

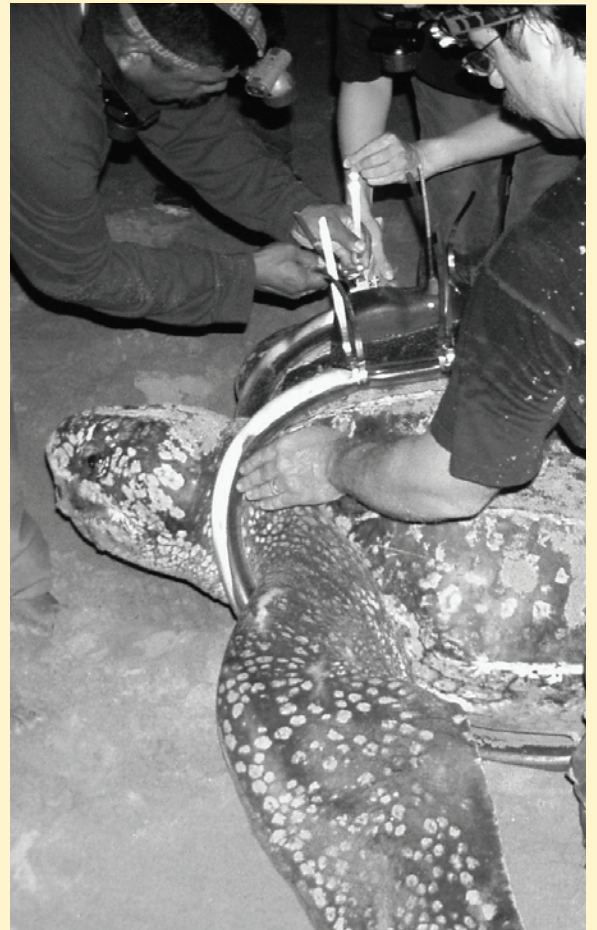
CARIBBEAN CONSERVATION CORPORATION



*Celebrating 50 Years of Sea Turtle
Research & Conservation*



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Now

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Almost fifty years ago, three men of vastly different backgrounds were brought together by a shared concern for sea turtles to form the first organization in the world dedicated to studying and protecting these remarkable marine species. Joshua B. Powers, a man of influence in the field of publishing, was the first to begin assembling members of what he called “The Brotherhood of the Green Turtle.” John H. Phipps, a philanthropist in Florida, lent his financial backing and business savvy to the new organization, which he suggested incorporating under the name Caribbean Conservation Corporation. The man guiding CCC’s scientific and conservation mission was Dr. Archie Carr, the world’s leading authority on sea turtles. Without the unique contributions of each of these individuals, CCC never would have come into existence—and sea turtles would be in greater peril today.

Theirs is the first in a seemingly endless chain of stories of people from all walks of life who have been moved by the mystery and charisma of sea turtles—and called to action on their behalf. Everyone who endeavors to preserve a component of nature is at some point confronted with the question of why a certain thing is “worth saving.” In answering this ubiquitous question, Archie Carr wrote:

“You cannot argue the case for saving any wilderness on the grounds of practicality alone. If this difficult saving is to be done, it will be because man is the creature who preserves things that stir him... Bore through to the core of what is required and you see that it is an aggressive stewardship of relics, of samples of original order, of objects and organizations of cosmic craft. This work will take staunch people.”

Dr. Carr understood that the saving of sea turtles, or any other aspect of nature, can not be justified purely by economics or the measurable utility a particular creature provides for mankind. While sea turtles do play critical roles in sustaining marine ecosystems that produce vital benefits to humans, the most compelling case for saving them can not be constructed on these points alone. The real reasons for preserving sea turtles are impossible to quantify, which means large numbers of dedicated, articulate people must continually make their case for survival.

Fortunately, sea turtles have an uncanny ability to bring together people of diverse backgrounds with a shared passion to save these amazing animals. In the half century since CCC’s formation, a continuous stream of people has risen in defense of sea turtles. None of the great victories and encouraging progress on behalf of sea turtles and their habitats would have occurred without resolute people stirred to contribute their time, money, knowledge and passion toward the fulfillment of CCC’s mission.

