CARDS I

Advance the Break token 2 spaces. Then draw cards from the deck OR snap.

DRAWING FROM THE DECK

Compare the strength X of the card slot this action is in with the table on the card. Draw up to the indicated number of cards (maximum 3) from the deck. Then, you might have to discard a card from your hand, which can be one of the cards you have just drawn or a card already in your hand.

SNAPPING

If you execute the action with a strength X of at least 5, then instead of drawing several cards from the deck, you may take exactly 1 card from the display into your hand. This is called *Snapping*. You may take any card, regardless of the reputation of your zoo. Replenish the display at the end of your turn.

2 Whether you snap or draw from the deck, first advance the Break token 2 steps (do not gain any money for this).

You can have any number of cards in your hand after this action, but during the break, you may need to discard cards down to your hand card limit of 3 cards (or 5 with a specific university) (see *Break* on page 18).

CARDS II

Advance the Break token 2 spaces. Then draw cards from the deck or within reputation range OR snap.

DRAWING WITHIN REPUTATION RANGE

If you have upgraded the *Cards* action, you may draw cards within your reputation range, meaning from the display (up to your Reputation counter) and/or from the deck. In addition, the table printed on the card that determines the details of the action is upgraded. You may draw from the display and the deck in any order you choose, but the display is not replenished until you have completed your turn.

SNAPPING

If you have upgraded the *Cards* action, you can snap at a lower strength level, **starting** from a strength of 3. If you choose the snap option, it makes no difference whether the strength is 3 or higher.



In addition, after upgrading your *Cards* action, you may continue progressing past 9 reputation on the Reputation track.

The Reputation Track and the Display

The game board has a display of 6 cards (see **B** in the *example: taking cards using side II* below). Next to these cards is the Reputation track, where you keep track of the reputation of your zoo (see **A** in the *example: taking cards using side II* below).

Whenever you are allowed to increase the reputation of your zoo, advance your counter 1 step on this track. To increase the reputation of your zoo to 10 (or more), you must have upgraded the *Cards* Action card to side II. The II icon on space 10 (folder 5) serves as a reminder.

If you advance your Reputation counter to a space with a bonus next to it, you take the bonus immediately and only once. If your counter has reached space 15 on the Reputation track and your zoo keeps receiving reputation, your counter will remain on space 15 and you instead take 1 appeal for each remaining reputation step you are due.

The location of your counter determines which cards in the display are "**within reputation range**" for you. Within reputation range is the card on the same folder as your counter as well as all cards on the lower-numbered folders. Meaning, the higher your zoo's reputation, the more cards there are within your reputation range

If you have taken one or more cards from the display, **do not replenish the display until you have completed your entire turn**. Then, move cards from the higher-numbered folders down to the lower-numbered folders. Do not change the order of the cards. Finally, fill each empty space with a card from the deck.

Next to the display is the **discard pile**. You may **not** look through the discard pile during the game.

Example: Taking cards using side II

*You are blue, and you are performing the action with strength 5, which lets you take 4 cards and discard 1. Above all, you would like to have the Lion that is within your reputation range in the display. You take the Lion **(1)**, draw 2 cards from the deck **(2)** and then decide to also take the Caracal from the display **(3)**. Then you discard a card from your hand.*

*At the end of your action, the cards on folders 3, 5, and 6 move down **(4)** and you flip over 2 new cards for folders 5 and 6 **(5)**. If the Lion had not been within reputation range, you would only have been able to obtain it by snapping. In that case, you would not have been allowed to draw any more cards, but you could have completed the action with strength 3 or 4.*



BUILD I

Build exactly 1 building of your choice with a maximum size of X on your zoo map. Pay 2 money per space. Available: Kiosk, pavilion, standard enclosure, and Petting Zoo.

The size of a building is measured by the number of spaces it covers on your zoo map. In this action, you have the kiosk (size 1), pavilion (size 1), various standard enclosures (sizes 1–5), and the Petting Zoo (special enclosure size 3) at your disposal. Each zoo can contain **only 1** Petting Zoo. Other buildings can be built more than once. Your zoo map shows an overview of all the buildings. All standard enclosures of each size and all of the different special enclosures have the same shape.

You need **enclosures** to accommodate animals, while **kiosks** grant you income during every break. Each **pavilion** you build immediately (and only once) increases the appeal of your zoo by 1.

Pay the **building cost** into the general supply before placing the building on your zoo map. The cost of a building is twice the number of spaces it will cover, called the size. Therefore, cost = size x2 money.

Build the building **adjacent** to an existing one, meaning at least 1 edge of the new building must touch an edge of an existing one. For your first building, instead, at least 1 space of it must be on a border space of your zoo map.

You may only build on the **empty spaces** of your zoo map. Buildings may not extend beyond the edge of the map, overlap other buildings, or cover water or rock spaces.

You are not allowed to build on spaces with the II icon yet. To do so, you must first upgrade your *Build* action card.

A **kiosk** must always be at least 3 spaces from every other kiosk on your zoo map, meaning there must always be at least 2 spaces between 2 kiosks. The note below the partner zoo space on your zoo map serves as a reminder.

If you **cannot** build the desired building on your zoo map according to the rules above, you must choose a different building. Note that the kiosk and the pavilion are on opposite sides of the same tile.

Build a **standard enclosure** with the empty side up so that it can still be occupied by an animal later. The empty side has a yellow edge and shows X, where X is the enclosure size. For the Petting Zoo both sides are the same.

If you cover one or more spaces with a , you immediately take the corresponding placement bonus once.
The bonuses are explained on the icon overview.

Example: Possible building spaces for a kiosk

The green checkmarks indicate spaces where you may build another kiosk.



BUILD II

Build as many different buildings as you like with a maximum total size of X on your zoo map. Newly available: Large Bird Aviary and Reptile House.

