

# CARIBBEAN CONSERVATION CORPORATION

## SEA TURTLE



## SURVIVAL LEAGUE

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### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### Environmental Education

CCC works with coastal residents, businesses, conservationists and governments to increase awareness of the threats facing sea turtles, including coastal development, pollution, poaching and accidental capture in nets. The Sea Turtle Survival League developed an educational program that uses the Internet to allow school children and others around the world to learn about sea turtles as they follow the movements of turtles being tracked by satellite. More than 350,000 children around the world have been reached by this program already. In Tortuguero, Costa Rica, CCC operates the H. Clay Frick Natural History Visitor Center to inform the more than 40,000 visitors every year about the importance of the region's habitats to the survival of sea turtles, manatees and other tropical wildlife. CCC is also a partner in a new environmental education center located in the heart of the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge.

**Publications.** STSL members receive the newsletter, *Velador*, which keeps readers up to date on CCC programs, education, research and advocacy efforts directed at sea turtle issues. In addition to the *Velador*, CCC publishes research reports, action alerts and other educational materials. In particular, CCC widely distributes a 40-page Educator's Guide that helps teachers incorporate sea turtle awareness programs into their classroom curriculum. CCC also operates a very informative and highly popular web site at [www.cccturtle.org](http://www.cccturtle.org).

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP: ADOPT A SEA TURTLE!

*"If the world goes on the way it is going, it will one day be a world without sea turtles. Some people accept this calmly, but I mistrust the prospect. Sea turtles are part of the old wilderness of the Earth -- the environment in which man developed the nerves and hormones that make him human. If we let sea turtles go, it is a sign we are willing to let all wilderness go. And when that happens, we shall no longer be exactly human." -- Dr. Archie Carr*

**Please support our work; Join CCC and its Sea Turtle Survival League today!**

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Join CCC's Sea Turtle Survival League program! Members get a subscription to our newsletter and can adopt a turtle.

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*I am sending a tax-deductible contribution of:*

- \$25 Individual/\$35 Outside U.S. (in U.S. dollars)
- \$35 Individual Plus/\$45 Outside U.S. (in U.S. dollars) set of Miniature Sea Turtle Replicas
- \$50 Green Turtle Fleet receive a small Sea Turtle Plush Toy
- \$100 Leatherback Turtle Fleet receive a colorful logo t-shirt, circle size: s m l xl
- \$250 Loggerhead Turtle Fleet receive a "Wild Things" Hanging Plush Sea Turtle
- \$500 Hawksbill Turtle Fleet receive a copy of *The Windward Road* by Dr. Archie Carr.
- \$1,000 Kemp's Ridley Turtle Fleet receive a collection of three Archie Carr books
- \$5,000 Archie F. Carr Fellow receive lifetime membership, a select collection of Archie Carr books and a "Wild Things" Hanging Plush Sea Turtle
- Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Checks (U.S. funds only) Payable to Caribbean Conservation Corporation, or provide credit card information below.*

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#### Adopt a Turtle!

Free to members contributing \$25 or more. You get a personalized certificate with photo and a sea turtle fact sheet.

Choose one of the following options:

- Satellite-tracked turtle.** Access a map of your turtle's locations on our website! (*see website for names*)
- Name your own turtle.** Be the only parent of a turtle and get to choose its name!

Turtle name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Caribbean Conservation Corporation is the oldest and most accomplished sea turtle organization in the world!** Since its founding in 1959, CCC's work has greatly improved the survival outlook for several species of sea turtles. CCC is a world-renowned leader in sea turtle research and conservation; we invite you to **join us in our efforts!**

### HISTORY

Dr. Archie Carr is considered by many to be the "Godfather" of sea turtle conservation. It was through his efforts and his award-winning book, *The Windward Road*, that the CCC was formed in 1959. Under Dr. Carr's leadership, CCC helped spawn a worldwide movement to raise awareness about, study and protect sea turtles. CCC chose sea turtles as the focus of its conservation efforts in part because these ancient animals are among the most important indicators of the health of the world's marine and coastal ecosystems. It is the mission of CCC "to ensure the survival of sea turtles through research, education, advocacy and protection of the natural habitats upon which they depend."

### HABITAT PRESERVATION AND ADVOCACY

CCC advocates for protective laws and the establishment of refuges to preserve sea turtle nesting

Several sea turtle hatchlings crawl toward the sea. Hatchlings face many natural threats on land, including predation by birds, raccoons and crabs. Human threats include sea walls, poorly-designed beach nourishment projects and artificial lighting.



Photo by Sebastian Troeng

beaches and important coastal environments. The organization was instrumental in creating Tortuguero National Park in Costa Rica. In the United States, CCC and a coalition of groups and agencies established the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. Named in honor of CCC's founder, the ACNWR on Florida's east coast is the first and only federal refuge established specifically to protect sea turtles.

CCC's international efforts include advocating to uphold international restrictions that ban the trade of sea turtles and their shells. The group has also led successful campaigns to prevent off-shore oil-drilling that threatened critical nesting beaches in Costa Rica.

### Sea Turtle Survival League

In 1993, CCC launched the Sea Turtle Survival League program (STSL) to more effectively address threats facing U.S. sea turtles. When threats arise, the STSL informs conservation groups, CCC members, the media and public officials about how best to safeguard turtles. Using a foundation of sound science, STSL staff testify to lawmakers and agencies on sea turtle issues, and the program has achieved many important conservation victories. One of the STSL's proudest achievements was the establishment of the Sea Turtle License Plate in Florida, which now funds the state's entire sea turtle management program, as well as a research and education grants program.

### RESEARCH

#### Turtle Studies in Tortuguero

CCC's turtle research program at Tortuguero, Costa Rica, is the longest continuous



photo by: Archie Carr

An endangered green turtle nests on the black sand beach of Tortuguero, Costa Rica. Since 1959, CCC has led international efforts to protect these amazing animals.

program of its kind in the world. The 35 km, black sand beach of Tortuguero is the nesting site of the largest remaining green turtle colony in the Western Hemisphere. This 45-year-long research program continues to yield priceless information on the reproductive ecology, migratory habits and nesting trends of sea turtles. The research takes place out of CCC's John H. Phipps Biological Field Station, a fully-functional, modern facility open year-round to visiting scientists and volunteers.

### Other Research

CCC has supported hundreds of research projects on the biology and conservation of sea turtles around the world. Recent studies have focused on impacts of tourism, levels of in-water turtle harvesting, migration tracking, and monitoring of juvenile turtles in Bermuda.

### Birds of Tortuguero

CCC also supports a bird banding and monitoring project begun in Tortuguero in 1991 as part of the "Partners in Flight" program, in association with Costa Rican and North American ornithologists. Resident and neotropical migrant bird species are surveyed in natural and disturbed habitats of the area, and vital statistics are collected. The project also trains Latin American and U.S. wildlife biologists in ornithological field techniques.