U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of International Conservation Marine Turtle Conservation Fund FY2013

In 2013, the USFWS awarded 45 projects from the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund totaling \$1,746,987 which was matched by \$2,259,756 in additional leveraged funds. Field projects in 26 countries (in alphabetical order below) will be supported.

BANGLADESH

MT13-026

Grant #F13AP00201

Community Based Sea Turtle Conservation and Restoration Project in Bangladesh. In partnership with Marinelife Alliance, this project will support community based sea turtle conservation along 75 miles of coastline. Activities include: nesting beach surveys and protection, education and outreach with local communities and schools, and bycatch data will be collected from over 1,000 fishers. This project will serve as a model in Bangladesh for marine turtle conservation and will help expand conservation within the country.

FWS: \$24,000 Leveraged funds: \$28,450

BARBADOS

MT13-005

Grant #F13AP00162

Building Capacity for Conservation of Hawksbill Turtles in Barbados. In partnership with the University of West Indies, this project will continue long term conservation programs at key hawksbill nesting beaches in Barbados, which hosts one of the three largest hawksbill nesting populations in the Caribbean.

FWS: \$34,000 Leveraged funds: \$81,120

CABE VERDE

MT13-009

Grant #F13AP00311

Protection of Nesting Loggerhead Turtles in Cabe Verde. In partnership with Associacão Dos Tartarygas Marinhas e Meio Ambiente SOS Tartarugas, this project will conduct patrols to protect loggerhead nesting females and nests at Serra Negra, Costa Fragata and Algodoeiro beaches on the Island of Sal throughout the nesting season. Outreach programs will be implemented to diminish light pollution impacts on nesting beaches of Sal, and conservation related education materials and activities will be distributed to local schools, youth and other groups.

FWS: \$52,000 Leveraged funds: \$87,800

CAPE VERDE

MT13-021 Grant #F13AP00325 Strengthening the Marine Turtle National and International Conservation Strategy in Cape Verde: Management of Loggerhead Turtle Critical Habitats. In partnership with BIOS, Cape Verde, this project will provide support for staff (local and international) and a field camp to protect nesting loggerheads and nests on Joao Barrosa beach. This is one of the highest density nesting beaches on Boa Vista and accounts for 90 percent of the Cape Verde loggerhead nesting population. Outreach and environmental education and awareness activities will also be conducted with local communities.

FWS: \$17,594 Leveraged funds: \$71,549

MT13-031

Grant #F13AP00309

Protecting Loggerhead Turtle Nesting Beaches on Boa Vista Island, Cape Verde. In partnership with the Turtle Foundation, this project will support evening beach patrols in collaboration with the military, to protect nesting loggerhead females from rampant illegal slaughter on important nesting beaches, on the Cape Verde Island of Boa Vista, which hosts about 90 % of the Cape Verde nesting population. The grantee will set up two camps and one field station to cover Norte, Canto, Boa Esperanca, Aqua Doce, Lacacao, Curral Velho, Ponta Pesqueira, Varandinha and Santa Monica beaches, which will complement the coverage of Natura 2000 and Bios CV activities on Boa Vista. In addition a public awareness campaign will be implemented in schools and communities throughout the island.

FWS: \$52,000 Leveraged funds: \$52,000

MT13-039

Grant #F13AP00310

Conservation Strategies for the Cape Verde Loggerhead Population: Management of the Most Important Nesting Areas through National and International Cooperation. In partnership with Cabo Verde Natura 2000, this project will support field staff for two field camps that effectively protect about 40% of the nesting on the Island of Boa Vista. These camps cover Ervatao and Porto Ferreira beaches on the island of Boa Vista which accounts for 90 percent of the Cape Verde loggerhead nesting population.

FWS: \$42,400 Leveraged funds: \$82,900

MT13-040

Grant #F13AP00307

Reducing Mortality of Nesting and Foraging Turtles Maio, Cape Verde. Maio has the second largest loggerhead nesting in Cape Verde and more organized and directed efforts to protect nesting females began only in 2012 with a grant from the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund. In partnership with Maio Biodiversity Foundation, this project will support continued patrols by trained local community members at six main nesting beaches. The patrols will investigate the direct killing and fisheries bycatch of loggerheads in Maio waters which is believed to be substantial. The goal is to dramatically reduce the poaching of eggs and killing of nesting females to less than 10 percent compared to over sixty percent killing of females in the 2011 and about 30 percent in 2012. This grant also supports the planning and organization of a pre and post nesting season meeting for the Cape Verde Sea Turtle Partnership. This will assist in the planning and coordination of sea turtle conservation within the Cape Verde Archipelago.