If you have upgraded the *Build* action, you may also build the special enclosures Large Bird Aviary and Reptile House (both size 5). Just like with the Petting Zoo, each zoo can only accommodate 1 Reptile House and 1 Large Bird Aviary. Both sides of these special enclosures are also the same.

When you build the **Reptile House** or **Large Bird Aviary**, you may **immediately**, and only **once** for each building, move animals from a standard enclosure to the new special enclosure. You are not allowed to do this at any other time in the game. Please refer to the *Animals* action and page 12 specifically for more details on how special enclosures work.

You cannot build **unique buildings** with this action, they only come into play with the associated Sponsor cards.

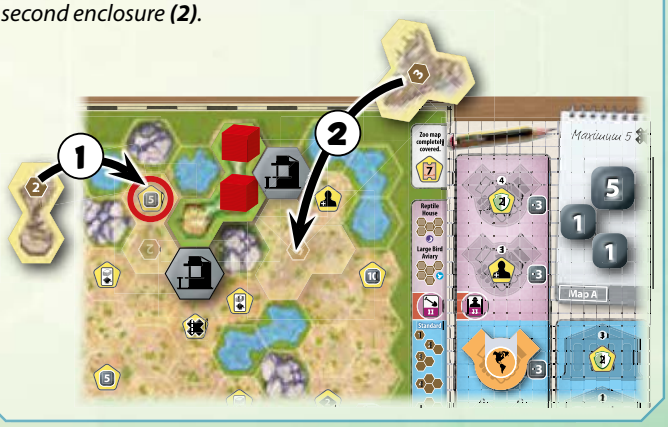
In addition, you now have the opportunity to build **several** buildings with one action. However, you may not build 2 identical buildings with the same *Build* action, each of them must be different. The total size of these buildings must not exceed X.

Build the buildings on your map **one after the other**. Pay for each building separately before you build it. If you cover a bonus icon, you immediately take the placement bonus before you build the next building. However, do not take any "after finishing" bonuses until the *Build* action is completed.

Upgrading your *Build* action also allows you to build on the spaces of your zoo map with the II icon, meaning you can now completely cover your zoo map. If you cover every space of your zoo map, immediately increase the appeal of your zoo by 7. This can happen through the *Build* action, but also through another effect when something is built in your zoo. You must have covered every space on your zoo map, except for the water spaces and rock spaces.

Example: Building with a placement bonus

*You are taking the Build action in card slot 5 and want to build a 2-space and a 3-space standard enclosure. However, you only have 7 money at your disposal and the two enclosures cost a total of 10. Since you are building your first enclosure on a placement bonus 5 money **(1)**, you take this bonus immediately after building the first enclosure. The money then becomes available to pay for your second enclosure **(2)**.*



ANIMALS

Play Animal cards from your hand.

Compare the strength X of the card slot this action is in with the table on the card. Play up to the indicated number of Animal cards from your hand.
Follow the steps below for each animal:

1. **Check conditions**: Any conditions you must fulfill in order to play the Animal card are indicated on the left side of the card. You can only play the card if you fulfill all the conditions (for example, a specific partner zoo or animal category as well as continent icons).
   The conditions are explained in the icon overview.
2. **Pay cost**: Pay the cost of the animal indicated in the upper-left corner of the Animal card. If you have a partner zoo on the continent from which the animal originates, this reduces the cost by 3 money per continent icon. Pay the money into the general supply. If you have a card that gains you money for playing the animal, you only take that money in a later step, meaning you must already have enough money beforehand to pay the full cost of the animal.
3. **Fill empty enclosure**: To play an Animal card and accommodate the animal in your zoo, you need free spaces in an enclosure. You can place any animal, except Petting Zoo animals, on its own into an empty standard enclosure. The enclosure must be at least the required size indicated in the upper-left corner of the Animal card. Then flip the enclosure over to its occupied side. Some animals also state that their enclosure needs to be next to one or two water and/or rock spaces.
   The enclosure requirements of an animal are indicated next to the size of the standard enclosure on the card.
   Petting Zoo animals cannot be accommodated in a standard enclosure, only in their special enclosure, the Petting Zoo. All reptiles and some birds can be accommodated either in a standard or in a special enclosure, the Reptile House and the Large Bird Aviary, respectively. In that case the card shows two different enclosure requirements, and you can choose whether to put the animal in a standard or special enclosure (for more details see *Special Enclosures* on page 12).
4. **Place Animal card**: Place the Animal card next to your zoo map (see *Placing Cards* on page 13).
5. **Execute effects**: Whenever you play an animal, the appeal of your zoo increases. Advance your counter on the Appeal track the number of steps indicated on the card. Some animals also give you conservation project points or increase the reputation of your zoo. If so, also advance the counters on the corresponding tracks. Many animals have an additional effect when they are played. If the effect text contains "after finishing", do not execute it until you have finished your entire *Animals* action. In all other cases, execute the effect immediately, even before playing another Animal card. The same applies to effects from other cards that are triggered by playing your Animal card. If there are multiple simultaneous effects, you choose the order of execution (whether these effects are appeal, reputation, conservation points, or gained by the ability of the animal or from other cards).

If an action allows you to play 2 Animal cards, play them one after the other and complete all of the above steps for the first animal (except for effects with "after finishing") before doing the same again for the second animal. You may choose not to play a second Animal card.

Only after that, and after you have moved the *Animals* Action card to slot 1 of your zoo map, execute the "after finishing" effects. If there are multiple effects of this type, you choose the order of execution.



Animal Card Layout

Animal cards represent the different animals you can accommodate in your zoo.

(1) The upper-left corner explains the enclosure requirements you need to fulfill. The number in the hexagon indicates the minimum size enclosure this animal may be placed in. **(2)** Next to it may appear 1 or 2 rock and/or water icons. This means that the enclosure must be next to at least that many spaces of the depicted type(s). **(3)** If the animal can also go in a special enclosure, that type, and the spaces the animal occupies, are depicted just to the right of the normal enclosure requirements. The water and rock requirements also apply to the special enclosure.

