



The International Sea Turtle Society invites environmentally friendly businesses, organizations, and individuals to become sponsors of the **42nd International Sea Turtle Symposium** **24 – 29, March 2024, Pattaya, Thailand**



Dear Sea Turtle Supporter,

Sea turtles are majestic ocean animals and iconic symbols of the sea. The lineage of sea turtles is ancient, dating from the time of dinosaurs. Yet, despite their worldwide popularity, sea turtles face unprecedented threats to their survival, ranging from habitat destruction and incidental capture in fishing gear to pollutants and climate change. For such wide-ranging migratory animals, effective conservation can only be achieved through cooperative global efforts to protect all life stages across large oceanic regions spanning multiple countries.

The International Sea Turtle Society (ISTS) was formed 41 years ago to promote the conservation of sea turtles. Each year the Society hosts the International Sea Turtle Symposium - a meeting that brings together the world's foremost experts in sea turtle science and conservation to facilitate an annual worldwide exchange of information, and throughout the years has developed a unique culture and strong traditions. The symposium draws almost a thousand participants from all over the world and embraces a wide range of disciplines ranging from science and veterinary medicine to education, public policy, and grassroots conservation efforts.

The 2024 symposium will be held **March 24 - 29 in Pattaya, Thailand** at the **Dusit Thani Hotel** (<https://www.dusit.com/dusitthani-pattaya/>). The theme of this year's symposium is **"All In – All Together; Inspiring The Next Generations of Global Sea Turtle Conservationists"**. The symposium will begin with two days of workshops and regional meetings on specialized topics in sea turtle biology and conservation. The four primary days of the symposium follow and include oral and poster presentations describing original research and conservation efforts. Several social events are also scheduled to foster connections among participants, including a welcome social, a student mixer, a Thai cultural night, and a farewell banquet.

The 42nd International Sea Turtle Symposium would not be possible without the support of generous donors like you, who play a key role in helping us cultivate environmental stewardship around the globe. We are seeking support for scientific sessions, workshops, social events, audio-visual equipment, coffee breaks, ground transportation, and printing, as well as travel grants for students and for participants from developing countries. Supporting these items significantly enhances the success of the symposium and ensures a lasting impact on sea turtle conservation. We invite you to consider supporting this very important meeting. Your contribution will benefit the cause of sea turtle conservation while simultaneously providing an excellent opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to the survival of endangered species and preservation of the ocean environment. The International Sea Turtle Society is registered in the United States as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Information about the sponsorship packages is provided below. Please contact us if we can provide more information.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

***Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*): US\$20,000 and above**

In partnership with the Sponsor, we direct Leatherback-level donations to support workshops, special sessions, plenary speakers, social events, and symposium-wide coffee breaks.

Benefits to the Sponsor:

- Sponsor's logo is displayed on the front cover of the ISTS program, ensuring high visibility.
- Logo is projected at the largest size and most prominent locations during breaks and prior to each oral session, ensuring saturation exposure for all participants.
- Logo is displayed prominently on the ISTS website before, during, and after registration; sponsor logo is also hyperlinked to sponsor website to bring attendees to the website when clicked.
- Leatherback sponsors are provided the opportunity to include brochures, magazines, or other advertisement materials in each registrant's materials packet.
- Logo is displayed prominently on ISTS airport and symposium hotel banners.
- Three free tickets for the closing banquet.
- Five free symposium t-shirts.



Leatherbacks are the largest turtle in the world and are the only species of sea turtle that lack scales and a hard shell.

***Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*): US\$15,000 to \$19,999**

In partnership with the Sponsor, we direct Loggerhead-level donations to support workshops, special sessions, plenary speakers, social events, and symposium-wide coffee breaks.

Benefits to the Sponsor:

- Sponsor's logo is displayed on the front cover of the ISTS program, ensuring high visibility.
- Logo is projected at the second largest size and most prominent locations during breaks and prior to each oral session, ensuring saturation exposure for all participants.
- Logo is displayed prominently on the ISTS website before, during, and after registration; sponsor logo is also hyperlinked to sponsor website to bring attendees to the website when clicked.
- Loggerhead sponsors are provided the opportunity to include brochures, magazines, or other advertisement materials in each registrant's materials packet.
- Four free symposium t-shirts.



