

## press release

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### Marine Life Park Partners with Conservation International to further efforts in regional marine conservation

**SINGAPORE, 10 JANUARY 2014** – Conservation International (CI) and Resorts World Sentosa’s Marine Life Park announced a new partnership today to allow collaboration on important marine issues in Singapore. The five-year partnership, the first for CI in Singapore will focus on conservation; marine mammal veterinary medicine; public education; the support of regional projects through joint conservation events and fundraising efforts.

“This collaboration extends the footprint of our conservation efforts, strengthening our position in the region as a leader in marine conservation, education and research,” said Craig Sowden, Director of S.E.A. Aquarium and Conservation at the Marine Life Park. “Leveraging on Conservation International’s strong foundation of science, partnerships, policy and field demonstrations, combined with the passion and expertise of our team, we will continue to make a difference for our marine environments. We are proud to join the network.”

“We are glad to have Marine Life Park onboard. Beyond being a world-class tourist attraction, the park has also demonstrated a strong commitment to marine conservation and has a team with a wealth of expertise,” David Emmett, Senior Vice President of CI’s Asia-Pacific Field Division said. “I believe that this partnership will further our mission to ensure that vital natural resources are preserved and used sustainably for the long term benefit of people and all life on Earth.”

Conservation International’s work in Southeast Asia focuses on two key geographies: the Bird’s Head (Indonesia) Seascape and the Sulu-Sulawesi (Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia) Seascape. The seascape model works to better manage large, multiple-use marine areas, defined scientifically and strategically, in which government authorities, private organizations and communities cooperate to conserve the diversity and abundance of marine life, with the ultimate goal of promoting human well-being.

CI is also an active supporter and partner of the Coral Triangle Initiative (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste) on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security. This regional initiative links the environment to economic prosperity and human well-being, and represents an unparalleled opportunity to protect a globally significant ecosystem.

Since establishing itself in the region in 1992, CI has discovered more than 200 new marine species and set up over 90 marine protected areas in the region including the largest no-take zone and the first shark and ray sanctuaries.

Since opening in 2012, the Marine Life Park has been committed to marine education, conservation and research. Through its Marine Life Fund launched in 2008, the park has supported marine conservation projects in Singapore and Southeast Asia. These include anti-poaching patrols at Galapagos Islands, promoting sustainable sharks fishing, the *Save the Irrawaddy dolphins* project with

Chulalongkorn University Thailand and Thailand's Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, as well as aquaculture research with Temasek Polytechnic and Republic Polytechnic.

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### **ABOUT CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL**

Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, CI empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of people. Founded in 1987, CI is headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area and employs more than 800 staff in 29 countries on six continents, and has nearly 1,000 partners around the world. For more information, please visit our website at: [www.conservation.org](http://www.conservation.org) or visit us on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **ABOUT RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA**

Resorts World Sentosa (RWS), Asia's ultimate destination resort, is located on Singapore's resort island of Sentosa. Spanning 49 hectares, the resort opened in January 2010 and welcomed over 45 million visitors in its first three years of opening. RWS is home to two mega attractions - the region's first-and-only Universal Studios theme park and the Marine Life Park, which comprises the world's largest S.E.A. Aquarium and the Adventure Cove Waterpark - as well as a Maritime Experiential Museum, a casino, luxurious accommodation in six unique hotels, the Resorts World Convention Centre, celebrity chef restaurants, an award-winning destination spa and specialty retail outlets. The resort also offers world-class entertainment, from original resident productions to concerts and public shows such as the Crane Dance and the Lake of Dreams. Resorts World Sentosa was named "Best Integrated Resort" in 2011, 2012 and 2013 at the TTG Travel Awards which recognises the best of Asia-Pacific's travel industry.

Resorts World Sentosa is wholly owned by Genting Singapore, a company of the Genting Group. For more information, please visit [www.rwsentosa.com](http://www.rwsentosa.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Youtube](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and the [Marine Life Park Blog](#).

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