(4) Below the enclosure requirements is the money cost you must pay to play the card and accommodate the animal in your zoo.

(5) Below the costs, on the left side, some animals have additional conditions you need to consider.



(6) The upper-right corner shows the animal's category and (except for Petting Zoo animals) the continent from which it originates. These icons interact with all your other cards and are often important for completing conservation projects. **(7)** The lower-right corner shows the increase in your zoo's appeal after the animal has been accommodated. Some animals offer additional bonuses such as conservation project points or reputation. **(8)** Many animals have an effect when played that is either executed immediately or following the *Animals* action (see *Animal Abilities* on Glossary pages 2–3.) If the Animal card's effect refers to an icon that appears on the card itself, that icon counts for the effect.

Some Animal cards have an interactive effect. This effect can only apply to you if your zoo has 5 or more appeal. The 5 space on the Appeal track is marked as a reminder.



(9) Some animals have a different effect in solo play, which is shown in a blue box with the icon.

Special Enclosures (Petting Zoo, Reptile House, Large Bird Aviary)

There are 3 different special enclosures: Petting Zoo **(1)**, Reptile House **(2)**, and Large Bird Aviary **(3)**. Your zoo can only have **one** of each type of special enclosure.



Petting Zoo animals cannot be accommodated in a standard enclosure; only in their special enclosure, the Petting Zoo.

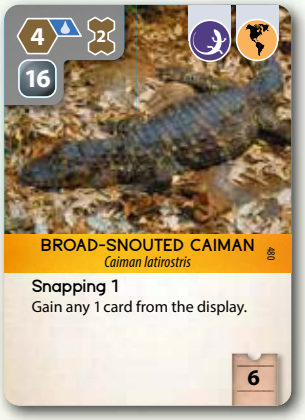
All reptiles and some birds can be accommodated either in a standard or in a special enclosure, the Reptile House and the Large Bird Aviary, respectively. In that case the card shows two different enclosure requirements, and you can choose whether to put the animal in a standard or special enclosure. If an animal requires water and/or rock spaces next to its standard enclosure, the same requirement also applies to the respective special enclosure.

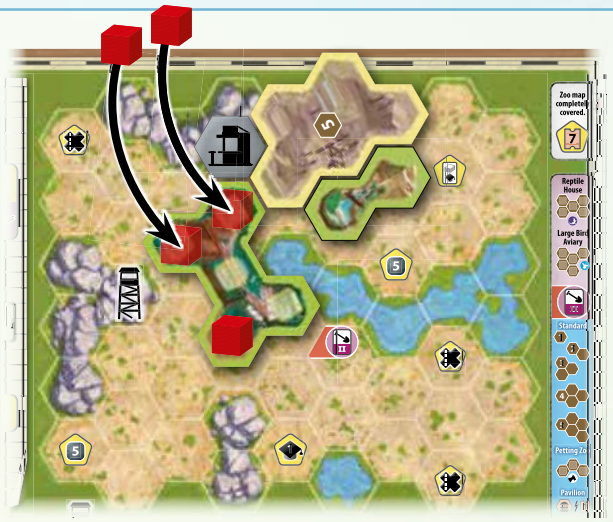
If you want to accommodate the animal in a special enclosure, use player tokens from your supply to mark the number of enclosure spaces indicated in the special enclosure icon on the card. If there are not enough free spaces left in the special enclosure, you cannot accommodate the animal there. You never need to flip a special enclosure: Both sides of the tile are the same.

If you build a Reptile House or a Large Bird Aviary and you already have animals in your zoo that could be accommodated there, you may immediately and only this once, move these animals into your corresponding new special enclosure. For each animal you move, find the smallest occupied standard enclosure that meets the animal's enclosure requirements (including water and rock spaces), and flip it back to its empty side. Then mark the special enclosure with the suitable number of player tokens. If you have several animals that could potentially be moved, you may decide for each animal separately whether you want to move it or not.

Example: Playing animals (enclosures)

You play the Broad-snouted Caiman and have 2 options to accommodate it in your zoo. You could put it in your 5-space standard enclosure, since this is at least size 4 and next to a water space. Then you would flip the enclosure to its occupied side. But you would prefer to put the caiman into your Reptile House. This is also possible because it is next to water and has space for at least 2 of your player tokens. Place 2 of your tokens on the Reptile House. The 5-space enclosure is still available for another animal, such as a large non-reptilian.





Example: Playing animals (immediate effect)

*You perform the Animals action with strength 5 to play 2 animals. First, you play the Eurasian Eagle-Owl **(1)**. You pay the cost, flip over a 2-space enclosure **(2)**, gain 4 appeal, and execute the card's effect, putting 2 new cards into your hand **(3)**. Fortunately, the Eurasian Lynx is among them, which you much prefer to play over the Marabou. Therefore, you decide to play the Eurasian Lynx as your second animal **(4)**.*





ANIMALS

II

Play Animal cards from your hand or within reputation range.

If you have upgraded the *Animals* action, you may play animal cards directly from the display, instead of only from your hand. To do so, the respective card must be within your reputation range. In addition to the cost of the animal, you must pay an amount of money equal to the number on the folder from which you play the Animal card. If you are allowed to play 2 Animal cards, you may choose to play 2 cards from your hand, 2 from the display, or 1 card from your hand and 1 card from the display. Play the animals one after the other. Do not replenish the display until you have finished your turn.

In addition, you may increase the reputation of your zoo by 1, if you perform this action with a strength of at least **5**. Increase the reputation at the very beginning of your action, so that your reputation range for this action is already higher.

Finally, after upgrading your *Animals* action, you may also play animals that have the II icon as a condition.

Placing Cards

Place your played Sponsor and Animal cards overlapping each other to save space. All information you need for the rest of the game is shown at the top of the card.