As 2008 comes to a close, we reflect on a long record of success and acknowledge the countless individuals who have responded to the call to action to save sea turtles. We want to thank you for being the reason CCC has survived for five decades. Your staunch support is helping sea turtles survive and thrive around the world.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Godfrey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David Godfrey
Executive Director

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PROGRAMMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Research

CCC Expands Research into the Pacific for the First Time – Scientific Director Dr. Emma Harrison traveled to El Salvador in August to conduct initial beach monitoring at a proposed research site on the Pacific Coast. CCC has partnered with Arenas del Pacifico, a development team planning an upscale eco-resort that will be located adjacent to a historically-active sea turtle nesting beach in El Salvador. The group asked for CCC’s assistance in incorporating sea turtle protection measures into their project designs. While in El Salvador, Dr. Harrison deployed a satellite transmitter on a nesting olive ridley turtle. This is the first time CCC has tracked sea turtles in the Pacific, and the first time the organization has tracked an olive ridley. The turtle’s migration is part of the new educational program, Tour de Turtles.

International Biologists Visit CCC’s Chiriquí Beach to Study this Model for New Conservation Program in Vietnam - Officials from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organized a tour for Vietnamese biologists to visit CCC’s turtle research and conservation project in Panama. A three-member team of scientists from Vietnam and USFWS joined CCC staff on a trip to Panama in June. The federal agency has been a major financial sponsor of CCC’s project and views it as a model for similar efforts around the world. This fact-finding trip also included the deployment of two satellite

transmitters on leatherback turtles.

CCC Partners with University of Central Florida on Research Project in the Archie Carr Refuge - Long-term monitoring of nesting sea turtles at the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge in Melbourne Beach, Florida, is carried out by Dr. Llew Ehrhart and his students at the University of Central Florida (UCF). This year, CCC partnered with UCF to satellite track nesting adult loggerhead turtles, which were deployed in July. These turtles will reveal important information about the post-nesting movements of this population.

Satellite-Tracked Leatherback Sets Record - A leatherback fitted with a satellite transmitter as part of CCC’s Panama research project traveled 10,293 miles. The turtle, named Jamur, traveled across the Caribbean, up to the North Atlantic and then to the coast of Spain. Her track represents the longest migration ever tracked by CCC and one of the longest ever documented in the world.

Education

Tour de Turtles Program Off to Successful Start – CCC developed “Tour de Turtles,” an interactive, educational program, to raise awareness about sea turtle threats. This satellite-tracking program launched successfully in August with the deployment of the last of eight sea turtles being tracked live online. Turtles were released from Panama, Nevis, Florida and El Salvador, with a previously-tagged turtle in Costa Rica also participating. Participating turtles competed in a migration marathon to see which turtle would be the first to travel 2,620 km. The event generated incredible public support and media interest, while also attracting numerous corporate and private sponsors.

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H. Clay Frick, III – Owner, Alaskan salmon fishing operation; Son of Dr. H. Clay Frick, Jr., long-time CCC benefactor

Elise Frick – Daughter of Dr. H. Clay Frick, Jr., and past volunteer with the Bermuda Turtle Project

Barrier Island Center Opens to the Public – A state-of-the-art education facility located within the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge opened in May. At the end of 2008, the Barrier Island Center (BIC) had over 12,000 visitors from 17 countries and 38 states. The BIC hosted over 500 local students on educational field trips, as well as an Eco-Explorers Summer Program with 41 students attending from 3 states. A volunteer program was also established with 152 volunteers on roster donating over 1,600 hours during the year. The gift shop, run by CCC, sold \$53,626 in merchandise. CCC also hosted the first BIC Bash fundraiser in December.



CCC Finalizes Video on Sea Turtles of Florida - CCC Board member Chuck Carr provided the narrative for a new 15-minute educational video about sea turtles in Florida, with a special emphasis on the Archie Carr Refuge. The video was produced primarily as a component of the educational programming for the new Barrier Island Center in Melbourne, but it has universal appeal around the state and is being distributed broadly to schools, parks and aquariums.