Extensive community outreach and educational program are also planned that will engage with local communities in sea turtle conservation focusing on issues and solutions.

FWS: \$57,000 Leveraged funds: \$ 20,024

COSTA RICA

MT13-065

Grant #F13AP00881

Conservation and Research Project of Leatherback Sea Turtle Nesting at the North Pacific of Costa Rica: Langosta Beach and Secondary Nesting Beaches. In partnership with FUNDECODES, this project will support surveys and nest protection on Las Baulas National Park, which hosts the most important East Pacific leatherback nesting population in Costa Rica. The East Pacific leatherback is the most critically endangered leatherback population in the world.

FWS: \$28,000 Leveraged funds: \$4,525.20

MT 12-086

Grant #F13AP00218

Expanding Efforts to Maximize East Pacific Leatherback Hatchling Production in Costa Rica. In partnership with the Oceanic Society, this project will coordinate efforts of sea turtle projects on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica to increase leatherback hatchling production. This grant will convene a workshop of leaders from the Pacific coast of Costa Rica prior to the 2012- 2013 nesting season. This workshop will identify gaps and logistical needs that will increase leatherback hatchling production on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica.

FWS: \$3,605.02 Leveraged funds: \$8,000

COTE D' IVOIRE

MT13-054

Grant #F13AP00909

Conservation of Marine Turtles of Ivory Coast. In partnership with SOS- Forets, this project supports conservation efforts on an important leatherback nesting beach in Cote d'Ivoire. The project will work with local communities and university students to monitor and protect nests from poaching along an 11 mile stretch of beach that has an estimated 700 sea turtle nests annually. Environmental outreach and education will also be conducted with local communities. FWS: \$25,000 Leveraged funds: \$105,796

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

MT13-057

Grant #F13AP00956

Strengthening of Nest Monitoring and Protection and Launching of a Sea Turtle Release Program on the Muanda Shoreline. In partnership with Communautaire de Developpement et d'Encadrement Social, this project will support community based sea turtle conservation along Muanda nesting beaches in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The grantee will patrol four nesting beaches to protect nesting Olive Ridley, and leatherback habitats as well as coordinate

with local fisherman to release turtles captured in fishing nets. Education and awareness campaigns will also be conducted in local schools and communities.

FWS: \$18,000 Leveraged funds: \$8,645

EL SALVADOR

MT13-017

Grant #F13AP00319

Advancing Hawksbill Turtle Recovery in the Eastern Pacific Ocean in El Salvador. In partnership with the Ocean Foundation, this project will support hawksbill conservation programs for the largest remaining hawksbill nesting population in the Eastern Pacific, at three sites covering 23 miles of beach in El Salvador. This grant will also address the threat of blast fishing to adult and juvenile turtles through training programs for regional law enforcement authorities. These programs will increase law enforcement effectiveness and encourage local communities to adopt more sustainable fishing practices.

FWS: \$64,251 Leveraged funds: \$78,711.35

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

MT13-066

Grant #F13AP01060

Equatorial Guinea 2013-2014: Sea Turtle Conservation in a Rapidly Changing World. In partnership with the National Institute for Forestry Development and Management of Protected Areas of Equatorial Guinea, this project will support community based conservation efforts at Bioko Island. This island hosts one of the most important leatherback nesting populations in West Africa. The grant also supports development of a marine turtle conservation program on important mainland nesting beaches at Rio Campo as well as a national education and outreach campaign.

FWS: \$32,000 Leveraged funds: \$28,570

ECUADOR

MT13-051

Grant #F13AP00947

A Conservation Program for East Pacific Green Turtles Nesting in the Galapagos Archipelago, in partnership with the Charles Darwin Foundation, this project will support efforts to establish an integrated long-term conservation program for East Pacific green turtles at Galapagos National Park. Population trends will be monitored at primary nesting beaches, and key threats will be assessed to determine the appropriate management response from the National Park. This project will also conduct community outreach and capacity building.

