

**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
2010 Annual Reports
Public and Private Institutions of the Parties Involved in Sea Turtle Conservation**

Country	Institution/Entity	Responsibilities
Netherlands Antilles	Marine Park management organizations on each of the islands	Patrolling of the marine park and enforcement of the rules and regulations
	Coast Guard of the Netherlands Antilles & Aruba	Enforcement of national and island legislation in the territorial waters of the islands, and the Economic Fishery Zone
	Customs	Enforcement of the CITES regulations
	Foundation Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)	NGO working to increase public awareness and on monitoring of sea turtle nesting and tagging of sea turtles.
	St. Eustatius National Parks Foundation	Aside from management of marine park, also working on increase of public awareness and on monitoring of nesting.
	Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA)	Has organized several sea turtle monitoring training workshops in cooperation with STCB for participants from all Dutch islands
Belize	Belize Fisheries Department	All legal responsibility over sea turtles
	Belize Audubon Society	Monitoring
	Sea Turtle Conservation Network	Advisory to policy formulation
	Gales Point Wildlife Sanctuary Community Management Committee	Monitoring and Protection
	Toledo Institute for Development and Environment	Monitoring and Protection
	Southern Environmental Alliance	Monitoring and Protection
	ECO MAR	Research
	Wildlife Trust	Monitoring and Protection
	Wildlife Conservation Society	Training, research and protection
	World Wildlife Fund	Training and Technical advice
Brazil	ICMBio	Environmental Policy Guarantee the protection and recuperation of endangered species, including the five sea turtle species occurring along the Brazilian coast
	Fundação Pró-TAMAR	NGO - Co-management of Brazilian Sea Turtle Conservation Program - Projeto TAMAR/ICMBio
	Petrobras	Official Sponsor
	Instituto Estadual de Meio Ambiente e Recursos Hídricos	Environmental Enforcement Support
	Prefeitura Municipal de Camaçari	Environmental Enforcement Support
	Prefeitura Municipal de São Mateus	Environmental Enforcement Support
	Prefeitura Municipal de Anchieta	Environmental Enforcement Support
	Prefeitura Municipal de Serra	Environmental Enforcement Support

Prefeitura Municipal de Linhares	Technical Cooperation
Prefeitura Municipal de Ubatuba	Sponsorship
Gremar	Rehabilitation
Instituto de Pesquisas Cananéia	Monitoring of stranded animals
Instituto Albatroz	Technical Cooperation
Aquário Municipal de Santos	Sea Turtle Rehabilitation
Arcor	Sponsorship
Núcleo de Educação e Monitoramento Ambiental	Technical Cooperation
Laboratório de Biodiversidade e Evolução Molecular	Technical Cooperation
Laboratório Marcos Daniel	Technical Cooperation
Companhia Siderúrgica de Tubarão	Sponsorship
Samarco Mineração	Sponsorship
Conselho Nacional de Pesca Empresarial - CONEP	Technical Cooperation
ITAFISH Empresas Pesca	Technical Cooperation
IMAI Pesca	Technical Cooperation
Ministério de Pesca e Aquicultura	Technical Cooperation
Bahia Pesca	Technical Cooperation
Instituto de Pesca de São Paulo	Technical Cooperation
Projeto Biopesca	Monitoring of stranded animals and by catch
Research and Monitoring Fishing Centers of Ibama (Pará, Pernambuco, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande)	Technical Cooperation
Programa de Avaliação do Potencial Sustentável de Recursos Vivos na Zona Econômica Exclusiva - REVIZEE	Technical Cooperation
Universidade Estadual de Feira de Santana Laboratórios de Ciências do Mar e Pesca	Technical Cooperation
Universidade Federal da Bahia Escola de Medicina Veterinária	Technical Cooperation
Universidade de Vila Velha	Technical Cooperation
Universidade Estadual Norte Fluminense	Technical Cooperation
Universidade Federal Rural de Pernambuco	Technical Cooperation
Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul	Technical Cooperation
Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro	Technical Cooperation
Universidade de São Paulo	Technical Cooperation

Faculdades Associadas de Espirito Santo	Technical Cooperation
Fundação Universidade Federal do Rio Grande	Technical Cooperation
Museu Oceanográfico da Fundação Universidade Federal do Rio Grande	Technical Cooperation
Universidade do Vale do Itajaí - UNIVALI	Technical Cooperation
Cia Energetica de Pernanmbuco - Celpe	Sponsorship

