Aloha from HWF!

Together with thousands of volunteers over two decades, we have saved more than 11,000 endangered hawksbill and green sea turtle hatchlings, protected hundreds of basking green turtles, recovered miles of sensitive native coastal habitat (by removing over 375 tons of marine debris, protecting native and endemic plants, and restoring native wildlife), hosted six symposia (including one this year focused on anchialine pool fauna), trained hundreds of marine naturalists and interns, reached over 4,250 students on three islands since 2014, assisted in setting local, national and international marine conservation policy, educated more than a million people about ocean and coastal habitats... and so much more!

As we continue to move forward as leaders in Hawai‘i conservation efforts, we'd like to share projects we have successfully completed in 2022.

Without the help of our volunteers and donors, none of this would have been possible!

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund Team
Highlights from our work in 2022

- Monitored and protected 3 suspected hawksbill (honuʻea) and 3 green sea turtle nests (honu) on Maui during the 2022 nesting season, 4 of which hatched out successfully, resulting in 255 green turtle hatchlings and an unknown number of hawksbills.

Two of the hawksbill nests were false nests, and we were unable to locate the third nest after it hatched out, despite a heroic effort by our Hana community members watching this nest.

- This is our 12th year protecting a resident metapopulation of approximately 200 green turtles at Hoʻokipa Maui while simultaneously educating the public.

- Settled our lawsuit against Maui County to prevent illegally installed streetlights from causing the deaths of seabirds and sea turtles, and participated in the passing of a county lighting ordinance to reduce the threat of light pollution to wildlife and human health.

- Continued to host wetland workdays at various estuaries (fishponds and anchialine habitat) in Kaʻū with the support of local NGO partners and schools.

- Continued to clean marine debris off beaches that are important wildlife habitat, and recovered over 21,000 pounds (during 65 cleanups YTD) with over 3,100 logged volunteer hours.
Flora Restoration & International Symposium

HWF and partners hosted this event in Kailua-Kona, from November 3rd – 5th!

We welcomed more than 125 scientists, resource managers, students, and community members from around the world to learn more about the beauty, fragility, and importance of anchialine pools.

Find out more about this symposium on our blog post.

• Continued to remove invasive plants from along the banks of two coastal wetlands, and within 500 acres of coastal vegetation in the Kaʻū Forest Reserve (Hawaiʻi).

• Helped remove invasive fish (guppies and tilapia) from 5 native anchialine pool habitats in Kona.

• Hosted biweekly native seed collection workdays which provided seeds from over 20 different dry forest and coastal plants for future restoration efforts with the Hawaiʻi Island Seed Bank partnership.

• Helped a South Kona community save and grow out seeds from endangered loulu palm trees (*Pritchardia maideniana*).

• Scattered native coastal seeds we had previously collected over a fire-impacted landscape in Kaʻū.

• Added to our collection of *Lāʻau Letters: Native Plants of Kaʻū* posts, in our blog.
Hawaiʻi Wildlife Discovery Center & Environmental Education

This holiday season give the gift of a sea turtle or other marine animal adoption! Your donation to Hawaiʻi Wildlife Fund will contribute to the survival and protection of Hawaii’s native wildlife and coastal habitats by supporting our research, education and conservation programs. MAHALO!

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HAWAIʻI WILDLIFE DISCOVERY CENTER

• Hosted over 20,000 people in our Hawaiʻi Wildlife Discovery Center on Maui (opened October 2021), inspiring visitors and residents to learn more about our native wildlife and Hawaiian cultural values.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WITH HWF STAFF, 2022

• Expanded our Environmental Education activities, including a virtual huakaʻi to Kamilo, created ʻāina-based learning curriculum at Kaʻehu, Maui, and hosted a dozen undergraduate interns from UH Hilo and other colleges on Hawaiʻi Island and Maui during the 2021-22 school year. We are gearing up for a busy 2022-23 school year with classroom visits implemented and more planned on two islands.