

## USFWS International Marine Turtle Program



## Marine Turtle Conservation Act 2004

Provides financial resources for projects in foreign countries to conserve the nesting habitats, marine turtles in those habitats, and address other threats to the survival of marine turtles

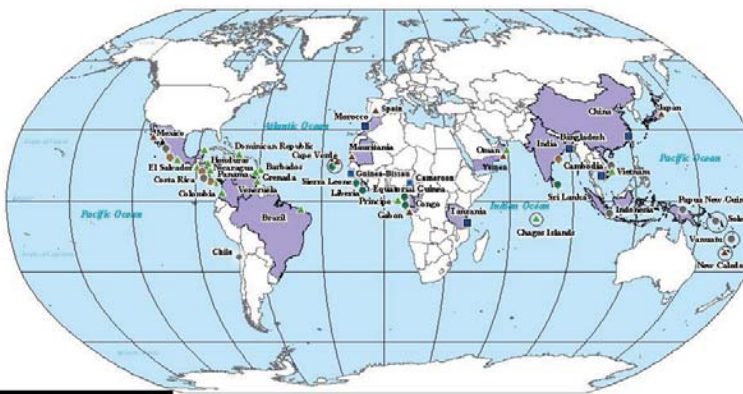
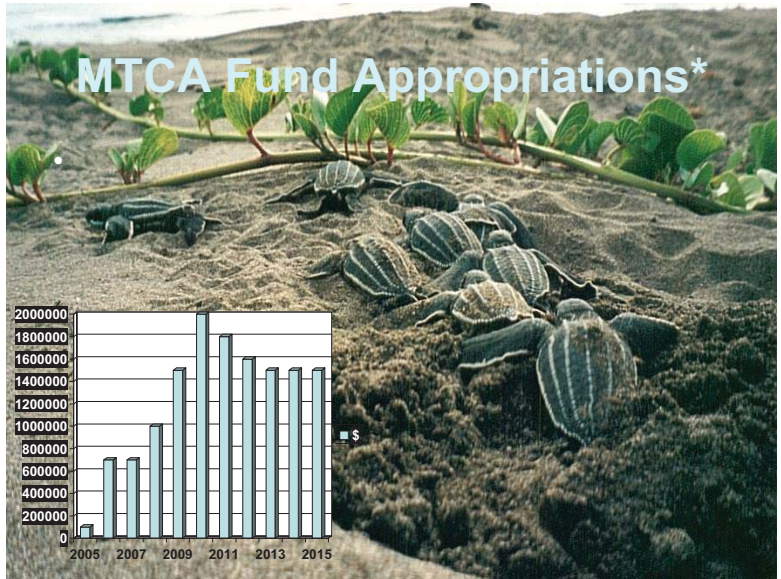


## MTCA Priorities

- Leatherback populations in the Pacific, West Africa and Northern Indian Ocean;
- Loggerhead populations in the North Pacific, West Africa, and North Indian Ocean;
- Major hawksbill populations in the Caribbean, South Pacific and Southeast Asia ;
- Olive ridely arribada populations in the Indian Ocean;
- Major green turtle populations in West Africa and Eastern Pacific;
- Kemp's ridely populations on primary nesting beaches of Mexico
- Proposals that address and/or directly complement conservation activities directed at fisheries by-catch threats to priority nesting populations identified above and foraging populations in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean;
- International, regional, and national marine turtle conservation capacity building.