Costa Rica

National System of Conservation Areas	Protection of marine protected areas and nesting sites for turtles. Facilitate, promote and implement scientific research and environmental education activities
University of Costa Rica	Research
National University/ Wildlife MSc	Research
National Institute of Fisheries and Aquaculture	Authorize, regulate and supervise fishing gear in the area
Ministry of Public Security: National Guard Service (SNG) and Police Force	Work to protect and enforce country's legislation.
ANAI/WIDECAST-CR	Research, monitoring, training, environmental education, control
Caribbean Conservation Corporation	Monitoring, research, advocacy, environmental education
PRETOMA	Research and control
WWF/Junquillal	Research and funding
National Sea Turtle Network	Monitoring, policies, strategies.
CEDARENA	Analysis and legal support
MARVIVA	Control, protection and legal support
ASVO	Research, control, protection and environmental education
WCS	Financial support
Leatherback Trust	Research, Financial support
Tuva Foundation	Research
Judiciary Forensic Science Laboratory-	Chemical and biochemical analysis, legal support and research
Marine Park	Research
Ecoteach	Research
Las tortugas Station	Research
CORCOVADO Foundation	Research
Endangered Wildlife Trust	Research
Friends of Osa	Research

Foundation for the Balance between Conservation and Development (FUNDECODES)	Finance, administrative
University of Louisiana	Research

Ecuador

Machalilla National Park	Protect and conserve terrestrial and marine ecosystems inhabited by marine turtles.
Galapagos National Park	Assure adequate protection and conservation of sea turtle species through managing their habitats in the Galapagos Archipelago
Charles Darwin Foundation	Provide the Galapagos National Park with biological information to manage sea turtles in the Galapagos Archipelago
Sub-secretary of Fisheries Resources	Control, regulation, evaluation, and inspection of fisheries activities at a national level. Governmental body that controls national fishing activities.
National Fisheries Institute	Determine the incidence of sea turtle bycatch in artisanal fisheries and in nesting areas along the coast of Ecuador.
Ministry of the Environment	Create environmental management policies in the territory of Ecuador.
Sub-secretary of Marine and Coastal Management	Establish management and conservation policies for sea turtle species found along the coast of continental Ecuador, the creation of a National Action Plan for sea turtle conservation.
General Direction of Maritime Interests of the Navy (DIGEIM)	Legislation on Oceanic and Coastal Policies.
Equilibrio Azul	Evaluation of sea turtle nesting beaches and foraging areas in Machalilla National Park
Congal Biomarine Station, Jatun Sacha Foundation	Develop projects related to sustainable fisheries and mariculture activities in the Esmeraldas region to reduce the fisheries pressure and incidental fishing of turtles.
ECOLMAR	Identification of important sites (nesting, strandings, foraging, fishing, etc.) in the Esmeraldas region with community involvement
Sea Turtle Research Group, State University Peninsula de Santa Elena	Collect basic information on sea turtles in the Santa Elena Peninsula
NAZCA, Marine Research Institute	Create biological-ecological information on sea turtle populations along the coasts of Ecuador and support the decision making process on appropriate measures for their conservation and protection.
Ecuadorian Foundation for the Study of Marine Mammals (FEMM)	Study of marine species (birds, mammals and reptiles), their conservation and awareness and education of coastal communities.
WWF	Conduct programs to reduce sea turtle bycatch in longline artisanal fisheries along the coast of Continental Ecuador through training events and distribution of fishing gear and technology to reduce bycatch events, evaluation and monitoring.
IATTC	Monitor incidental fishing of sea turtles associated with tuna fishing, create databases
Hostería Las Tunas, Puerto López (Monica Fabara)	Develop sustainable community activities and projects and create awareness on sea turtle conservation in the sector.
METIS Foundation	National communication strategies for citizen awareness.
Conservation International	Support sea turtle conservation and protection in the marine landscapes of the Southeast Pacific
CPPS, Action Plan for the Southeast Pacific	Regional action plan for the conservation of sea turtles in the SEPacific
Foundation Fisheries observer program PROBECUADOR	Monitor sea turtle bycatch associated with tuna fishing, create a database
ECOBIOTEC	Creation of a National Action Plan for sea turtles
Pacoche Wildlife Refuge	Pacoche Wildlife and Coastal Marine Refuge, committed to consolidating the national system of Protected Areas in areas with sensitive biodiversity in the coastal marine zone of Continental Ecuador