Some Sponsor cards have an additional effect at the end of the game. These cards are marked with a vertical brown strip behind the card level (such as on the 2nd card played in this example). This makes cards with endgame effects easier to find once they have been played.



Animal categories

There are 7 animal categories in Ark Nova:

- *Bird*
- *Herbivore*
- *Predator*
- *Primate*
- *Reptile*
- *Bear*
- *Petting Zoo animal*

2 of these 7 categories are special cases, bear and Petting Zoo animal. Thus, in contrast to the other categories, their icon is black on a white background.

The bears are more of a subcategory. Their icon mostly occurs in combination with the herbivore or predator icon.

For gameplay reasons, we invented a separate category for Petting Zoo animals, replacing the biological category.

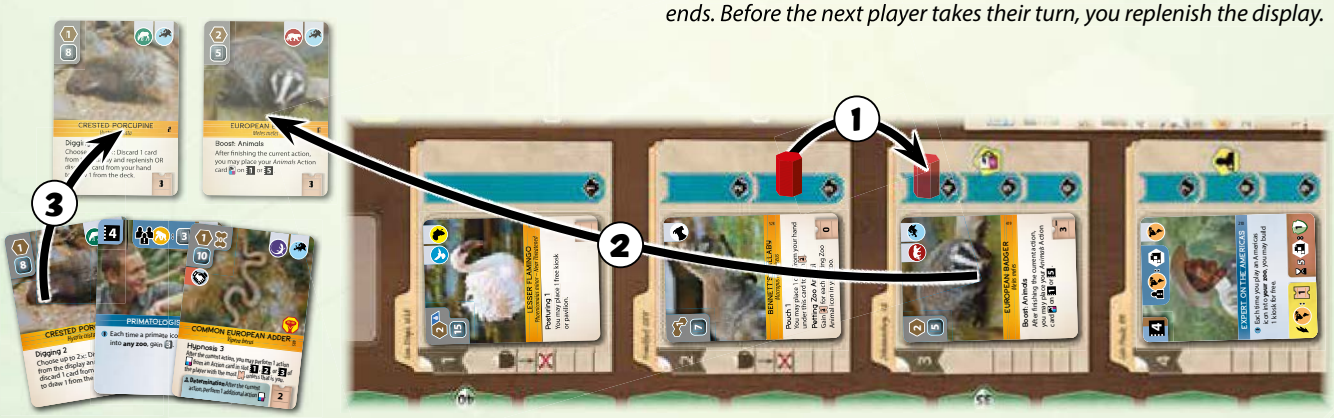
If the game asks for animal categories, it includes bear and Petting Zoo animals as well. If this is ever not the case, they are explicitly excluded.



Example: Playing animals using side II

*You are red, and you use the upgraded Animals action to play 2 animals. Because you are performing the action with strength 5, you may first increase the reputation of your zoo by 1 to a reputation of 4 **(1)**. This means that folders 1–3 are now within reputation range for you.*

*You play the European badger from folder 3 of the display **(2)** and therefore pay 3 money in addition to the normal cost of the animal. Then you play another animal from your hand, the Crested Porcupine **(3)**. After you have populated the respective enclosures, increased the appeal of your zoo, and used the abilities of the animals, your turn ends. Before the next player takes their turn, you replenish the display.*



ASSOCIATION

Perform exactly one association task.

I

To carry out an association task, you need at least 1 active association worker on your zoo map. Place this worker on the Association board on the task you want to perform. If 1 of **your** association workers is already on **this** task, you must instead place 2 to perform this task. If 3 of **your** association workers are already on **this** task, you cannot perform it again for the time being. Association workers in colors other than your own do not matter here.

In a break, all your association workers return to your zoo map and become active again. As a result, all the tasks again become available to perform with 1 association worker. More about this in *Break* on page 18.

Each task requires a different action strength X. You can only perform an association task if your Action card's strength is at least as high as the task's strength number.

The various tasks are:

2 **Increasing reputation**: Increase the reputation of your zoo by 2. Advance your Reputation counter on the Reputation track and receive any bonus shown, if applicable.

The reputation of your zoo determines how many cards you can access in the display (reputation range). In addition, a certain minimum reputation is required to play certain Sponsor cards (see *Sponsors* action page 17).



3 **Gaining a partner zoo**: Take a partner zoo from the Association board and place it on the lowest empty partner zoo space on your zoo map. If that space shows a bonus, take it once and immediately. You cannot take a partner zoo that you already have, all your partner zoos must be from different continents. Also, you may take a maximum of 4 partner zoos in total; your zoo map does not have space for a 5th. To take a third (or fourth) partner zoo, you must have upgraded the Association action to side II. If you already have all the partner zoos that are on the Association board at that moment, or if you cannot place the partner zoo on your zoo map, you cannot perform this task. In the break, the supply of partner zoos on the Association board is replenished (see *Break* page 18).

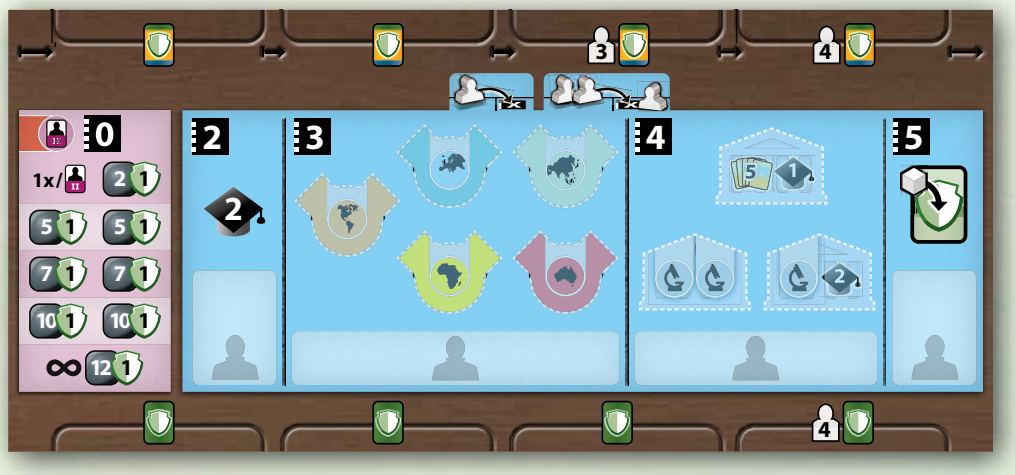
Each partner zoo reduces the cost of playing all Animal cards from its continent by 3 money per continent icon on the Animal card. It also provides you 1 icon of the respective continent, which may trigger other card effects and may count towards conservation projects. Certain Animal cards require a partner zoo from the same continent.