The loggerhead turtle is named for its large head, which supports powerful jaw muscles that enable them to feed on hard-shelled invertebrate prey.



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***Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*): US\$10,000 to US\$14,999**

In partnership with the Sponsor, we direct Hawksbill level donations to support workshops, special sessions, audiovisual equipment, plenary speakers, social events and symposium-wide coffee breaks.

Benefits to the Sponsor:

- Sponsor's logo is displayed on the front cover of the ISTS program, ensuring high visibility.
- Logo is projected at the third largest size in prominent locations during breaks and prior to each oral session, ensuring saturation exposure for all participants.
- Logo is displayed prominently on the ISTS website before, during, and after registration; sponsor logo is also hyperlinked to sponsor website to bring attendees to the website when clicked.
- Two free symposium t-shirts.



Hawksbill turtles get their name from their unique beak-like bill, resembling that of a hawk - useful in consuming their main prey of reef sponges.

***Green (*Chelonia mydas*): US\$5,000 to US\$9,999**

In partnership with the Sponsor, we direct Green level donations to support workshops, special sessions, audiovisual equipment rental and social events. This level of support may also go to supporting printing costs and ground transportation.

Benefits to the Sponsor:

- Sponsor's logo is displayed on the back cover of the ISTS program, ensuring high visibility
- Logo is projected in prominent locations during breaks and prior to each oral session, ensuring saturation exposure for all participants.
- Logo is displayed prominently on the ISTS website before, during, and after registration; sponsor logo is also hyperlinked to sponsor website to bring attendees to the website when clicked.
- A free symposium t-shirt.



The green sea turtle is the largest hard-shelled sea turtle and is herbivorous, eating mostly seagrasses and algae.

***Kemp's Ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*): US\$1000 to US\$4,999**

Kemp's Ridley level donations are used to support workshops, special sessions, program printing, audiovisual rental, cost of student travel, and travel of participants from developing countries. Sponsors have the option to designate the gift for use as travel funds and specify a particular group to support (e.g., students from Central America or participants from Africa).

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- Individuals benefiting from travel funding provided by the sponsor will acknowledge the sponsorship in their oral and poster presentations.

Kemp's Ridley are found mostly in the Gulf of Mexico and are the smallest species of sea turtle in the world.

***Olive Ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*): US\$500 to US\$999**

Olive Ridley level donations help defray the cost of workshops, printing, student awards, student travel, and travel of participants from developing countries.

Benefits to the Sponsor:

- Sponsor will be listed on the sponsor page of the program.
- Logo is projected in prominent locations during breaks and prior to each oral session.
- Logo is displayed on the ISTS website before, during, and after registration; sponsor logo is also hyperlinked to sponsor website to bring attendees to the website when clicked.
- Individuals benefiting from travel funding provided by the sponsor will acknowledge the sponsorship in their oral and poster presentations.



Olive Ridley turtles get their name from the olive-green color of their shell. This species is among the smallest of marine species and are found primarily in tropical oceans.

***Flatback (*Natator depressus*): US\$25 to US\$499**

Flatback level donations are used to help defray the cost of workshops, printing, student awards, student travel, and travel of participants from developing countries.

Benefits to the Sponsors

- Sponsor will be listed on the sponsor page of the program.
- Sponsor will be acknowledged on the ISTS website.



Flatbacks are known to occur only in the waters around Australia. They get their name from the relatively flattened curvature of their shell.

Additional Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships are also offered for specific events such as workshops and special sessions of the symposium. Such sponsorships typically range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 depending on the event; please contact us for details. Sponsors of events are acknowledged prominently in the program, on the ISTS website, and during the symposium event, itself.

We express special thanks to Dawn Witherington of Drawn by Dawn Illustration and Design (<https://drawnbydawn.com/>) for the use of her sea turtle artwork of all seven species represented here.