**2023 SWOT Grant Application:**

**Science Category**

Through its *Science* grants, the State of the World’s Sea Turtles (SWOT) Program aims to support scientific work that fills critical gaps in knowledge about sea turtles that will support conservation objectives. This includes:

* Assessments of poorly known or recently discovered sea turtle populations (nesting, or at sea).
* Research that will help address a specific conservation issue or management objective.

Proposals should be completed using the following template and be less than three (3) pages in length, and must be submitted via email to [bandimere@oceanicsociety.org](mailto:bandimere@oceanicsociety.org) **by October 15, 2023**. Grant winners will be announced by November 2023.

**Please note:** Grantees agree that, if awarded, the results of all research funded by SWOT will be made publicly available on a non-discriminatory basis. In the case of data collected that are relevant to SWOT’s global database, grantees agree to share the data with SWOT for inclusion in the SWOT database. Data holders will retain all ownership and control of their data, as stipulated in the [SWOT Data Use Agreement.](http://seaturtlestatus.org/data_terms)

Please complete your application using the following template:

1. **HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR PROJECT WITH THE SEA TURTLE DIRECTORY?**

If not, please do so by following the instructions [found here](https://www.seaturtledirectory.org/page/how-to-add-new-org).

[ ]My project is registered

1. **PROJECT LEAD CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Name, Title, Affiliation:

Email address:

Phone number:

Mailing address:

1. **PROJECT TITLE**
2. **PROJECT LOCATION**

*Please provide name of the community / site, region, and country of your proposed work.*

1. **ARE YOU A LEGALLY REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE? IF NOT, IN WHICH COUNTRY ARE YOU OR YOUR PROJECT REGISTERED?**
2. **WHO WILL BE RECEIVING AND ADMINISTERING THE SWOT GRANT?**

Name of individual or organization:

Type of entity (please select one):

[ ]Individual

[ ] Non-Profit Organization/Charity

[ ] Academic Institution

[ ] Business/For-Profit

[ ] Other (Please Specify):

1. **DO YOU HAVE FORMAL OR INFORMAL AGREEMENTS IN PLACE WITH GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND/OR COMMUNITIES WHERE THE WORK WILL TAKE PLACE? PLEASE EXPLAIN** (100 words or less)
2. **DOES YOUR PROJECT TARGET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AZA-SAFE PRIORITY POPULATIONS?**

*We have teamed up the Association of Zoos and Aquaria and their SAFE (Save Animals from Extinction) Program to make additional grants available for projects relating to the conservation of two of the top global priorities for sea turtle conservation: Eastern Pacific leatherbacks, and Kemp’s ridleys.*

[ ] Leatherbacks (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in the eastern Pacific Ocean

[ ] Kemp’s ridleys (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

[ ] No

[ ] Unsure

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY** (250 words or less)

*Please provide a short overview of your project:*

1. **BACKGROUND** (250 words or less)

*Please provide a brief background on your proposed work, including the species, population, and/or habitat to be studied, the qualifications of the lead researcher, and a brief summary of any previous related research on the population/subject of interest.*

1. **RESEARCH QUESTION TO BE ADDRESSED** (100 words or less)
2. **HOW WILL THIS RESEARCH INFORM CONSERVATION OR MANAGEMENT?** (150 words or less)

*Please explain how your research will be used to improve or support sea turtle conservation efforts.*

1. **TIMELINE**

*Please give an expected timeframe for your proposed activities. Note that projects should be completed within one year.*

1. **BUDGET**

*Please specify how your $1,000 USD SWOT grant will be used:*

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| **Description of item/activity** | **Cost (in USD)** |
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