FWS: \$26,154 Leveraged funds: \$125,130

GABON

MT13-071 Grant #F13AP00870 Conserving Gabon's leatherbacks, New Challenges and Opportunities, 2013-2014. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will support nesting beach conservation programs for the largest leatherback nesting populations in the world. This project will address sea turtle bycatch issues through an alliance of National Park, NGO and local community participants. This partnership had been previously established using funds from the Marine Turtle Conservation Act. The National Commission for National Parks has also pledged to increase capacity to address sea turtle bycatch issues from legal and illegal fisheries around the parks boundaries.

FWS: \$216,000 Leveraged funds: \$106,148

GHANA

MT13-075

Grant #F13AP00972

Improving the Local Capacity to Integrate Research, Education and Ecotourism into Meaningful Sea Turtle Management Strategies in Ghana. In partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University, this project will implement night patrols on more than six miles of sea turtle nesting beach within the Muni-Pomadze Ramsar site to protect nests and nesting females. This project will also conduct ten sea turtle conservation education programs in local communities, they will participate in a weekly radio program discussing wildlife conservation. Five community members will be trained on how to conduct sea turtle surveys and ecotourism turtle walks. FWS: \$10,000 Leveraged funds: \$26,396

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GUATEMALA

MT13-002

Grant #F13AP00324

Strengthening Guatemala's Sea Turtle Conservation Program and Assisting CONANP in Meeting its Treaty Obligations under the Inter-American Sea Turtle Convention (IAC). In partnership with the Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Association, this project will support the development of a marine turtle conservation initiative along the Pacific coast of Guatemala. This project will monitor long term trends of Olive Ridleys by establishing six index beaches, assisting communities and private institutions to implement best management practices for hatcheries, and conducting education and outreach with local communities. The grantee will work also work closely with government institutions to ensure the Olive Ridley egg harvest meets the conservation criteria established in the IAC exceptions clause.

FWS: \$25,000 Leveraged funds: \$23,139

GUINEA BISSAU

MT13-052

Grant #F13AP00882

Conservation and Management of Sea Turtle Populations in the Bijagos Archipelago (Guinea Bissau): Monitoring and Protection of Nesting and Feeding Sites in Close Collaboration with Local Communities. In partnership with Instituto de Biodiversidade e das (IBAP), this project will build capacity of local communities and the National Park Agency to carry out sea turtle

conservation at Joao Vieira, Poilao Marine, and Orango National Parks, where poaching of nests and nesting females is common. These parks respectively host the largest green turtle nesting population in Africa and one of the largest Olive Ridley nesting populations in the region.

FWS: \$19,903 Leveraged funds: \$59,050

INDONESIA

MT13-024

Grant #F13AP00306

Conservation of Endangered Western Pacific leatherbacks in Jamursba Medi and Wermon Beaches in Papua Barat, Indonesia. In partnership with the State University of Papua, Indonesia, this project will support conservation of the largest remaining Western Pacific leatherback nesting population. This project will ensure the effective involvement and collaboration of local communities in the recovery program for the second most endangered leatherback population in the world.

FWS: \$88,000 Leveraged funds: \$50,750

INDIA

MT13-025

Grant #F13AP00430

Integrate Stakeholders and Strengthen Community Involvement in Sea Turtle Conservation Program. In partnership with the TREE Foundation, this project will support community based sea turtle conservation projects along 75 miles of nesting beaches on the Bay of Bengal. The project will engage with local community members to conduct nest surveys and provide protection. Outreach and education activities for local fishing communities will also help address sea turtle bycatch issues impacting the Olive Ridley arribada nesting populations in the state of Orissa, India.

FWS: \$23,700 Leveraged funds: \$38,940

MT13-062

Grant #F13AP00946

Monitoring and Conservation of Sea Turtles in India through a Network of Partners and Index Sites. In partnership with Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, this project supports the 6th Annual National Workshop that brings together network members throughout India to review action plans and assign specific responsibilities for implementation. The workshop also provides training and support for standardized monitoring protocols at index beaches to build capacity of local community members and government officials for data collection and management. The workshop will also support standardized surveys of the Olive Ridley arribada nesting population along the Rushikulya river, one of the eight remaining large Olive Ridley nesting populations in the world.