4 **Gaining a partner university**: Take a university from the Association board and place it on the lowest available university space of your zoo map. If that space shows a bonus, take it once and immediately. You also advance your Reputation counter accordingly if this is depicted on the university. You cannot take a university you already have. So, if you already have all the universities that are on the Association board at that moment, you cannot perform this task. In the break, the supply of universities on the Association board is replenished (see *Break* page 18).

Universities increase the reputation of your zoo, grant research icons, and are the only way to increase your hand limit to 5 cards.

The Association Board

The Association board is divided into 2 areas. In the blue area are the tasks that you can perform using your association workers. If you have not upgraded the *Association* action, you can only perform exactly 1 of these tasks. In the pink area, after upgrading your Association action card, you can gain additional conservation project points by donating to animal conservation organizations. Above and below the Association board are the conservation projects that you can support.



5 **Conservation project work**: You may either support a conservation project already in play or play a Conservation Project card from your **hand** and support it immediately. If you bring a **new** Conservation Project card into play, place it **above** the Association board on the **leftmost** space. If there is already a conservation project there, move all the Conservation Project cards above the board one place to the right before placing the card. Depending on your player count, there can only be up to 2, 3 or 4 cards above the Association board. If (after placing the new conservation project) there are more cards above the board than is allowed for your player count, put the rightmost card on the discard pile. Return any player tokens on the discarded card to the supply (not to the zoo map) of the corresponding player. The base conservation projects below the Association board are never moved even when they are fully supported. Also no new base conservation projects are added during the game.

To support a conservation project, you must fulfill a condition (depicted on the card) that has no player token on it. You are only allowed to support each conservation project **once**. This means you cannot support a project that already has one of your player tokens on it.

Place 1 player token of your choice **from the left side of your zoo map** on the condition you fulfill, and as a reward advance your Conservation counter and Reputation counter (if applicable) per the depicted award on the card. If you can fulfill more than one condition, you choose which one. An explanation of the various conservation projects is in the Glossary on page 1.

When you take the player token from your zoo map, you activate the corresponding bonus. You always gain the bonus immediately. With some of them, you also gain the bonus again during each break. Choose whether you take this bonus before or after the reward for the conservation project. The bonuses are explained in the icon overview.

Tip: It is sometimes worthwhile to support a conservation project on a lower level, for example in order to get the bonuses on the Conservation track or to activate an income on the left side of your zoo map early in the game.

Conservation Projects Layouts

These cards represent the different conservation projects you can support. Each card depicts 3 conditions **(1)** to fulfill, as well as the corresponding rewards **(2)**. Certain Conservation Project cards grant an additional bonus to the player who plays them **(3)**. There are two types of conservation projects.



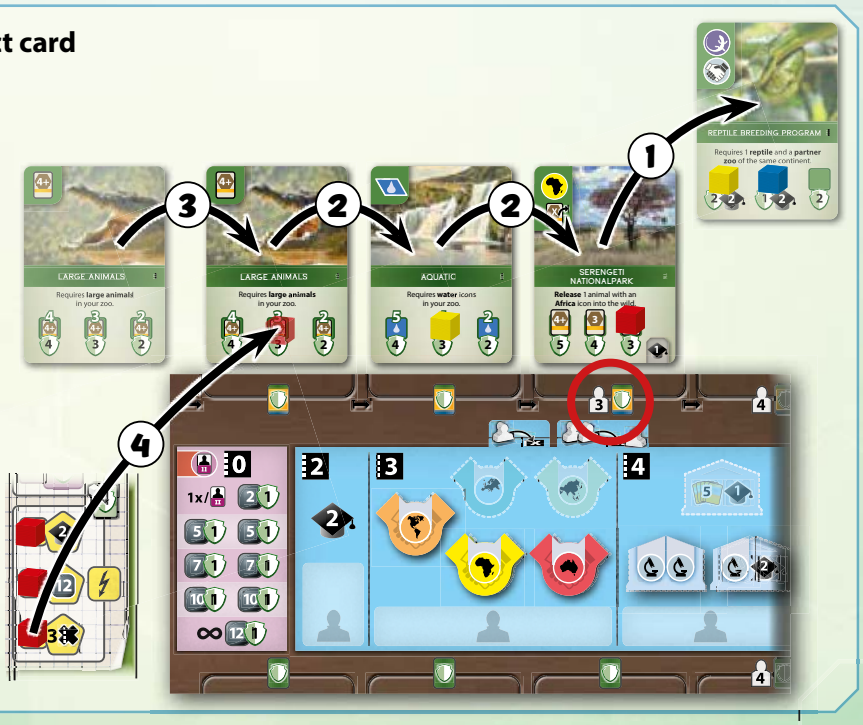
In most cases, you must have a certain number of a specific icon in your zoo (in the example to the left, Reptiles). Count the icons on the top edge of all your cards, both on Animal and Sponsor cards (including the water or rock space requirements, but not including the conditions on the left) as well as on your partner zoos and universities.