	Environmental Direction of Province of Manabi	Natural Patrimony Unit
	Arena Foundation	Follow-up on nesting beaches in th northern part of Manabi.
Guatemala	Pacific Naval Base –CONAPAC-	Control and ocean patrols , hatchery managment
	Caribbean Naval Base –CONACAR-	Control and ocean patrols
	Wildlife Conservation and Rescue Association–ARCAS-	Hatchery management
	Guatemalan Exporters Association–AGEXPORT-	Hatchery management/ted implementation
	Friends of the Forest Association-AAB-	Hatchery management
	Center for Conservation Studies –CECON	Management of protected areas/hatchery management/research
	School of Biology, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala-USAC-	Research
	National Fisheries & Aquaculture Management Unit – UNIPESCA-	Country's entity for fisheries regulation / teds /control and patrols
	Mario Dary Foundation–FUNDARY-	Management of protected areas /hatchery management
	Center for Ocean and Aquiculture Studies –CEMA	Research related to fishing and aquiculture
	National Civil Police, Through the Nature Protection Division –DIPRONA-	Control and patrols
	Faculty of Veterinarian Medicine and Zoology of the University of San Carlos. –FMVZ-	Research
	National Council on Protected Areas –CONAP	Management of protected areas and wildlife. Hatchery management
	Guatemalan Austrian High School-IAG-	Hatchery management
	Integrated Management of Natural Ecosystems and the Environment Association _MILENYA	Hatchery management
Taxisco Municipality	Hatchery management	
Turtle Protection Group-Protrortuga	Research and dissemination	
Honduras	DIGEPESCA	Issues resolutions for temporary closures.
	General Department of Fisheries and Aquiculture	Controls period of closure and its restrictions on use.
	SERNA-DIBIO	Sustainable Biodiversity Protection and Conservation Laws.
	Municipality of Marcovia and UMA (Environmental Unit)	Collaborates with infrastructure (camps) and participates in establishing closures.
	National Aquaculture Association of Honduras (ANDAH)	Participates in establishing closures (25 days)
	NGO ProTector	Tagging program in south of Honduras
	PNUD/Small Grants Program	Support Sea Turtle Conservation in the Southern Part of the Country
	Committee for the Defense and Development of Fauna and Flora of the Gulf of Fonseca (CODDEFFGOLF)	Develops joint conservation activities with fishermen and members of the Association of Artisanal Fishermen of the Gulf APAGOLF (currently in Punta Raton)

Mexico	Secretary of Natural Resources and the Environment SEMARNAT/ National Commission on Natural Protected Areas CONANP	On November 29 of 2006, revisions made to the internal Regulations of Semarnat were published in the Official Diary that establishes Conanp, through the General Direction of Regional Operations, as the entity in charge of the National Program for the Protection, Conservation, Research and Management of Sea Turtles which coordinates 31 Sea Turtle Protection Centers including the Mexican Turtle Center in 15 coastal states in the country.
	Federal Attorney General of Environmental Protection PROFEPA.	Conduct inspection and monitoring operations in fisheries collection centers, restaurants, feed stores, markets, highways, bus terminals and patrols on nesting beaches. Verify and certify the use of turtle excluder devices.
	General Wildlife Division DGVS.	Application of the policy to conserve and protect marine chelonid species and regulate the operation of 207 turtle camps managed by non-governmental organizations, universities, fishermen groups and individuals
	General Direction of the Federal Land Maritime Zone and Coastal Environments ZOFEMAT.	Regulate the use of the federal land maritime zones, of nesting beaches (ZOFEMAT).
	Naval Secretary SEMAR	Assist in carrying out inspection and patrolling activities on the coasts and at nesting beaches.
	Secretary of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishing and Food	Promote and establish measures on the use of turtle excluder devices in shrimp fleets.
	CONAPESCA. National Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission	Establish measures to regulate fisheries.
	National Fisheries Institute INP	Conduct research on fishing types and gear and on fisheries resources.
	Attorney General of the Republic	Penalties and enforce application of laws relating to sea turtles.
	Northern Biological Research Center (CIBNOR) in La Paz	Research
	Autonomous University of Baja California Sur (UABCS)	Research
	Campo Puerto School . San Carlos, BCS	Conservation, Research
	Kutzari Association for the study and conservation to the Sea Turtles, A. C.	Conservation, Training, Research, Outreach
	Autonomous University of Benito Juárez of Oaxaca	Research, human resources
	Sudcaliforniano Association for the Protection of Marine Turtles and the Environment (ASUPMATOMA)	Conservation, Environmental Education, Research
	Mazatlán Aquarium	Protect eggs, females and hatchlings along 21 km of beach between "Olas Altas" and "Cerritos" in the town of Mazatlan, Sinaloa
	Veracruz State Government	Protect eggs, females and hatchlings on the beach in Nautla, Ver
	Veracruz Aquarium, A. C.	Protection activities on the beach of Sacrificios Island, Ver.
	National Commission for Development of Indigenous Towns (CONADEPI)	Protection activities on the beaches of southern Veracruz
	Tampico Alto City Council (Gov. of the State of Veracruz)	Protection activities at Hidden Paradise Beach, Ver.
Tamiahua City Council (Gov. of the State of Veracruz)	Protection activities in Tamiahua, Ver.	