## MTCA Fund Appropriations\*



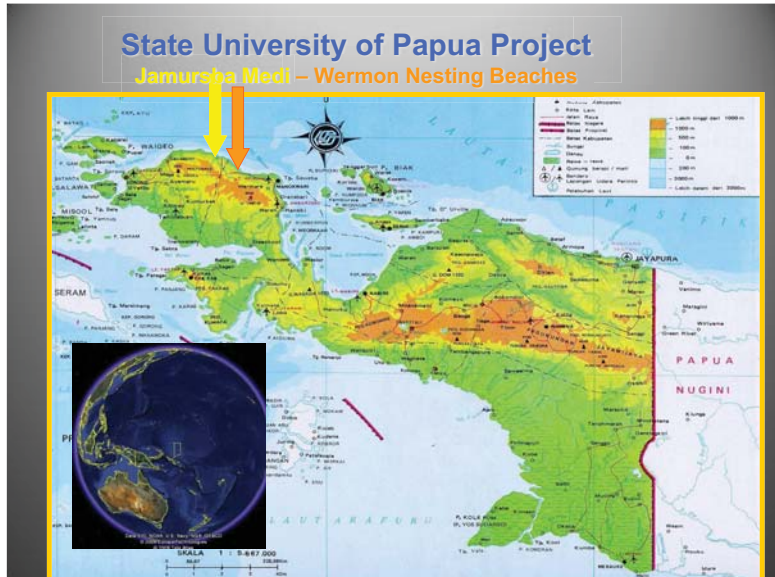
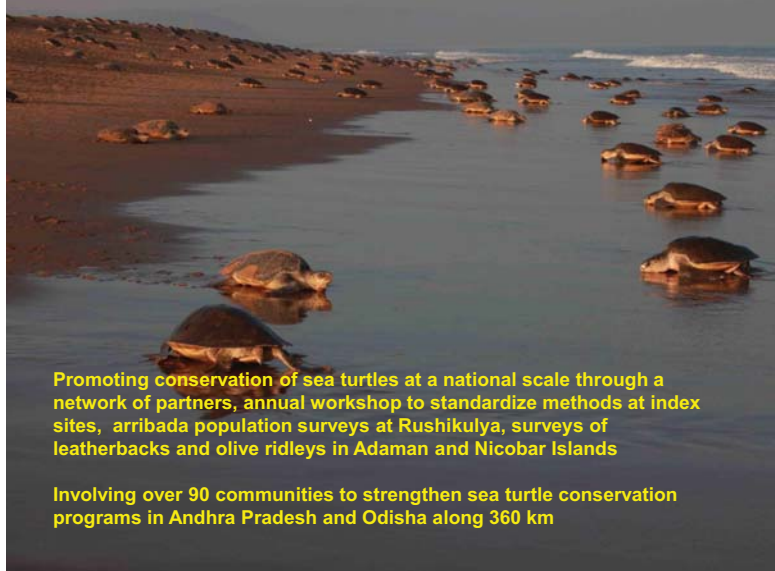
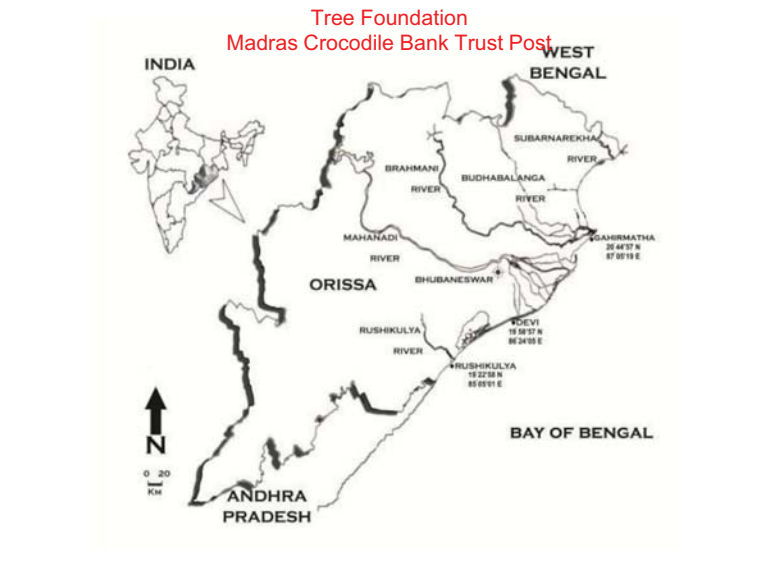
●	West African Leatherbacks
▲	Global Loggerheads
○	Pacific Leatherbacks
▲	Global Hawksbill
▲	East Pacific Green Turtle
●	Olive Ridley Arribada
■	General Marine Turtle Conservation

