

**2007 Summary of Projects Approved for Funding
Marine Turtles Conservation Fund**

22 Grants Total FWS Funding: \$640,601 Total Leveraged Funds: \$1,133,517

Monitoring and management of leatherback nesting at Jarnursba Medi and Warmon Beaches in the Bird's Head Region – Papua, Indonesia. In partnership with the State University of Papua. This grant will support research to monitor the leatherback nesting population status, hatchling production, threats and a threat mitigation protocol and ensure the effective involvement of local communities in the recovery program for West Pacific leatherback nesting populations. FWS: \$49,832. Leveraged funds: \$55,760.

Community based marine turtle nesting beach conservation in Quang Tri Province, central coast of Vietnam. In partnership with the World Conservation Union (IUCN). This grant will support a new community based sea turtle conservation program targeted at restoration of a once significant but now depleted leatherback nesting population. FWS: \$26,311. Leveraged funds: \$22,473.

Population studies to support conservation and management of hawksbill populations in the Indian Ocean. In partnership with the University of Canberra, Australia. The grant will support collaborative research to identify discrete hawksbill nesting management units within the Indian Ocean region as well as to provide population genetics information that will enable managers to begin to determine the composition of the mixed stocks on important foraging grounds, critical information that will foster the collaboration of countries with shared stocks in the Indian Ocean region. FWS: \$18,270. Leveraged funds: \$25,115.

Equatorial Guinea, Research and conservation of major sea turtle nesting populations in West Africa. In partnership with the National Institute for Forest Development Management of System of Protected Areas (INDEFOR). This grant will support monitoring and nest protection programs for local communities to conserve the major leatherback nesting population in south Bioko, Equatorial Guinea and establish new monitoring and nest protection programs for leatherback and green turtles in the Rio Campo Natural Reserve on the mainland of Equatorial Guinea. FWS: \$25,000. Leveraged funds: \$39,075.

Leatherback and hawksbill turtle research and population recovery project in Panama. In partnership with Caribbean Conservation Corporation. This grant supports efforts to restore the the Chiriqui Beach nesting population of hawksbill nesting turtles, once the largest in the Wider Caribbean, in partnership with the local Nogbe Indian communities. The project also supports monitoring and protection of one of the largest leatherback nesting populations in the Western Caribbean. FWS: \$49,832. Leveraged funds: \$97,379.

Borgor Point, Liberia Sea Turtle Conservation and Educational Empowerment Project. In partnership with Save My Future Foundation, Liberia. This grant will support community based conservation programs to monitor and protect leatherback, hawksbill and olive ridley sea turtles along 14 km of nesting beaches in southwest Liberia. FWS: \$25,190. Leveraged funds: \$10,000.

Capacity building- marine turtle conservation programs in developing counties. In partnership with the International Sea Turtle Society. This grant will provide travel grants for sea turtle biologists and conservationists from developing countries who would otherwise be unable to attend the 27th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation and benefit all seven species of sea turtles. This annual gathering brings together between 600-1000 marine turtle conservations from over 80 countries and provides excellent venue for regional meetings and coordination, training workshops and information exchange of marine turtle conservation projects throughout the world. It also provides for the international team building and networking of the global marine turtle community which is scattered and isolated in many remote areas of the world throughout most of the year. FWS: \$25,000. Leveraged funds: \$50,000.

Conservation of the Pearl Cays hawksbill rookery and community ecotourism development. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support the monitoring and protection of hawksbill nesting populations on 12 of the Pearl Keys as well as assist local communities to develop and expand conservation of hawksbill turtles through ecotourism based turtle watching. FWS: \$46,493. Leveraged funds: \$56,652.

The Gabon Sea Turtle Partnership for leatherback research and conservation, 2007-2008. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support monitoring and nesting beach conservation programs for one of the two largest leatherback nesting populations in the world through the newly created alliance of government, NGO and local community participants as a result previous MTCA funding. FWS: \$120,000. Leveraged funds: \$74,250.

Technical assistance for sea turtle research and conservation in the Gabon, Congo, San Tome & Principe, and Equitorial Guinea. In partnership with the Wildlife Conservation Society. This grant will support a critical need for training and technical support for marine turtle research and management projects in several West African countries with major leatherback and green nesting populations. FWS: \$22,000. Leveraged funds: \$15,850.

Strengthening the monitoring and conservation program for hawksbill sea turtles in Barbados, West Indies. In partnership with the University of West Indies, Barbados. This grant will support monitoring and protection of one of the key hawksbill nesting populations in the Caribbean as well as provide technical support and assistance for other hawksbill conservation projects in the region. FWS: \$29,000. Leveraged funds: \$54,500.