Advocacy

CCC's Fisheries & International Policy Program Establishes Presence in Washington, D.C. – CCC is actively participating in national and international initiatives in Washington, D.C., with an emphasis on science-based advocacy to reduce incidental sea turtle capture in longline, trawl, and gillnet fisheries. In 2008, CCC worked with other conservation organizations to prevent the dismantling of the Endangered Species Act, establish a network of U.S. marine protected areas in the Pacific, and generate \$1.5 Million in Congressional appropriations for the Marine Turtle Conservation Act.



CCC Helps Introduce Legislation to Improve the Way Coastal Inlets are Managed in Florida - CCC joined other beach management stakeholders and legislators to write and introduce a bill to improve the way inlets are managed. Engineered navigational inlets along Florida's coast contribute greatly to erosion rates "downdrift" from the inlets. The goal of the legislation is to fully restore the flow of sand to allow for the natural restoration of eroding sea turtle nesting beaches.

Gary Appelson Honored as Leading Coastal Advocate in Florida - The Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association (FSBPA) presented Gary Appelson, CCC Policy Coordinator, with the FSBPA's annual Environmental Award. The award recognizes Gary's success in passing a coastal hazard notification law to educate beachfront homeowners about the hazards of coastal property ownership; his appointment on the Governor's Coastal High Hazard Study Committee; and his collaboration with FSBPA on a number of successful coastal protection initiatives.

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Jeffrey S. Phipps – Owner, Growth Innovations; grandson of CCC co-founder John H. Phipps

Chris Rajczi – Computer industry consultant and business networking specialist

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Rainey Sellars – Managing Director, International Private Client Group

Mark D. Shantzis – Retired entrepreneur and conservation activist

Nick Shufro – CCC Treasurer; Sustainability & Climate Change Advisory Services, Pricewaterhouse Coopers

Jordan Urstadt – Attorney for a Swiss investment company. Grandson of CCC co-founder Joshua Powers

'08 STATS

Membership

- New Members - 2,580
- Renewals - 1,352
- Total Members - 4,155

Tortuguero Research Station

- Museum Visitations - 29,536
- Field Researchers Trained - 33
- Eco-Volunteers - 147

Barrier Island Center

- Visitors - over 12,000
- Turtle Walk Participants - 720
- Volunteer Hours - 1,600

Websites

- Hits - 27,544,423
- Page Views - 6,087,986
- Visitors - 1,172,273
- Avg. Daily Visitors - 3,212

E-Communications

- E-mail Subscribers - 5,102
- E-newsletters Sent - 15
- Facebook Fans - 1,268
- Twitter Followers - 527

Tour de Turtles Program

- Number of Turtles Tracked - 8
- Release Countries - 5
- Educators Registered - 442

Sea Turtle Grants Program

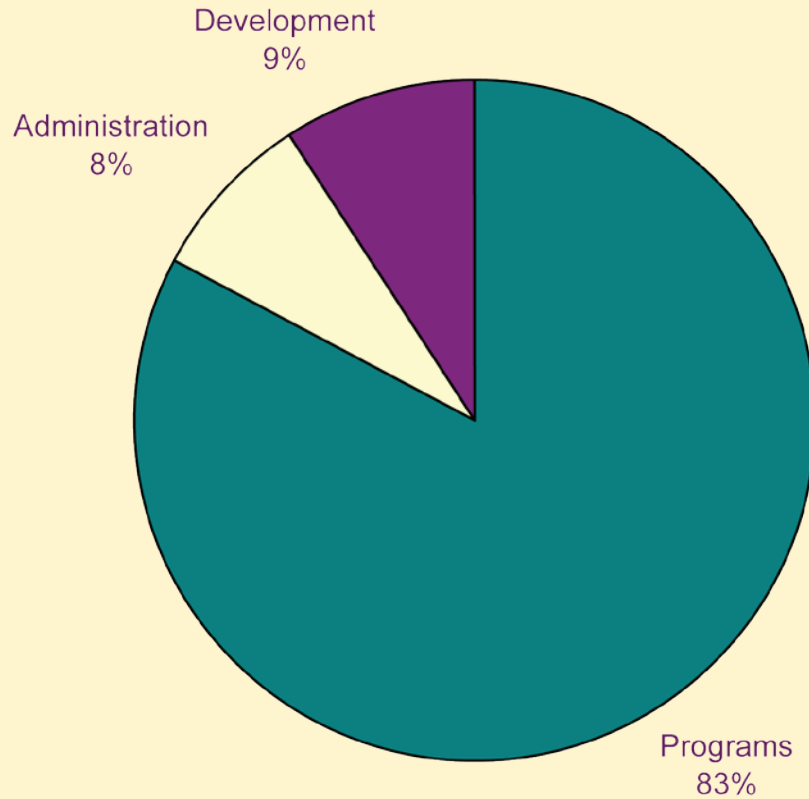
- Total Awarded - \$352,632
- Education Grants - 10
- Research Grants - 8
- Conservation Grants - 7