Tuxpan City Council (Gov. of the State of Veracruz)	Protection activities on the beaches: "Barra de Galindo and Bahía de Cochinos", Ver.
Cazones City Council (Gov. of the State of Veracruz)	Protection activities at El Farallón beach, Ver.
Ursulo Galván City Council (Gov. of the State of Veracruz)	Protection activities in Chachalacas, Ver.
Cabos City Council (Baja California Sur)	Protection activities on the beaches of Cabos, Baja California Sur
Secretary of Ecology of the Campeche State Government	Protection activities in Campeche
Secretary of Environment and Housing of the Government of the State of Chiapas	Protection activities in the municipalities of Tonala, Pijijiapan and Acapetahua, Chiapas.
Sub-department of Ecology and Environment of the Municipality of Jose Azueta	Protective activities in the municipality of José Azueta, Guerrero
Benito Juarez City Council (Government of the State of Quintana Roo)	Protective activities in the municipality of Benito Juarez, Quintana Roo
Isla Mujeres City Council (Government of the State of Quintana Roo)	Protective activities in the municipality of Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo
Secretary of Public Works, Urban Development and Ecology in the state of Tamaulipas	Protective activities in the municipality of Marina, Tamaulipas
Secretary of Development and Environment (Government of the State of Yucatán)	Protective activities in the municipality of Telchac Puerto, Hunucma and Dzilam de Bravo, Yucatán
Marine Sciences and Limnology Institute, UNAM	Research, training and outreach
State Environmental Coordination of the Government of Veracruz (CEMA)	Protective activities on one beach in Veracruz
State Council of Environmental Protection of the State of Veracruz (COEPA)	Assist with training, materials and establish agreements in the state of Veracruz.
Flora, Fauna and Culture, A. C.	Protection activities on beaches in Quintana Roo, including Xcacelito Xcacel Beach
PRONATURA, Yucatán Peninsula	Protection activities on beaches in Yucatán and Quintana Roo.
Grupo Tortuguero de las Californias	Coordinate groups monitoring turtles in foraging areas and nesting sites in the Peninsula of Baja California, Research on reconverting fisheries, environmental education.
Cuizmala Ecological Foundation, A.C.	Protection activities in the Cuizmala Sanctuary, Jalisco.
Cozumel Parks and Museums Foundation	Protection activities in the municipality of Cozumel, Quintana Roo
Ecology Foundation, Príncipe Tulum Bay, S.A. of C.V.	Protection activities in the municipality of Solidaridad, Quintana Roo
Oaxaca Coast Wetlands Network	Protection activities in the municipalities of Santa Maria Tonameca, Santa Maria Colotepec, San Pedro Tututepec and Santiago Jamiltepec, in the state of Oaxaca.
Ukana I Center, Akumal, A.C.	Protection activities in Akumal Bay, Quintana Roo