Conservation projects in which you release an animal into the wild work slightly differently. Instead of collecting a number of icons, you must discard 1 Animal card with a specific icon from your zoo (in this case, Africa **A**). You choose the matching animal to discard but the animal must require a standard enclosure of the depicted size **(B)**. Whether the animal can also be placed in a special enclosure is irrelevant to the condition. Move your Appeal counter back as many steps as indicated on the Animal card. Flip the smallest occupied standard enclosure that meets the animal's requirements from the occupied side to the empty side or remove the appropriate number of player tokens from your special enclosure, repectively. Place the Animal card on the discard pile. See Glossary page 1 for details to Release into the Wild conservation projects.

Example: Playing a Conservation Project card

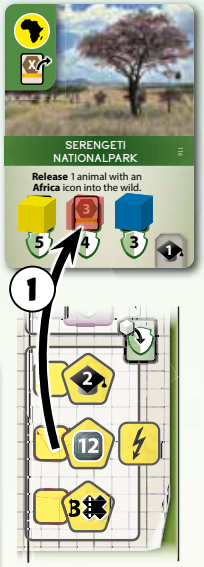
*You play a new Conservation Project card from your hand: Large Animals. Since there are three players and 3 conservation projects are already out, you must first discard the rightmost Conservation Project card (Reptile Breeding Program) **(1)**, move the other two project cards one position to the right **(2)**, and then place the new Large Animals card in the newly available space on the left **(3)**. Since you have 3 large animals in your zoo, take a player token from your zoo map and place it on the middle condition **(4)**. For this you gain 3 conservation project points. You also get the bonus on the space from which you took your player token, which was to immediately (and only once) take 3 X-tokens.*



Example: Releasing an animal

You decide to release your African Spurred Tortoise into the Serengeti National Park. The tortoise needs a 3-space enclosure and thus fulfills the middle condition, which is still unclaimed. You decide to mark the remaining space on the Conservation Project card with your player token from the "12 money" space ***(1)****.*

As the animal leaves your zoo, you remove 2 player tokens from your Reptile House and take them back into your supply. You move your counter on the Appeal track back 6 steps (the animal's appeal). The other information on the card doesn't matter. Then you advance your counter on the Conservation track 4 steps and take 12 money (since you took the player token from the corresponding bonus space). Finally, you place the African Spurred Tortoise card on the discard pile ***(2)****.*





ASSOCIATION II

Perform one or more different association tasks. You may make one donation.

If you have upgraded the *Association* action, you may perform **several different** association tasks with one action. For **each** task, you need 1 or 2 of your association workers. The total value of all association tasks may not exceed the strength X of your action card. The total value may be less.

If you select to perform conservation project work and support a new Conservation Project card, you may play that card directly from the display. The card you play must be within your reputation range. As an additional cost, you must pay an amount of money equal to the number on the folder from which you play the Conservation Project card. Do not replenish the display until you have completed your turn.

In addition to the association tasks, you are allowed to make exactly 1 donation to an animal welfare program. Pay the smallest amount of money visible in the "donation" area (0) into the general supply and then cover the corresponding space with one of your player tokens (from your supply) so that the amount of money on this space is no longer visible. You gain 1 conservation point for this. If all spaces but the last one are occupied by player tokens, each subsequent donation costs 12 money, and you do not have to place any more tokens on that space.

To be able to make a donation, you must have performed at least 1 association task during the same action. You do not need an association worker to make a donation. You can make a maximum of 1 donation per *Association* **action**.



Example: Association tasks with side II

You decide to spend an X-token for the Association action in card slot 5 to execute it with strength 6. You gain one university and 2 reputation with one association worker each ***(1)****. In addition, you pay 5 money as a donation and gain one conservation point for it* ***(2)****. The next donation will cost 7 money.*



SPONSORS

Play exactly 1 Sponsor card OR advance the Break token and take money.

This action allows you to play **exactly 1** Sponsor card from your hand, provided that the strength X of the action is at least equal to the level of the Sponsor card and you meet any conditions on the card (depicted on the left side of the card). Execute the instant effect (if available) and/or the recurring effect of the card (if available and triggered by the icon on this Sponsor card), then place it next to your zoo map.

Alternatively, you can use this action to advance the Break token X steps and take X money for doing so. You still take X money even if the Break token doesn't need all X steps to reach the final space.

SPONSORS

Play one or more Sponsor cards OR advance the Break token and take money.

If you have upgraded the *Sponsors* action, you can play **multiple Sponsor cards** with one action. The strength X of your action **plus 1** must be at least as high as the sum of the levels on all played cards (remember, with the help of X-tokens you can also increase the X beyond 5). Play the cards one after the other, meaning you completely execute all the instant effects of one card (except for "after finishing" effects) before playing the next card.

When playing Sponsor cards, you may choose to play them from the **display** or your hand. Any cards played from the display must be within your reputation range. Pay an additional cost equal to the number on the folder from which you play the Sponsor card. Do not replenish the display until you have completed your turn.

If you use the *Sponsors* action to advance the Break token, you take X money **twice**.

Finally, after upgrading your *Sponsors* action, you may also play Sponsor cards that have the icon as a condition.

Sponsor cards Layout

(1) The level for each Sponsor card is in its upper-left corner. **(2)** If the card lets you place a special building in your zoo, and this building must be built next to water or rocks, this requirement is shown next to the level (where it would also be on Animal cards). **(3)** Any conditions that you must fulfill in order to play the card are shown on the left side of the card. **(4)** If the card itself provides a icon, it is depicted in the upper-right corner.

Sponsor cards can have a variety of different effects. **(5)** If the card has a recurring effect, this is shown at the top of the card on a blue background, unless it gives you income during every break, in which case the background is purple.



(6) A one-off effect when playing the card is indicated by a yellow background in the lower-left corner of the card. **(7)** An effect during the final scoring is indicated by a brown background in the lower-right corner of the card. A vertical brown strip behind the card level **(1)** serves as a reminder that this card has an effect in the final scoring (in case you place the cards overlapping each other).

