



Sea Turtle Conservation Program

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Monitoring hawksbill nests in El Salvador

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a 2019 year round of funding for sea turtle conservation projects. Three new grants totaling \$495,000 were awarded and generated \$495,000 in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$990,000.

This slate of grants supports NFWF's developing Sea Turtles Business Plan (2019-2029) which will guide conservation investments for three focal populations and one developing population for the next 10 years. The plan focuses on strategies that are critical to stabilizing recovery trajectories for these populations, but are also relevant to regional threats other populations are facing.

Key conservation strategies for this program include reducing sea turtle bycatch in focal fisheries, nesting beach habitat restoration, protection and management, and building and maintaining capacity for population-scale conservation.

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Hawksbill sea turtle hatchling

Increasing Hawksbill Sea Turtle Nesting Beach Productivity and Reducing Bycatch in El Salvador

Grantee: Asociación ProCosta

Grant Amount:\$293,000
 Matching Funds:\$293,000
 Total Project:\$586,000

Reduce the threats of poaching and bycatch for hawksbill turtles in El Salvador. Project will monitor and secure over 600 anticipated nests and 50,000 hatchlings along the beaches of Los Cóbanos, Bahía de Jiquilisco, and Punta Amapala in El Salvador and conduct LED-equipped gillnet trials in Punta Amapala to assess bycatch reduction in the lobster gillnet fishery.

Identifying Leatherback Sea Turtle Bycatch Priorities in Trinidad and the Guianas

Grantee: World Wildlife Fund Guianas

Grant Amount: \$50,000
 Matching Funds: \$50,000
 Total Project:\$100,000

Assess the threat of bycatch in the Trinidad and Guianas for the Northwest Atlantic leatherback sea turtle into a population-level context. Project will conduct population modeling to determine survivorship goals for the region and support a regional workshop to discuss a strategy for meeting these goals and for addressing this bycatch hotspot.



Leatherback sea turtle

Monitoring Hawksbill Sea Turtle Recovery Along the Pacific Coasts of Central and South America

Grantee: The Ocean Foundation

Grant Amount:\$152,000
 Matching Funds:\$152,000
 Total Project:\$304,000

Compile data from hawksbill sea turtle nesting beaches in the eastern Pacific Ocean to evaluate population recovery. Project will increase in-water monitoring sessions to accelerate data compilation on young life stage hawksbills in order to advance tag saturation in foraging grounds.



Leatherback sea turtle hatchling