FWS: \$45,000 Leveraged funds: \$40,000

LIBERIA

MT13-049

Grant #F13AP00911

Continuation of Sea Turtle Conservation and Education Program, Rivercess County, Liberia. In partnership with Save My Future, this project will support the continuation of community efforts to protect nesting leatherback, hawksbill and Olive Ridley sea turtles along 8 miles of nesting beach. This grant will also support outreach and education activities with local communities and schools.

FWS: \$32,000 Leveraged funds: \$6,790

MT13-064

Grant #F13AP00951

Continuation of the Marine Turtle project in Bassa Point, Little Bassa and Edina, Liberia. In partnership with Sea Turtle Watch, this project will support community based nest survey and protection efforts along 12 miles of nesting beach. This grant will also establish four marine nature clubs as part of a community education and outreach plan aimed at developing future sea turtle conservationists.

FWS: \$11,000.50 Leveraged funds: \$27,163

MEXICO

MT13-019

Grant #F13AP00312

Continuation of the hawksbill conservation program in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico. In partnership with Pronatura Peninsula de Yucatan, A.C, this project will support nesting beach conservation programs for three major hawksbill nesting beaches that account for 40% of hawksbill nesting in the Yucatan Peninsula. The grant also supports public outreach and awareness programs in communities adjacent to these nesting beaches.

FWS: \$24,996 Leveraged funds: \$33,489

MT13-036

Grant #F13AP00166

Transition from Egg Corrals Back to the Nesting Beach: Evaluation of Sex Ratios, Survival and Predation of Hatchling Kemp's Ridely Sea Turtles from Arribadas at Rancho Nuevo, Mexico. In partnership with the University of Alabama, this project will monitor and evaluate beach and nest temperatures and compare hatchling sex ratios. This grant will also evaluate the type and abundance of predators at Rancho Nuevo nesting beach and will analyze 15 years of temperature data to predict potential impacts of climate change.

FWS: \$18,345 Leveraged funds: \$ 20,315

MT13-037

Grant #F13AP00314

Population Restoration Project for the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle on the Coast of the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. In partnership with the Gladys Porter Zoo, this project will protect nesting females and their nests by patrolling the Kemp's Ridley's main nesting beach, Rancho Nuevo. Education and outreach programs with local communities will also be conducted near major Kemp's Ridley nesting beaches in Mexico.

FWS: \$21,800 Leveraged funds: \$21,800

MT13-041

Grant #F13AP00323

Conservation of the Japanese nesting loggerhead turtle: mortality assessment and outreach at the BCS Mexico juvenile foraging area. In partnership with The Ocean Foundation, this project will support the continued systematic stranding surveys of Baja California Sur (BCS). This is a major assessment tool to determine impacts of local fisheries on important loggerhead habitat that is experiencing high mortality from gill net fisheries.

FWS: \$ 24,000 Leveraged funds: \$45,540

MT13-059

Grant #F13AP00975

Conservation of the Leatherback Turtle in the Mexican Pacific –2013-2014 Nesting Season. In partnership with Kutzari, this project will support nest surveys and sea turtle protection at the four primary leatherback nesting beaches. This area accounts for over 40% of leatherback nesting in Pacific Mexico. This grant will support turtle camps in Cahuitan, Tierra Colorada, Mexiquillo and Barra de la Cruz. Daily and nightly patrols along these beaches will be conducted to protect nests from poaching, depredation and tidal inundation. Technical support and training will be provided for a community based working group at Chacahua-La Tuza.

FWS: \$75,000 Leveraged funds: \$292,264

MOROCCO

MT13-020

Grant #F13AP00322

Building Capacity for an Effective Sea Turtle Conservation Program in the Kingdom of Morocco. In partnership with the Association for the Protection of Marine Turtles in Morocco, this project will support capacity building and outreach and education activities with local fisherman, university students and government officials, to assess sea turtle bycatch impacts from coastal fisheries.

