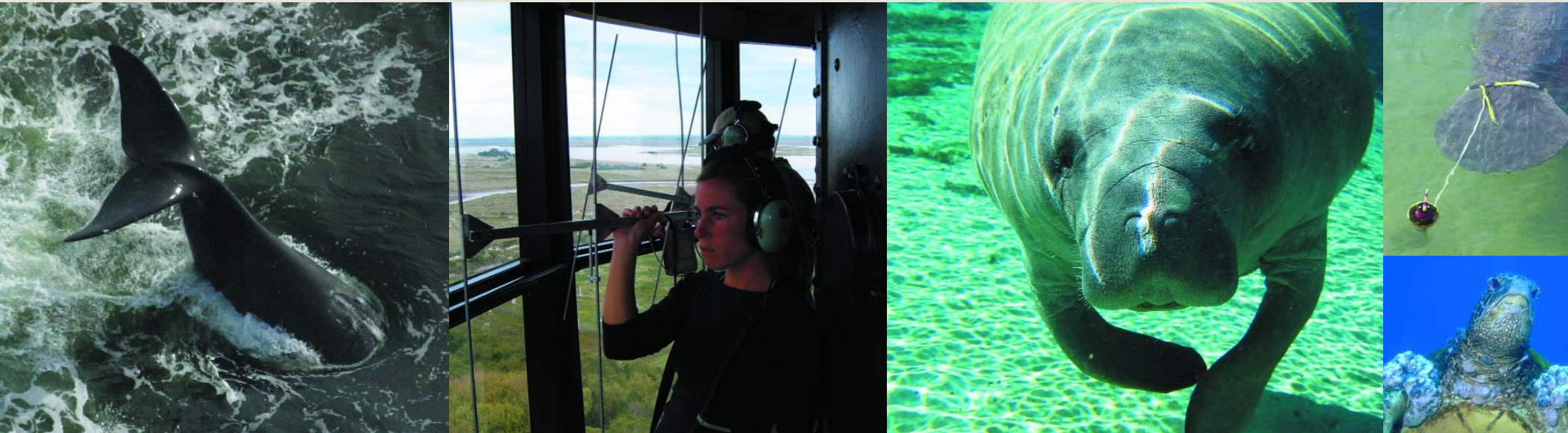


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THE VERY BEST SCIENCE IN DECISION AND POLICY MAKING.”
—DR. JAMES A. “BUDDY” POWELL, VICE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMS

WILDLIFE TRUST’S MISSION:

WILDLIFE TRUST EMPOWERS LOCAL CONSERVATION SCIENTISTS WORLDWIDE TO PROTECT
NATURE AND SAFEGUARD ECOSYSTEM AND HUMAN HEALTH.



ABOUT WILDLIFE TRUST

Wildlife Trust is a global organization dedicated to innovative conservation science linking ecology and health and empowering lasting local environmental stewardship. Wildlife Trust scientists throughout the world work to discover innovative ways for people and wildlife to share human-dominated ecosystems for their mutual survival. Our scientists have received prestigious international awards, and our research has produced many scientific “firsts,” published in top scientific journals.

WE TAKE PRIDE IN RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ORIGIN OF SARS IDENTIFIED In 2005, scientists at the Consortium for Conservation Medicine at Wildlife Trust, in collaboration with Chinese and Australian colleagues, identified bats as the source of SARS.

WILDLIFE TRUST NAMED “BEST WILDLIFE CHARITY” Wildlife Trust was named “Best Wildlife Charity” by *Reader’s Digest* magazine, which praised our work in protecting manatees in Florida through the Edge of the Sea program.

FOUR STARS OUT OF FOUR STARS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent evaluator of charities, has awarded Wildlife Trust its highest rating, commending us on this “exceptional feat.”

THE EDGE OF THE SEA PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS

Wildlife Trust, through our leadership in conservation medicine, transdisciplinary research in ecology and health, and our global Wildlife Trust Alliance, is taking lessons learned in the Edge of the Sea aquatic conservation program and applying them throughout the U.S. and worldwide.