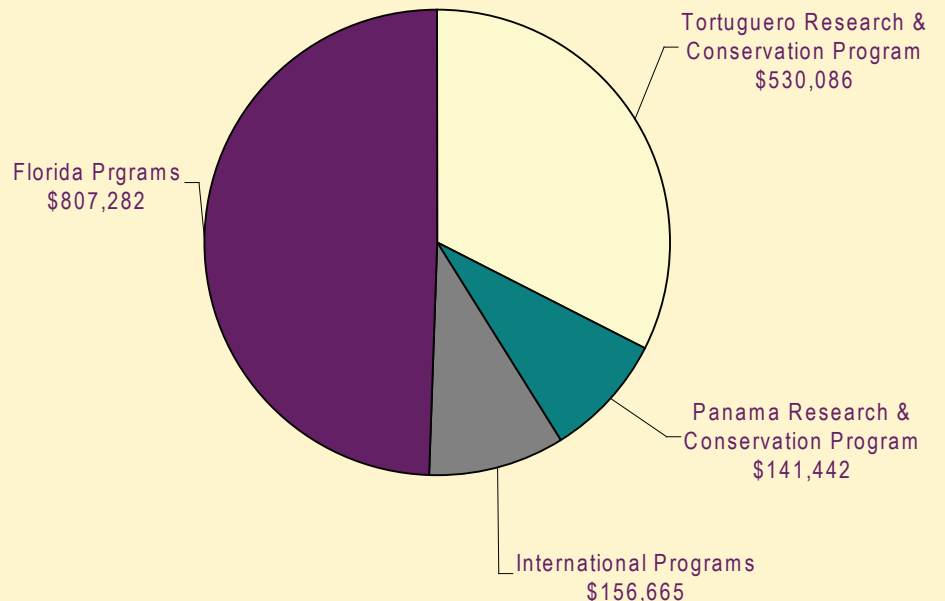
CCC received a 4-star rating for the 4th consecutive year!

FINANCIALS

Total Expenses



Program Expenses Breakdown



FOUNDATION & CORPORATE SUPPORT

Abramson Family Foundation
AIG Matching Grants Foundation
Arenas Del Pacifico
The Bay And Paul Foundations
Brinks Home Security
Casa Tortuga
Chester Kitchings Family Foundation
Fl. Dept. of Environmental Protection
Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund
Disney Worldwide Services, Inc
The Dreamcatcher Fund
Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation
Fidelity Charitable Gifts
Firedoll Foundation
Four Seasons Resort - Nevis
Gainesville Community Foundation
Helen Clay Frick Foundation
Kenneth Scott Charitable Trust
The Lanzillotti Family Foundation
The Lemmon Foundation

Locke, Lord, Bissell & Liddell, LLP
Maritime Aquarium
The Martin Foundation
Michele & Agnese Cestone Foundation
Moore Charitable Foundation
National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
The Norcross Wildlife Foundation
The Panaphil Foundation
Park Foundation
Quillan Fine Art Sculpture
Ress Family Foundation
Royal Palm Vacations
Stacy Schusterman
Revocable Trust
Scoob Trust Foundation
Sea Turtle Grants Program
Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay
Sue Berman & Michael
Zamkow Foundation
Sun Hill Foundation

Thomas P. Waters Foundation
MERP Tree Saver
U.S. Satellite Laboratory
USDA Forest Service
USFWS
USFWS Marine Turtle Conservation
Fund
The Vanguard Charitable Endowment
Program



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Laura Forte

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Colin Phipps

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