FWS: \$25,000 Leveraged funds: \$900

NICARAGUA

MT 13-035

Grant #F13AP00339

Strengthening Conservation of Critically Endangered Leatherback and Hawksbill Marine Turtles on Nicaragua's Pacific Coast. In Partnership with Fauna and Flora International, this project will work with local community members to support nesting beach conservation programs for the three most important East Pacific leatherback populations in Nicaragua. The East Pacific leatherback population is the most endangered leatherback population in the world. The project will also support a hawksbill conservation program at the recently discovered nesting site at Estero Padre Ramos. This site accounts for 40-50% of all East Pacific hawksbill nesting.

FWS: \$59,673 Leveraged funds: \$45,190

PANAMA

MT13-027

Grant #F13AP00161

Hawksbill and Leatherback Turtle Population Recovery Project in Panama. In partnership with Sea Turtle Conservancy, this project will support conservation efforts to restore the Chiriqui Beach nesting population of hawksbill nesting turtles which was historically the largest in the Caribbean. Monitoring activities will also be conducted to improve protection of the largest leatherback nesting population in the Western Caribbean.

FWS: \$54,990 Leveraged funds: \$138,680

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

MT13-011

Grant #F13AP00313

Community Based Conservation of Leatherback Turtles along the Huon Coast, Papua New Guinea. In partnership with the Marine Research Foundation, this project will support conservation efforts for one of the three most important remaining West Pacific leatherback populations. This population has declined by 75 percent over last two decades. This grant will support capacity building, and local community outreach that will enable citizens to protect the Papua New Guinea nesting populations from widespread egg collection and dog depredation.

FWS: \$20,000 Leveraged funds: \$84,117

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

MT13-050

Grant #F13AP00971

Marine Turtle Monitoring and Protection in the Republic of Congo. In partnership with Renatura, this project will support efforts to protect nesting leatherback and Olive Ridley sea turtles along 12 miles of nesting beach adjacent to Conkouati-Douli National Park. This grant will enable the continuation of a turtle bycatch release program with local fisherman that releases approximately 1500 turtles annually. Environmental education and outreach programs will also be conducted with local communities.

FWS: \$25,000 Leveraged funds: \$45,504

MT13-074

Grant #F13AP00949

Marine Turtle Monitoring in Conkouati-Douli National Park (CDNP), Republic of Congo. In partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this grant will support a leatherback conservation program along 37 miles of high-density leatherback nesting beach within Conkouati-Douli National Park, which is contiguous with the major leatherback nesting population in Mayumba National Park, Gabon. This grant will also support marine enforcement patrols in the park's waters extending 3 miles from the shoreline to deter illegal foreign industrial fishing vessels, which are the cause of much of the sea turtle bycatch mortality within the park.

FWS: \$50,000 Leveraged funds: \$42,650

REGIONAL – Indian Ocean Southeast Asia

MT13-012

Grant #F13AP00962

IOSEA Technical Support and Capacity Building Program - Phase 2. In partnership with IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU Secretariat, this project will provide technical support/capacity building training missions to IOSEA member countries.

FWS: \$18,000 Leveraged: \$10,000

REGIONAL – WEST AFRICA

MT13-033

Grant #F13AP00333

Sea Turtle Technical Assistance in the Gulf of Guinea, West Africa 2013-2014. In Partnership with Wildlife Conservation Society, this project will support on site coordination of the Gabon Sea Turtle Partnership and will provide technical support for high priority Marine Turtle Conservation Fund supported sea turtle projects in Congo, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Sao Tome and Principe, and Equatorial Guinea. Additionally, this grant will support efforts with local Benga communities in Corisco Bay, Gabon to develop participatory conservation activities and sustainable alternatives to sea turtle exploitation to compensate for implementation of a ban on sea turtle harvest in 2009 by local authorities.

FWS: \$46,000 Leveraged funds: \$12,860

REGIONAL – WESTERN HEMISPHERE

MT13-013

Grant #F13AP00248

Strengthening Regional Sea Turtle Conservation Efforts through Support for the Sixth Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Sea Turtle Convention (IAC). In partnership with Marine Sanctuary Foundation, this project will provide support for organizing and holding the 6th COP – IAC in Ecuador in June 2013, as well as meetings for the subsidiary Scientific and Consultative Committee. The conference will focus on solutions to address issues such as: exceptions for sustainable egg harvest in Panama and Guatemala, establishment of a Permanent Secretariat and location, and the urgent need for greater action of member States to reduce commercial fisheries bycatch mortality for East Pacific leatherbacks population.

