

Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund



From the depths of the ocean to white sandy beaches around the world, endangered animals and their ecosystems are the focus of the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund (DWCF).

Established in 1995 on Earth Day, DWCF is a global awards program for the study and protection of the world's wildlife and ecosystems, as well as the promotion of community conservation efforts around the globe.

Through relationships with scientists, educators and nonprofit organizations committed to preserving the earth's biodiversity, DWCF seeks to create awareness of the challenges facing animals, their habitats and the people who share them, and to inspire personal involvement and understanding.

DWCF projects focus on science, and also on people — combining education and inspiration to make a difference in the lives of local citizens and communities, and ultimately to ensure that conservation efforts are sustained.

Annual awards grants are provided to nonprofit groups focused on combining long-term conservation programs with scientific merit and community education and involvement. A special emergency fund also responds to the emergency needs of wildlife by sending supplies and resources to ecologically sensitive areas affected by natural and man-made disasters.

Since its first grants were issued in 1998, in conjunction with the opening of Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park, DWCF has supported 800 projects with more than \$14 million in grants to organizations and individuals working in 110 countries.

For more information on DWCF programs or to learn more about conservation efforts that have been supported, please visit www.disneyconservation.com.