Panama	Authority on Aquatic Resources of Panama, ARAP	National Sea Turtle Programs within the coastal-marine areas of the Pacific and Caribbean coasts of Panama.
	National Environmental Authority, ANAM	Sea turtles found within protected areas of the Pacific and Caribbean coasts of Panamá.
	MarViva	Sea turtle conservation projects in the Veraguas province.
	Caribbean Conservation Corporation	Sea turtle conservation projects in the Bocas del Toro province.
	WWF-Panamá	By-Catch Program // EPRSTP// specific type of fishing gear they work with: Longline.
Perú	Ministry Foreign Affairs	IAC Focal Point
	Ministry of Production	Regulations, control and monitoring. Awareness activities through the Artisanal Fisheries Outreach Program.
	Ministry of Agriculture	Regulations
	Ocean Institute of Peru (IMARPE)	Research
	Forestry General direction of Flora and Fauna	Regulations and control
	General Direction of Harbors and Ports (DICAPI)	Control and inspections
	Municipalities	Control
	Regional Departments of Production	Control and monitoring. Promote public awareness within artisanal fishing communities through trained fishermen.
	NGOs APECO: Peruvian Association for Nature Conservation	Conduct research and conservation projects to asses marine fauna and make recommendations on the impacts that human activities are causing.
	NGO ProDelphinus	Conduct scientific projects in short and medium term to estimate sea turtle mortality in fishing, promote turtle conservation among fishermen and local communities and provide this information to local authorities to help prepare IAC reports as well as national reports .
Uruguay	National Department of Aquatic Resources	Research. Control and legislation of aquatic resources
	Research and Marine Conservation Center	Research and conservation of marine resources
	Karumbé	Research, Rehabilitation and Conservation of Sea Turtles. Promote Marine Protected Areas
United States	U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service	Responsible for conservation of marine turtles in their marine habitats including regulation of fisheries
	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Responsible for conservation of marine turtles on nesting beaches.
	States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Territory of U.S. Virgin Islands	Legislative authorities that protect endangered or threatened species such as sea turtles and have authority to regulate activities on nesting beaches and fishing activity in state waters.
	Numerous City and County governments (e.g., Broward County, Florida; Martin County, Florida; Volusia County, Florida, and Town of Jupiter Island, Florida)	Manage or fund marine turtle projects on nesting beaches and/or enforce local lighting ordinances for sea turtle protection.
	Numerous local sea turtle conservation organizations based in the U.S.	Involved in nesting beach surveys, stranding response, conservation advocacy, and/or public education.
	Caribbean Conservation Corporation; The Ocean Conservancy; Earth Island Institute	Involved in public education and advocacy.

Venezuela	Ministry of the Environment, "National Bureau of Biodiversity"	Ensure the conservation and protection of biological diversity, design, coordinate and implement plans and strategies for the conservation of biodiversity with the active participation of communities
	National Parks Institute (INPARQUES)	Creation, management and conservation of national parks
	Ministry of Agriculture and Lands / SOCIALIST INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE (INSOPESCA)	Encourage, promote, develop and regulate fishing activities based on the guiding principles that ensure the production, conservation, control, management, promotion, research and responsible and sustainable exploitation of aquatic resources, taking into account relevant biological, technological, economic, food security, social, cultural, environmental and commercial aspects.
	Ministry of Science and Technology / INIA	The executive body of the Ministry of Science and Technology is in charge of research and providing specialized services to generate and validate the knowledge and technologies needed by the agricultural feed chains for the Venezuelan government and its objective is to carry out scientific research, technological development, consulting and offer specialized services in the area, thus contributing to sustainable development and competitive agricultural, livestock, forestry, fisheries and rural sectors.
	Defense Ministry / Army (Coastguard), National Guard (Environmental Guard)	Police and control coastal marine areas, supporting ecological activities that help conserve the marine environment and coordinate research and administrative procedures in case of legal infractions.
	CICTMAR	Contribute to research and conservation of sea turtles and their habitats, in order to provide the scientific information necessary for making decisions within the public and private sectors. Promote and strengthen networks and specialist groups at national and international levels and the public through outreach and training.
	FUNDATUN	Design and implement Onboard Observer Programs
	La Salle Foundation	Teaching, research
	IVIC	Teaching, research
	Gulf of Venezuela Sea Turtle Working Group	Sea Turtle research and conservation projects in the Gulf of Venezuela
Central University of Venezuela	Teaching, research	