FWS: \$24,310 Leveraged funds: \$14,000

SIERRA LEONE

MT13-046

Grant #F13AP00933

Continued Development of a Marine Turtle Conservation Program for Sierra Leone, and Leatherback Conservation Initiative at the Turtle and Bonthe/Sherbro Islands and the Southern Shoreline. In partnership with Reptile and Amphibian Program, this project will support community based marine turtle conservation programs for key leatherback nesting beaches in Sierra Leone. This project will have a special emphasis on community involvement, capacity building, and environmental education and outreach.

FWS: \$64,000 Leveraged funds: \$8,360

SOLOMON ISLANDS

MT13-078

Grant #F13AP00934

Strengthening Gains toward Community-driven Leatherback Sea Turtle Conservation in the Western Province, Solomon Islands. In partnership with the American Museum of Natural History, this project will support community based nesting beach conservation programs for two important leatherback-nesting beaches in the Solomon Islands, which are part of the critically endangered West Pacific leatherback nesting population.

FWS: \$15,000 Leveraged funds: \$6,800

SPAIN

MT13-055

Grant #F13AP00974

Involving the Spanish Long-distance Fisheries in the Conservation of the NW Atlantic Nesting Loggerhead Population. In partnership with KAI Marine Services, this project supports workshops for captains and crews of Spanish long line fisheries vessels, which are the most impactful fleet in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean for loggerhead bycatch. Captains and crews will be taught bycatch mitigation measures, safe handling, and release techniques for turtles. A website will be maintained to enable the rapid dissemination of information to scientists, fisherman and government policymakers in the Mediterranean region on bycatch issues and reduction measures.

FWS: \$46,200 Leveraged funds: \$56,100

USA - MARYLAND

MT12-055

Grant #F13AP00094

33rd Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation. In partnership with the International Sea Turtle Society, this project will bring together more than 1000 specialists and students working on sea turtles from throughout the world to the 33rd Annual International Sea Turtle Symposium.

FWS: \$46,200 Leveraged funds: \$155,000

VIETNAM

MT13-016

Grant # F13AP00163

Support Community Based Marine Turtle Nesting Beach Conservation in Vietnam. In partnership with The World Conservation Union –Vietnam, this project will support community based sea turtle conservation programs targeted at depleted hawksbill nesting populations in and near Bai Tu Long National Park as well as protecting remnant leatherback nesting. This grant will also support broad education and outreach efforts in key coastal areas as well as a new

initiative to identify important foraging populations, and will work with fisherman to reduce bycatch mortality at these sites.

FWS: \$53,240 Leveraged funds: \$48,840

YEMEN

MT13-038

Grant #F13AP00276

Raising Awareness and Building Capacity of Yemeni Local Communities for Sea Turtle Conservation. In partnership with the Yemeni Biological Society, this project will support sea turtle conservation efforts in key loggerhead, green and hawksbill nesting beach habitat. Community sea turtle protection teams will establish and implement standardized monitoring efforts. Outreach and education activities will also be conducted working with local tribal leaders in communities adjacent to key nesting beaches.

FWS: \$48,825 Leveraged funds: \$15,750

Amendments to Existing Projects

ATLANTIC COAST - AFRICA

MT12-066 Grant #F12AP01174

Scientific and Technical Support for Marine Turtle Conservation Projects Along the Atlantic Coast of Africa. In partnership with the Ocean Ecology Network, this project will provide technical support for MTCA funded projects in Morocco, Cape Verde, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Principe, Angola and Namibia and build the capacity of implementing project personnel and institutions in scientific techniques, methodologies, and community involvement.

FWS: \$34,000 Leverage funds: \$0

COSTA RICA

MT11-067 Grant #F11AP00360

Conservation project of leatherback nesting on the North Pacific coast of Costa Rica, Langosta Beach. In partnership with Fundacion para el Equilibrio entre la Conservacion y el Desarrollo, this grant will support nesting beach conservation programs for Playa Langosta, one of the two key East Pacific leatherback nesting beaches in Costa Rica.

FWS: \$7,000 Leveraged funds: \$0