



# Sea Turtles Program

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Loggerhead hatchling in Florida

## OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a 2022 round of funding for the Sea Turtles program projects. Four new bycatch reduction and nesting protection grants totaling \$499,927 were awarded. The four awards announced generated \$500,550 in match from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of over \$1 million.

These grants support NFWF's Sea Turtles Business Plan which lays out a strategy for investments under the Sea Turtles program. 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.

In-water investments in this grant slate work to develop, test, and implement bycatch reduction techniques and best fishery practices that will reduce sea turtle mortality. As each gear type and fishery is different, many of these projects will be working directly with fishermen at ports where high interaction has already been identified to train and test gear's ability to reduce mortality while not impacting target catch value.

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### Reduce Bycatch of Leatherback Turtles in Peru by Strengthening the LAUDOPO Network

Grantee: Pro Delphinus

Grant Amount: .....\$90,000

Matching Funds: .....\$90,000

Total Project Amount: ..... \$180,000

Work in Peru to support local fisheries in reducing sea turtle bycatch. Project will improve understanding of fishery bycatch interactions of leatherbacks, increase human capacity to undertake sea turtle conservation and sustainable fisheries, and reduce turtle mortality resulting from fishery bycatch interactions.

### Protecting Hawksbill Sea Turtle Nests and Reducing Bycatch Using LED Technology in El Salvador

Grantee: Asociación ProCosta

Grant Amount: ..... \$269,927

Matching Funds: ..... \$270,550

Total Project Amount: ..... \$540,477

Safeguard hawksbill turtle nesting beaches and use LED-equipped lobster gillnets to reduce bycatch at priority sites in El Salvador. Project will work to protect 300 nesters and 74,000 hatchlings at three key beaches and will reduce hawksbill mortality events in two lobster gillnet fisheries.

### Establishing Sustainable Community Support for Hawksbill Sea Turtle Conservation in Haiti

Grantee: Haiti Ocean Project

Grant Amount: .....\$30,000

Matching Funds: .....\$30,000

Total Project Amount: .....\$60,000

Establish a conservation program in two fishing villages to explore and implement sustainable solutions toward reducing bycatch of hawksbill sea turtles in the Bay of Baraderes, Haiti. Project will bring together local leaders and fishers to evaluate the impact of gill nets on mortality rates of hawksbills and discuss how to conserve this species through community-based conservation initiatives.

### Increasing Sea Turtle Survivorship by Strengthening Local Lighting Ordinances in Florida

Grantee: Sea Turtle Conservancy

Grant Amount: ..... \$110,000

Matching Funds: ..... \$110,000

Total Project Amount: ..... \$220,000

Assist local governments across Florida in updating their lighting ordinances to align with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's newly adopted Model Lighting Ordinance for Sea Turtle Protection. Project will support sustained reduction of hatchling disorientation for loggerhead, leatherback, and green sea turtles through darker nesting habitat for adults and hatchlings.



Hawksbill turtle