

# Jim Wharton

Jim Wharton is a passionate marine conservationist and experienced manager with 20+ years of experience in informal education and conservation engagement program development and implementation with a personal commitment to fostering an ocean ethic in our communities. As Director of Conservation Engagement Jim oversees the planning, development, implementation, and coordination of a wide range of education programming designed to be inclusive and relevant to all audiences in the Aquarium and throughout the community. As Director he is expected to effectively monitor and evaluate program quality, content and relevance in accordance with the Aquarium mission and national, state, and local education standards. In order to meet education needs and standards he works closely with local and national institutions to develop relevant educational partnerships and offer jointly co-sponsored conservation education programming.