

### United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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### **Inspection Report**

MS Leisure Company, Inc. 4400 Rickenbacker Causeway Key Biscayne, FL 33147 Customer ID: 6011009

Certificate: 58-C-1252

Site: 001

Miami Seaquarium

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 19-MAR-2024

3.150(a) Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

The indoor enclosure housing 9 penguins has not been kept in good repair. The ceiling of the enclosure has multiple areas of sagging, peeling paint as well as spots of black growth. There are also rust like stains running down the walls from screws in the enclosure.

Enclosures that are not kept in good repair can lead to illness or injury of the animals. Housing facilities for birds must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of bird housed in them. All housing facilities must be kept in good repair and protect the birds from injury.

2.131(c)(1) Repeat

#### Handling of animals.

On 3/10/2024, "Cayman" a dolphin housed at Dolphin Harbor, mouthed a guest's leg during an interaction in the water.

Inadequate handling or control of animals during public interactions can lead to injury of the public and the animals. During public exhibition, any animal must be handled so there is minimal risk of harm to the animal and to the public. The facility has enacted a behavioral plan for this dolphin.

3.101(a)(1) Repeat

#### Facilities, general.

There is an area on the Golden Dome stage that is not in good repair. On the stairs that lead to the elevated platform, there is a spot where the floor covering has come away from the wooden board beneath. The wooden surface is rough to the touch and splinters easily. The day before, inspectors witnessed a sea lion using these stairs during a show.

Rough surfaces can cause harm or injury to the animals as they move across them. Outdoor housing facilities for marine mammals must be structurally sound and must be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury.

3.150(c)(2) Repeat

Facilities, general.

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In the Tropical Wings and Education Center areas, there are 3 outdoor, off-exhibit parrot enclosures that show evidence of rust. There are areas of bubbling and flaking paint due to rust and areas where the metal is rusted through.

Rust can compromise structural strength, present roughened and jagged surfaces where it is possible for the birds to injure themselves, and prevent proper cleaning and sanitization of a surface. Any surfaces that come in contact with the birds must be free of rust or damage that affects the structural integrity of the surface or prevents cleaning.

### 3.153(a)(2)

#### Primary enclosures.

In the outdoor perching area of Tropical Wings, one perch with a parrot had numerous loose strands of twine-like string falling from it.

Perching that is not maintained appropriately can cause injury to the bird. Perches and other objects that enrich a bird's environment must be species-appropriate and be designed, constructed, and maintained so as to prevent harm to the bird.

To be corrected by March 29, 2024.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

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# **Species Inspected**

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
6011009	58-C-1252	001	Miami Seaguarium	19-MAR-2024

Count 000012 000008	Scientific Name Zalophus californianus Phoca vitulina	Common Name CALIFORNIA SEA LION HARBOR SEAL
000018 000009 000028	Tursiops truncatus Spheniscus demersus Phoenicopterus ruber	BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN AFRICAN PENGUIN / CAPE PENGUIN AMERICAN FLAMINGO
000003 000002 000001	Ara chloropterus Ara macao Ara militaris	RED-AND-GREEN MACAW / GREEN-WINGED MACAW SCARLET MACAW MILITARY MACAW
000005 000001	Ara ararauna Ara, Anodorhynchus, Primolius, Diopsittac spp hybrid	BLUE-AND-YELLOW MACAW / BLUE-AND-GOLD MACAW  CA MACAW HYBRID
000002 000001	Amazona autumnalis Cacatua galerita	RED-LORED PARROT / RED-LORED AMAZON SULPHUR-CRESTED COCKATOO / GREATER SULPHUR- CRESTED COCKATOO
000001 000001 000001	Cacatua alba Cacatua moluccensis Psittacus erithacus	WHITE COCKATOO / UMBRELLA COCKATOO SALMON-CRESTED COCKATOO / MOLUCCAN COCKATOO CONGO AFRICAN GREY PARROT / GRAY PARROT
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