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## Overview of Exhibit Stations

There are surprising relationships between the Amazon River's flooded forest, its aquatic fauna and the people who live and study there. This exhibit is about biodiversity, field research, resource management and the ways people celebrate the Amazon River.

### Interactive Stations

1. Captain Mo's Boat Area – Board a riverboat to begin your Amazon voyage! See photographs of real riverboats, watch Captain Mo's welcome video and listen to the story of the “seven perils.”
2. Piranha Area – Compare a fossil cast of an extinct “mega-piranha” to a modern piranha skull and inspect the differences in their teeth. Learn about different piranha feeding strategies such as fin snipping and seed eating. Watch Teddy Roosevelt's video to discover how the piranha became one of the seven perils of the Amazon River. Visit three mural interactive computer stations for a self-directed exploration of the river.
3. Flooded Forest Area – Search through wet leaf litter for the muck fish with Paulo Petry. Touch a metal conductor to feel a slight electric shock equivalent to that of a small electric eel. Meet Philip Stoddard, a scientist who studies how fish communicate through electricity, and then probe a water tank to listen to the electric “sounds” of the knifefish.
4. Floating Home Area – Inspect a stylized floating home and artifacts that describe the lives of the local people. See pictures of a variety of floating and stilt houses. Learn how locals look for caimans' (alligators) eyeshine in a simulated nighttime environment. Enter an American living room designed by artist Ray Troll and discover the link between a typical aquarium tank and the economy of an Amazonian community.
5. Sandy Bank Area – Lean over a shallow stingray tank to see live freshwater rays swimming over a sandy bottom. Play with a variety of stingray skin patterns on different backgrounds to see how these fish hide in the many-colored sands of the Amazon. Visitors can manipulate a computer animation that slowly moves the continents over 80 million years to discover how stingrays became established in the Amazon River.

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6. Deep Channel Area – See a life-size cast of a giant catfish - one of the seven perils - and reach into its belly of to find what's really part of the piraíba's diet. See the casts of various Amazonian catfish and compare their extreme differences in size, shape, color and skin. Assemble a puzzle to match unique catfish adaptations to their niche in the river, identify key features of 12 catfish and organize them into different groups. Watch the film "Bloody Suckers" and sing along with a funny music video at the candirú karaoke booth.
7. Floodplain Lake Area – Flood and drain the forest to examine how water cyclically spreads over the floodplain and changes water levels over natural and man-made structures. Visitors can use their muscles and lift an anaconda model to get a feel for the snake's size and weight. Discover what the real seven perils of the Amazon River are by rotating triangles that describe the environmental problems the perils cause and the possible resource management solutions. See a model of a young pirarucu, the largest fish in the river, and find out why the fish are not as large as they once were.
8. Encante Stage Area – Enter the enchanted realm of pink dolphins! Try on dolphin hats and fish costumes and dance to an assortment of Brazilian music. Everyone can watch the video of an Amazonian girl rehearsing for the Barcelos Fish Festival, then watch how the people of Barcelos celebrate the river and its creatures.

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