

# THE OCEANS

A bold, new experience for the Indianapolis Zoo's one million visitors, The Oceans Exhibit presents live animals and their diverse habitats, and harnesses scientific knowledge being gathered by scientists from around the world to create a new aquarium. RATIO designed the exhibit not only to educate visitors, but expand their experience to include an appreciation of oceans and the many relationships they have with them.

The aquarium is organized into three thematic experiences. First, the welcome experience showcases coral reef animals, sharks and jellyfish. Second, visitors are treated to the world's largest hands-on Dog Fish Shark touch tank exhibit. Third, the design creates a simple, new way to experience the Zoo's sea lions, penguins and polar bears. As the exhibit unfolds, interactive polling stations outline the many ways the Indianapolis Zoo and other professional institutions around the world are working to preserve ocean life and their habitats for future generations.



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**The Indianapolis Zoo**  
Indianapolis, IN

YEAR: **2007**

SQ. FT.: **15,000**

COSTS: PARKING:  
**\$6,000,000**

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