If an effect on a Sponsor card refers to an icon that appears on the Sponsor card itself, this icon counts for the effect or for triggering the effect. However, only the icons in the upper-right corners of cards **(4)** are used, not those anywhere else on the card, except for the rock and water icons, which are in the upper-left corner.

(8) Some effects are already explained on the Sponsor card itself; all card effects are explained on Glossary pages 4–7.

Example: Playing a Sponsor card

Use the Sponsors action to play the Meerkat Den card (see above). You need an action strength of 5 and the reputation of your zoo must be at least 3. You take the Meerkat Den from the unique buildings and place it on your zoo map, next to at least 1 rock. You can recognize the Meerkat Den by the icon in the lower-left corner of the card. Since the Meerkat Den itself has an herbivore icon, the appeal of your zoo immediately increases by 2.



X-TOKEN

Take 1 X-token.

If you cannot or do not want to perform any of the 5 actions, you can still use this alternative action and take 1 X-marker. You can perform this action using any Action card. It is independent of the X value of the card's slot. It doesn't matter whether the Action card has been upgraded.

You must still select an Action card, move it to slot 1, and shift the intervening cards to the right. Then, take an X-token. If you already have 5 X-tokens, you cannot perform this action.

Appeal and Conservation Points

During the game you increase the appeal of your zoo and collect conservation points. This is necessary to win and also helps you during the game.

The appeal of your zoo determines how much money you earn in each break.

Additionally, there are 4 spaces on the Conservation track that provide an immediate one-time effect when you reach or pass them. Those spaces are the following:

- **2 conservation points**:
  
  Either upgrade one of your Action cards (flip it over) **or** activate an additional association worker (take a lying worker from the lowest space below the notepad and place it onto the notepad). Either option is available to each player who reaches space 2.
- **5 / 8 conservation points**:
  
  
  Take **either** 5 money **or** one of the bonus tokens next to this space on the Conservation track. Execute the effect (money or Bonus token) immediately. If you take a Bonus token, remove it from the game afterwards. The option to take 5 money remains even after both Bonus tokens are gone.
- **10 conservation points**:
  
  The **first time** a player reaches, or exceeds, 10 Conservation Points, **all players** choose and discard one of their Final Scoring cards. Place them facedown under the pile of remaining Final Scoring cards. If no one accrues 10 Conservation Points before the game ends, all players must choose and discard a Final Scoring card before end game scoring can begin.

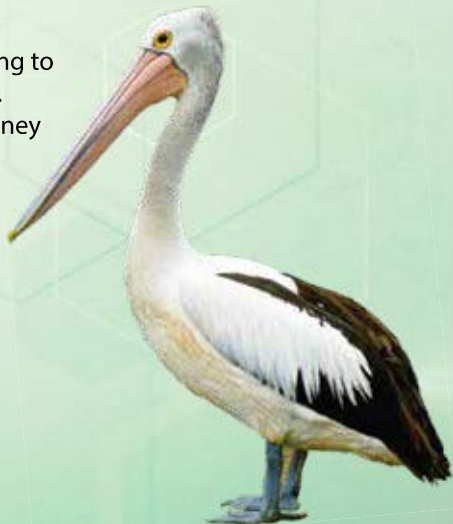
Break

Ark Nova does not follow a fixed round system. You take turns, taking 1 turn at a time, until the Break token has advanced to the last space of the Break track. An Action card, Sponsor card, or Animal card effect could cause this to happen. If you trigger the break, complete your current action, take the Break token, and all of you perform the following steps in order:

1. **Hand card limit**:
   
   If you have more cards in your hand than your hand limit allows, discard any surplus cards of your choice from your hand to the discard pile. Normally your hand limit is 3, but a particular university allows you to hold 5 (5).
2. **Tokens on Action cards**:
   
   If you have Multiplier, Venom, and/or Constriction tokens on your Action cards, return them to the supply. They no longer have any effect.
3. **Association board**:
   
   Return all your association workers from the Association board to the notepad on your zoo map. They become available to you again as active workers. Replenish the display of partner zoos and universities so that each zoo and university is again available exactly once. There is no need to replenish universities and partner zoos that all players already have.
4. **Replenish display**:
   
   Discard the two bottom cards of the display (folders 1 and 2) to the discard pile, move the remaining cards down and replenish the display. The icon on folders 1 and 2 serves as a reminder.
5. **Take income**:
   

   Most of the time, all players can take their income simultaneously. Some effects may require this to happen in player order, such as multiple players having an effect that allows them to take a card from the display. In these situations, begin with the player who initiated the Break, or the affected player closest to the player who initiated Break, and proceed clockwise around the table.

   a. Collect income according to the **appeal** of your zoo. Take the amount of money indicated next to your counter on the Appeal track.
   Example: If your counter is on space 7 of the Appeal track, take 11 money.



b. Collect income for the **kiosks** on your zoo map. Check each kiosk on your zoo map separately. You take 1 money for each unique building, special enclosure, **occupied** standard enclosure, and pavilion adjacent to it. A building must share at least one side of one space with a kiosk in order to be considered adjacent to it. An empty standard enclosure does not provide income (but an empty special enclosure does).

c. Collect all the **income** indicated by the following icon: . The icon appears on some Sponsor cards and in some bonuses on the left side of your zoo map. Take only the bonuses on your zoo map that you have already activated (those you have uncovered by placing the player token on a conservation project).

6. **Break track**:
Return the Break token to the starting space for your player count.

Then the break ends, and the game continues with the next player in clockwise order taking their next turn.

END OF GAME & FINAL SCORING

If a player's **Conservation counter** and **Appeal counter** are ever in the **same scoring area**, or if they pass one another, the end of the game is triggered. Scoring area means one space on the Conservation track and the adjacent spaces on the Appeal track. The player who triggered the end of the game will complete their turn and **all other players** will take one more turn before moving on to final scoring. If the end of the game is triggered during a **break**, **all players** will take one more turn.