Conservation of Pacific Leatherbacks and other marine turtles in Junquillal Beach, Costa Rica, community livelihoods approach. In partnership with the World Wildlife Fund. This grant will support efforts to monitor and protect the leatherback nesting population on Junquillal Beach, Costa Rica and ensure the effective involvement of local communities in the recovery program for East Pacific leatherback nesting populations. Recommended funding for \$10,000; matching contribution of \$41,608.00 from World Wildlife Fund and Sustainable Forestry Management.

Support for Capacity Building and International Instruments for the Conservation of Marine Turtles and their Habitats. In partnership with the Smithsonian Institution. The purpose of this project is to provide technical support provide technical support for regional capacity building in the Western Hemisphere and Indo-Asian Regions. Under this Award the Recipient will: provide scientific and technical support for Scientific Committee meetings and business of the Inter-American Sea Turtle Convention and Indian Ocean Southeast Asian Marine Turtle Agreement. Recommended funding for \$10,000 with matching contribution of \$2,500 from Smithsonian Institution.

Hawksbill Nesting Beach Reconnaissance Project on Roatan, Honduras. In partnership with Loma Linda University, California. The grant will support hawksbill nest surveys at Roatan Island, Honduras and provide training for local participants to assist in the monitoring. Recommended funding for \$5,710; matching contribution of \$53,316 from Loma Linda University, Reef House Resort, Bay Islands Conservancy and Proyecto Manejo Ambientales de Isla de Bahía.

Conservation of Leatherback Turtle in the Mexican Pacific 2007-2008. In partnership with the Kutzari Association. This grant will support monitoring and nest protection on primary nesting beaches to conserve the major leatherback nesting population Pacific Mexico. Recommended funding for \$25,000; matching contribution of \$251,589 from Kutzari and Mexico National Commission for the Protection of Natural Areas.

Protection of Leatherback Nests at Wermon Beach in the Bird's head region-Papua, Indonesia. In partnership with The State University of Papua, Indonesia. This grant supports efforts to survey and protect leatherback nests on one of the most important West Pacific leatherback nesting beaches. Recommended funding of \$27,195; matching contribution of \$46,250 from The State University of Papua and the World Wildlife Fund.

Research and Protection of Leatherback turtle nesting at Playa Langosta, Las Baulas National Marine Park, Costa Rica. In partnership with Leatherback Trust. This grant will support conservation programs to monitor and protect leatherback sea turtles along 1.4 km of nesting beach. Recommended funding of \$28,800; matching contribution of \$17,960 from The Leatherback Trust, project volunteers and Las Baulas National Marine Park.

Regional Assessment of Arribada Olive Ridley Sea Turtles. In partnership with Southeastern Louisiana University. This grant will support efforts to monitor three major arribada olive ridley nesting populations in Mexico and Costa Rica. Recommended

funding of \$30,690; matching contribution of \$25,110 from Southeastern Louisiana University.

Sasakolo and Litoghahira Leatherback Turtle Monitoring and Conservation Project. In partnership with the The Nature Conservancy. This grant will support the monitoring and protection of leatherback nesting populations on the two most important nesting beaches in the Solomon Islands . Recommended funding of \$23,733; matching contribution of \$52,039 from The Nature Conservancy.

Sea Turtle Conservation Program at the North Coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico. In partnership with Pronatura Peninsula de Yucatan, A.C. This grant will support monitoring and nesting beach conservation programs for three major hawksbill nesting beaches in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico. Recommended funding of \$7,562; matching contribution of \$16,370 from Pronatura Peninsula de Yucatan.

Community based leatherback conservation program, Hamilton, Sierra Leone. In partnership with the Conservation Society of Sierra Leone. This grant will support development of a community based leatherback conservation project at Hamilton Beach, Sierra Leone. Recommended funding of \$15,000, matching contribution of \$8,300 by Conservation Society of Sierra Leone.

Strategic Development of Initiatives for Marine Turtle Conservation in Oman. In partnership with the Environmental Society of Oman. This grant will provide material and logistical support to for the Ministry of Environment rangers to conduct standardized and more comprehensive loggerhead nesting surveys at Masirah Island as well as providing training support for Ministry rangers and overall public outreach for marine turtle conservation issues in Oman. Recommended funding of \$31,000; matching contribution of \$21,800 from Environmental Society of Oman, Marine Research Institute and Ministry of Environment.