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Dr. Larry Killmar is the Chief Zoological Officer, Sr. V/P, Animal Science and Conservation and Zoo Director for Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo. Dr. Killmar oversees the daily management of nearly 1300 animals and provides leadership for the Medical and Collection Science and Education Department Staff. During his career he has had the opportunity to participate in the reintroduction of the Arabian Oryx in Sultanate of Oman and helped to rescue and import eleven African elephants from the Kingdom of Swaziland.

Dr. Killmar was elected President of the Florida Association Zoos and Aquariums, FAZA in 2012, which consist of 21 accredited and certified AZA zoos and aquariums in the State of Florida. FAZA actively collaborates with the Florida Wild Commission (FWC) on conservation projects and legislative initiatives within the State. The collective AZA accredited Zoos and aquariums in Florida have a total annual economic impact in the state of more than \$1 billion.

Before joining Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo, Dr. Killmar was Deputy Director of Collections for the Zoological Society of San Diego. Currently he is a member of the Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG) of IUCN and of the Pan African Association of Zoos and Aquaria (PAAZAB) and appointed to the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, (AZA) Wildlife Management and Conservation Committee and presently chairs this committee.

During his career he has published several articles, last being co-authored article titled "Challenges and successes in the propagation of the Shoebill , *Balaeniceps rex*", which was published in the International Zoo Yearbook 48.