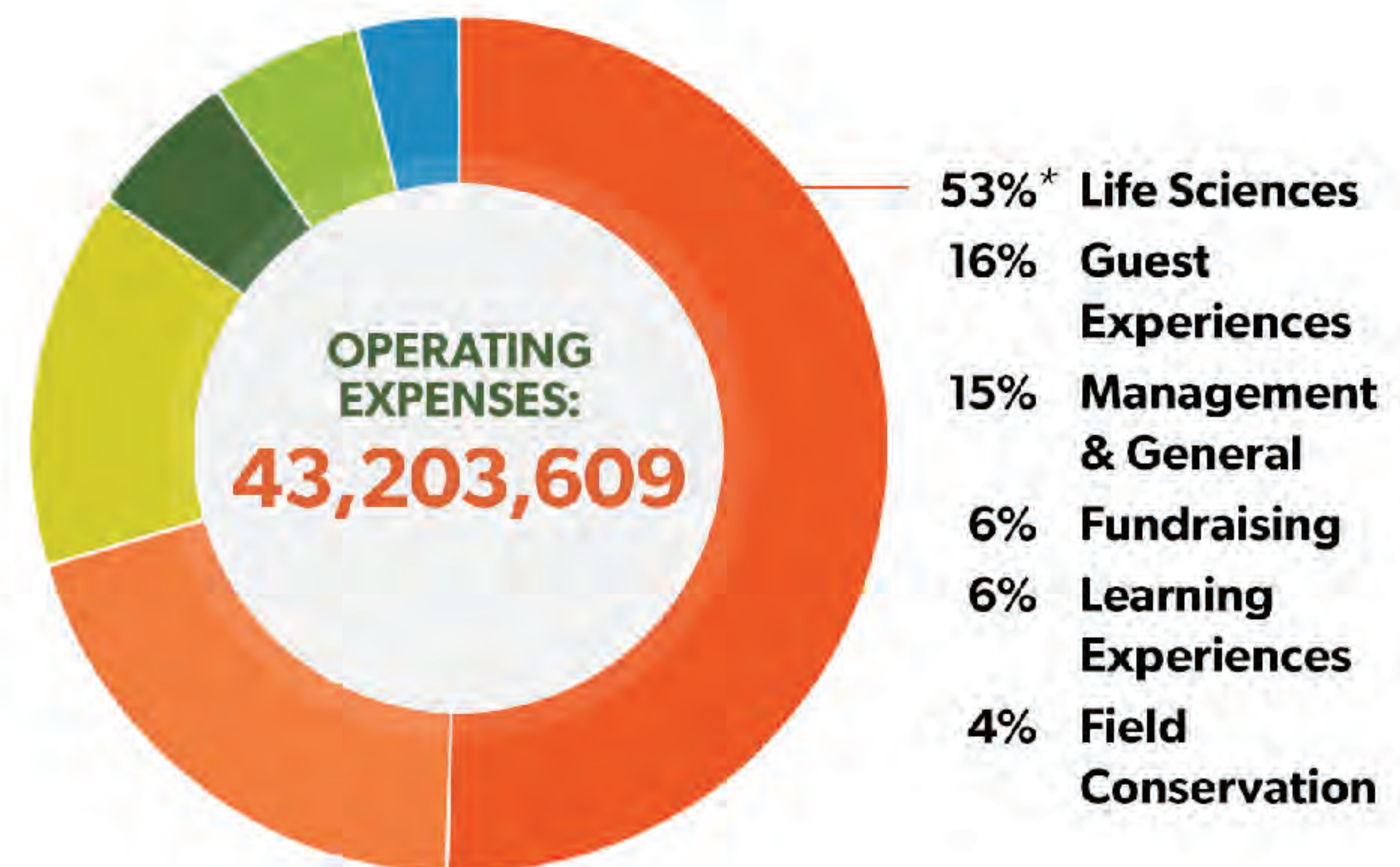
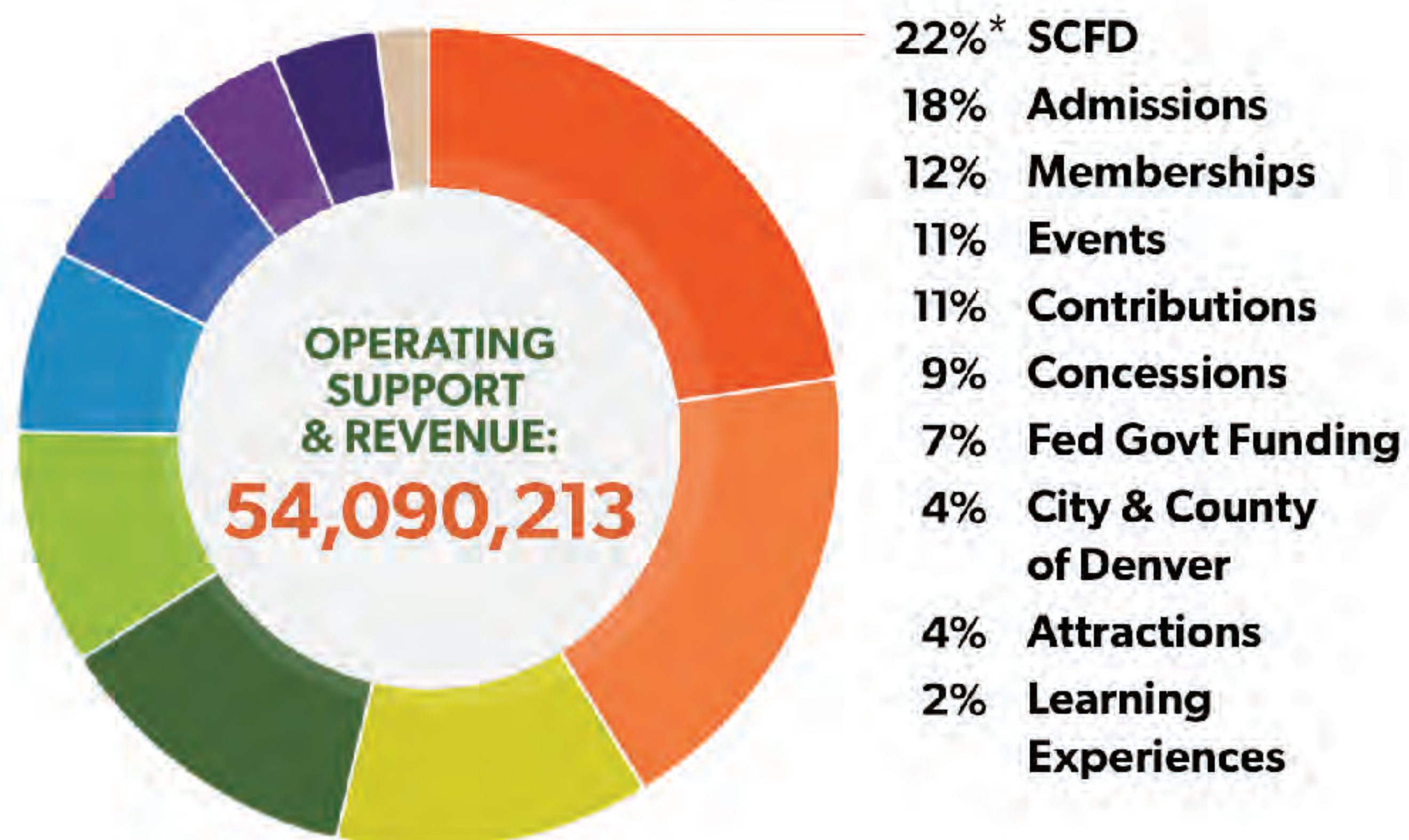
DECEMBER 31, 2022