OUR PROJECTS:

- Manatee Recovery/10 conservation projects in seven countries
- Fresh Water Springs/Protecting an ecosystem unique to Florida
- Boats and Wildlife/Creating win-win conservation solutions
- Coastal Zone Conservation/ Ensuring livelihood and wildlife survival
- Right Whales/Reducing ship strikes, protecting population recovery
- Dolphins/Working with fishing communities to reduce by-catch
- Seabirds/Monitoring well being as an indicator of ocean health
- Sea Turtles/Monitoring health and species survival

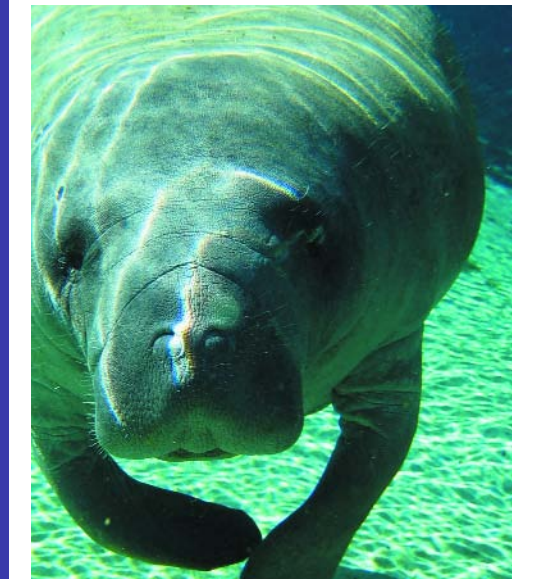
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Coastal habitats, including mangrove forests, estuaries and seagrass meadows, are vital to the health and well being of ecosystems, wildlife and humans. Home to remarkable biodiversity and productivity, these delicate coastal environments where land meets the sea purify water and provide the natural habitat and nursery areas for a multitude of economically important species. Left intact, coastal habitats serve as the first defense against the devastation of major storms and tsunamis.

Nearly two-thirds of the world's population is concentrated in coastal habitats. Consequently, these fragile and valuable settings are severely threatened by pollution, over-exploitation, human-wildlife conflicts and development.

Wildlife Trust, through our Edge of the Sea aquatic conservation program, is one of very few conservation organizations that focuses on this critical region.

FINDING CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS

Conserving aquatic ecosystems is an urgent priority, particularly because people depend on them for food. For many, these aquatic systems may provide their only source of protein. However, we are losing aquatic species at a rapid rate, causing coastal habitats and coral reefs to deteriorate, leading to cascading local extinctions and the collapse of ecological stability. Solutions to this crisis can be complex because of many contributory factors. Our aquatic conservation team focuses on the following urgent priorities to conserve marine species:

- Identify key information needs and conduct required research, including assessing the health of warm springs that are key to manatee winter survival.
- Develop cost-effective and innovative technologies, such as working with boat manufacturers to develop manatee-friendly motors and hulls.
- Analyze and implement species survival risk reduction, including finding ways to reduce ship strikes on north Atlantic right whales and their calves.
- Work with all levels of government to supply unbiased scientific data to inform policy.
- Improve local conservation capacity with every project by providing technical training, and involving talented young scientists and community members.

THE MISSION

Wildlife Trust's Edge of the Sea program was created in 2001 to address urgent conservation issues in coastal areas. The program strives to promote better management of coastal habitats to help ensure that ecosystems remain intact, endangered species survive, and coastal people and their descendants benefit from their lives at the edge of the sea.

Solid science, partnerships and local expertise are critical to the successful resolution of conservation issues. The Edge of the Sea aquatic conservation program has risen to this challenge to:

- Create solutions-based research;
- Recruit the best scientists;
- Leverage greater effectiveness through partnerships;
- Promote professional development and local institutional capacity.

Based in St. Petersburg Florida, the award-winning program is active in Alaska, Southeastern U.S., Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Caribbean Mexico and West Africa.

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“THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE LIVE ALONG COASTLINES, AND THEIR ACTIVITIES PLACE GREAT PRESSURE ON THE SURVIVAL OF COASTAL MARINE WILDLIFE, SUCH AS SEA TURTLES AND MANATEES. WILDLIFE TRUST SCIENTISTS STUDY AND PROTECT SPECIES THAT BRING ATTENTION TO BROADER ISSUES RELATED TO THE SURVIVAL AND WELL BEING OF PEOPLE AS WELL AS ANIMALS.”

—DR. MARY PEARL, PRESIDENT, WILDLIFE TRUST