At the end of the game, you still get points from your **Final Scoring card(s)**, as well as from all your cards with an end-of-game icon . Remember, if no player reached 10 conservation points, all players should discard one of their Final Scoring cards before adding these points to your totals.

Finally, it's time to tally Victory Points. Begin by looking at the scoring area where your Conservation tracker is located. Find the lowest Appeal value in that scoring area. This is your Target Number. Compare your Target Number to the value of your Appeal tracker. Subtract your Target Number from your Appeal value and the result is your Victory Points. The player with the **highest positive Victory Point** total is the winner. In case of a tie, the tied player who supported the most Conservation Projects wins the game (you can determine this by counting how many player tokens have been removed from left side of your zoo map). If the score is still a tie, all tied players share the victory.

If you notice, in order to have a positive score, your Appeal tracker and Conservation tracker have to cross one another! Keep that in mind as you make decisions and maximize your score!

Example: End of game

Red has 64 appeal and 20 conservation points. Both counters are in the same scoring area. The game end is triggered.



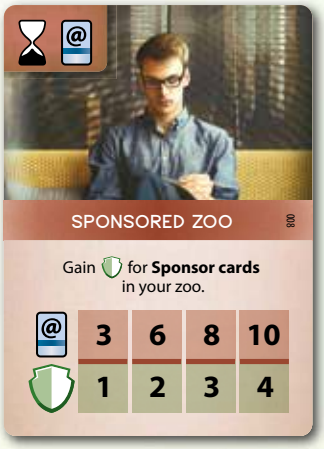
Example: Income for kiosks

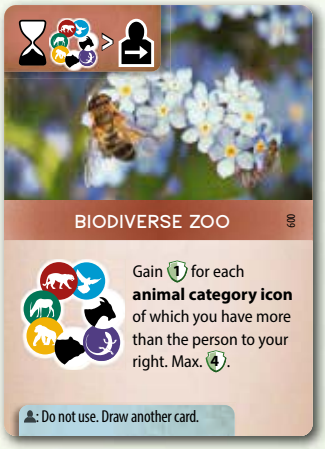
You take 4 money for your kiosks, 2 money for each of them.



Final Scoring Card Layout

Each Final Scoring card uses either a table (below, left) or text (below, right) to indicate how you can gain 1-4 additional Conservation Points at the end of the game. For scoring purposes, consider your universities and the cards in front of you and the icons on them. You can never gain more than 4 conservation points from a single Final Scoring card.





Example: Final scoring

(1) *Blue has 22 conservation points; the lowest appeal value in that scoring area is 58.*
(2) *Blue has only 54 appeal, which means Blue is 4 points short of that "target": Blue has –4 victory points.*

(3) *Red has 23 conservation points; the lowest appeal value in that scoring area is 55.* ***(4)*** *Red has 64 appeal, which means Red is 9 points beyond that "target": Red has 9 victory points.*



SOLO GAME

If you play Ark Nova on your own, modify the rules as follows:

Setup

- Lay out 3 basic Conservation Project cards and do **not** place any tokens of a different color on them (i. e. like a 3-player setup).
- Do not use the Break token. Instead, place 7 player tokens of any unused color on the spaces in the left column of the solo tile **(A)**.
- You start the game with 20 appeal.

Turn / Cards

Cards with interactive effects have a blue stripe at the bottom with the icon; the contents of the blue stripe replace the card's interactive effect with an appropriate solo effect. You will find this feature on 1 Final Scoring card and a number of Animal cards.

There can be up to 2 Conservation Project cards above the Association board.

If you perform an action that would advance the Break token, it simply doesn't. If you would take money for moving it, you still get the money. You do not get an X-token for triggering a break (see *Gameplay / Breaks* to the right).

Examples: You play the Cougar with the ability Jump 3. Although there is no Break token to advance, you still take 3 money.

You use the upgraded Sponsors action with a strength X of 4 for the break ability. Although there is no Break token to advance, you still take 8 money.

Difficulty Levels / Solo Challenge

We recommend that **beginners** start the solo game with an appeal of **20**. Depending on your experience, you could instead start the game with **10** or even **0** appeal. Starting the solo game with 0 appeal is quite a challenge! Feel free to play as many games as you like at each difficulty level.

As a **special challenge**, play 3 games in a row. In this case, do not shuffle the cards after each game. Instead, remove all cards from that particular game (discard pile, display, all of your cards, and all of the conservation projects) and set up the game with the remaining cards. Also remove the two zoo maps you had to choose from, as well as the 4 Bonus tiles. For the third game, you will have to reuse a random 3 of the removed Bonus tiles.

You no longer have access to the cards that are out of play, with the only exception being the animal abilities *Assertion* and *Dominance*.

At the end of each game, record your score; then total all 3 scores at the very end. If the sum is at least 0 (i.e. not negative) you have passed the challenge!

Gameplay / Breaks

Every time you end a turn, move the topmost player token in the left column of the solo tile onto the space to its right (in the right column) **(1)**. If you move the last token from the left column into the right column **(2)** (and thus reveal the break icon), you immediately resolve a break.

At the end of the break, place the topmost player token onto the open donation space with the smallest number on the Association board **(3)** (if all the other spaces, except for space 12, are already occupied place it next to space 12, even if this has no effect on the donations) and move the remaining tokens back into the left column of the solo tile (but now 1 more row is empty).

The game ends after 6 rounds, when only 2 tokens are left on the solo tile and you moved the bottom one to the right. Do not trigger another break, but do the final scoring instead.

If you have **at least** 0 victory points after the final scoring (meaning both your Appeal counter and Conservation counter have reached the same scoring area or passed each other), you have won the solo game.

Example: Setup and Gameplay



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