End of year video

2022 Year End Statement of Activities

	DENVER ZOO			CO ZOOLOGICAL TRUST			2022 TOTAL
	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL	
SUPPORT & REVENUE							
Admission revenue	\$9,850,573	\$-	\$9,850,573	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$9,850,573
Scientific and Cultural Facilities District revenue	12,156,114	-	12,156,114	-	-	-	12,156,114
Memberships	6,480,893	-	6,480,893	-	-	-	6,480,893
Concessions commission	4,705,387	-	4,705,387	-	-	-	4,705,387
Donations, gifts and grants	1,499,269	1,821,514	3,320,783	284,060	391,215	675,275	3,996,058
Sponsorships and corporate events	4,006,936	-	4,006,936	-	-	-	4,006,936
Zoo Lights	3,678,103	-	3,678,103	-	-	-	3,678,103
City and County of Denver support	2,276,858	-	2,276,858	-	-	-	2,276,858
Learning experiences revenue	847,100	-	847,100	-	-	-	847,100
Attractions and Other	2,022,397	-	2,022,397	-	-	-	2,022,397
Fundraising events, net	203,114	-	203,114	-	-	-	203,114
COVID-19 government relief funding	3,866,680	-	3,866,680	-	-	-	3,866,680
Transfer from CZT to Denver Zoo	964,064	424,170	1,388,234	(1,388,234)	-	(1,388,234)	-
Net assets released from restrictions	2,130,429	(2,130,429)	-	1,217,074	(1,217,074)	-	-
Total revenue, gains, and other support	54,687,917	115,255	54,803,172	1,501,134	(825,859)	(712,959)	54,090,213
EXPENSES							
Program expenses:							
Life sciences	22,799,805	-	22,799,805	-	-	-	22,799,805
Guest experiences	6,777,156	-	6,777,156	-	-	-	6,777,156
Learning experiences	2,554,146	-	2,554,146	-	-	-	2,554,146
Field conservation	1,573,971	-	1,573,971	-	-	-	1,573,971
Total program expenses	33,705,078	-	33,705,078	-	-	-	33,705,078
Support services:							
Management and general	6,632,906	-	6,632,906	133,222	-	133,222	6,766,128
Fundraising	2,732,403	-	2,732,403	-	-	-	2,732,403
Total support services	9,365,309	-	9,365,309	133,222	-	133,222	9,498,531
Total expenses	43,070,387	-	43,070,387	133,222	-	133,222	43,203,609
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS BEFORE NONOPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	11,617,530	115,255	11,732,785	(20,322)	(825,859)	(846,181)	10,886,604
NONOPERATING INCOME (LOSS)							
Capital campaign contributions	-	2,732,157	2,732,157	-	-	-	2,732,157
Investment return	241,904	-	241,904	(4,075,512)	(3,660,085)	(7,735,597)	(7,493,693)
Master Plan design and construction costs	(10,482,694)	-	(10,482,694)	-	-	-	(10,482,694)
Total nonoperating income (loss)	(10,240,790)	2,732,157	(7,508,633)	(4,075,512)	(3,660,085)	(7,735,597)	(15,244,230)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,376,740	2,847,412	4,224,152	(4,095,834)	(4,485,944)	(8,581,778)	(4,357,626)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	30,400,636	4,727,910	35,128,546	16,699,240	15,024,155	31,723,395	66,851,941
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	31,777,376	7,575,322	39,352,698	12,603,406	10,538,211	23,141,617	62,494,315



* All percentages are rounded to a whole number