## MCTA Projects by Marine Turtle Initiative 2005-2014

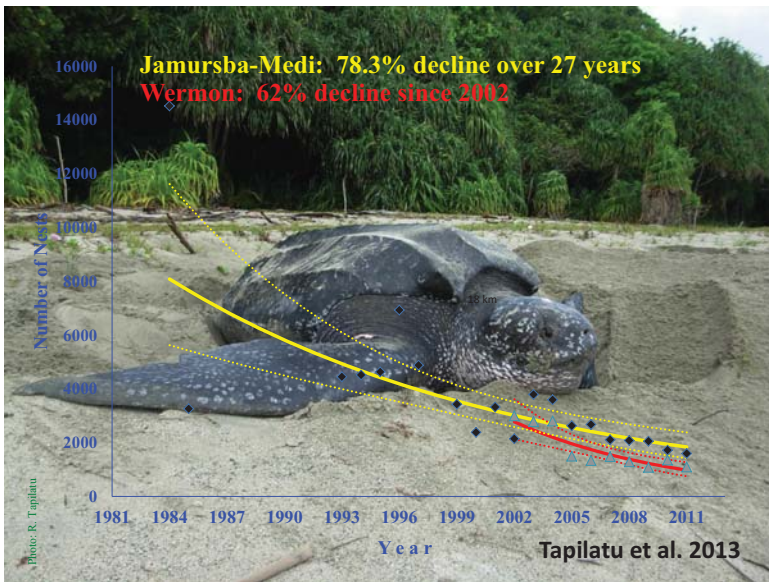
## MTCA Projects in IOSEA Region 2005-2014

Australia	2007	\$ 18,270
Bangladesh	2008 - 2014	\$ 99,639
Cambodia	2010 - 2012	\$ 74,069
India	2006 - 2014	\$363,290
Indonesia	2007 - 2014	\$606,646
Papua New Guinea	2006 - 2013	\$ 92,363
Sri Lanka	2005 - 2012	\$ 44,965
Sultanate of Oman	2005 - 2011	\$433,662
Tanzania	2005 - 2006	\$ 29,586
Vietnam	2007 - 2014	\$426,729
Yemen	2011 - 2014	\$118,867
IOSEA	2006 - 2013	\$176,500
TOTAL		\$2,484,606









❖ **Efforts have focused on increasing hatchling production**

- Experimental plots to quantify threats
- Nest protection



## Community meetings

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## 2007-2014

**IUCN-VN**  
 Community based marine turtle nesting beach conservation and bycatch reduction in Vietnam

**ENV-VN**  
 Identify key centers of trafficking and work with media and key national, regional and local decision makers to address turtle trafficking

**2010**

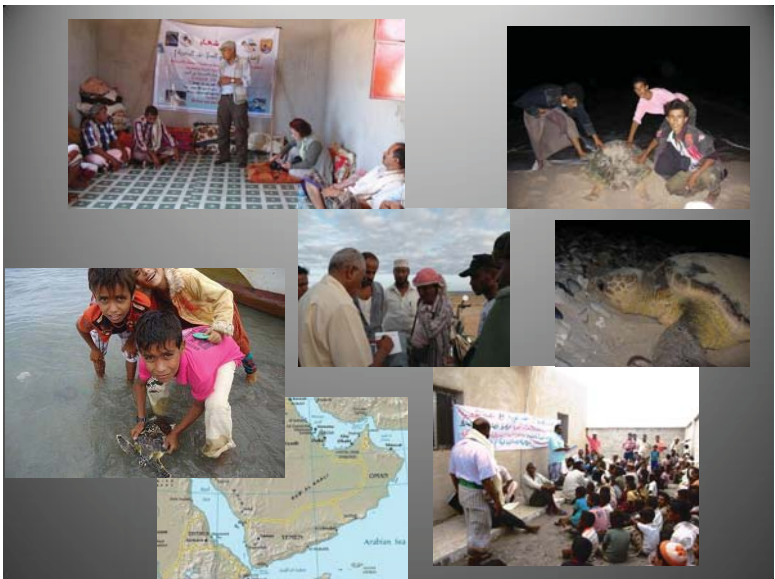
Green turtle's nesting sites  
 Hawksbill turtle's nesting sites  
 Leatherback turtle's nesting sites

## Yemeni Biological Society 2011-2014

- Assessing threats and status of key sea turtle nesting populations, developing community supported conservation programs, and building conservation capacity in Yemen

marine turtle conservation in Yemen

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## *Socotra, a quick overview*

- 340 km (210 mi) South East Yemen coast



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