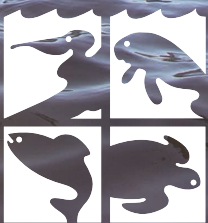




# ***2022 IMPACT REPORT***



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**OUR MISSION:  
TO INSPIRE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP OF FLORIDA'S COASTAL  
ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY.**

# 2022: FOUNDATIONS FOR CHANGE

This past year has been one of growth and achievement at Florida Oceanographic Society. We have welcomed a record number of visitors to the Coastal Center, expanded our advocacy efforts, established critical partnerships in the scientific community, and developed new education, research and restoration initiatives. We were able to accomplish so much because of your support! You enabled us to scale up the organization with additional staff and volunteers to help share our message of environmental stewardship with increasing impact.



**Mark D. Perry, Executive Director & CEO, &  
Bob Mathias, Board Chair**

In May, we saw the opening of the newly renovated Frances Langford Visitors Center, complete with an expanded Gift Shop and remodeled entrance for Admissions. We embraced a record 64,628 visitors to the Coastal Center this past year, and delighted in watching them learn about our local waterways and interact with our marine life, all while being inspired by the difference they can make for our environment. Our Summer Camp programming continued to see enthusiastic engagement from the community and filled in record time!

Florida Oceanographic's scientists have been involved in the quest to bring seagrass back to the estuaries. The health of our local waterways has suffered over the past several years, resulting in significant seagrass die-offs, highlighted by the devastating impact on local manatee populations. We have been working with stakeholders and agencies at the state, local and federal level to understand how we can reverse this trend and facilitate successful seagrass restoration. Although much of the success is dependent on water quality, we are working to analyze and develop best practices that will optimize what we can do to restore seagrass habitats critical to Florida's coastal ecosystems.

Earlier in the year, we came together as a community to protest Senate Bill 2508, a piece of Florida legislation that would have harmed our waterways and set back the progress we have made to restore the Everglades. Additionally, in our fight for zero discharges to the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon, we are remaining alert and vigilant until discharge limits are codified into standard operating procedures for Lake Okeechobee. The updates to these procedures, expected to be complete in April 2023, will go a long way in preventing toxic discharges to our estuaries and returning the natural flow of water to the Everglades.

We have been working on behalf of the community for fifty-eight years, and we are looking forward to continuing our mission for years to come. We believe that our waterways deserve our respect, reverence, and protection, and must be preserved for future generations. Building on these foundations for change is critical to the future of our environment and the mission of Florida Oceanographic Society.



# AT THE COASTAL CENTER

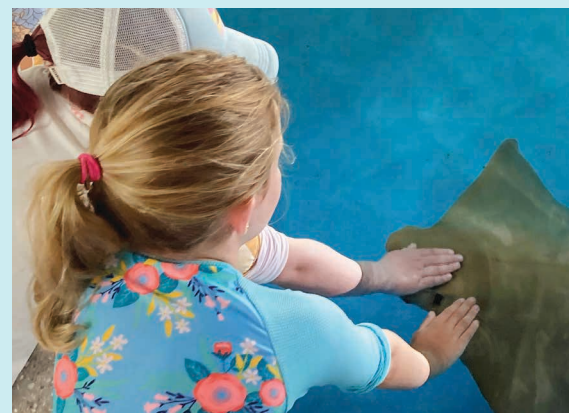
The Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center is a 57-acre marine life nature center located on Hutchinson Island in Stuart, Florida. While here, guests can explore a mile-long nature trail, interact with stingrays and local invertebrate species, and attend educational programs that teach about local gamefish, sharks and sea turtles that live in the 750,000+ gallon Gamefish Lagoon. The Ocean EcoCenter, a 7,200 square foot, state-of-the-art facility, features exhibit galleries dedicated to Florida's coastal ecosystems and includes interactive exhibits and 2,000+ gallons of aquariums that educate guests on why estuaries are essential to our local wildlife, how sea turtle hatchlings reach the ocean, why seagrass population growth is vital, and what can be done to save local waterways.

## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

Within its first year of opening, the Ocean EcoCenter has garnered rave reviews from visitors, locals, and the tourism industry alike, helping spread our message of environmental stewardship beyond the Treasure Coast.

### AWARDS for the Ocean EcoCenter:

- 2022 Escape to the Southeast Travel Attraction of the Year – Southeast Tourism Society
- 2022 Environmental Education Award – Keep Martin Beautiful





## A LEGACY RENEWED

Earlier this year, we opened the newly renovated Frances Langford Visitors Center, complete with a remodeled Admissions area and expanded Gift Shop. We celebrated the re-opening of the Visitors Center on May 11th and have since welcomed over 25,000 people through our doors. This spacious area now offers guests the opportunity to find information for current and upcoming events, learn more about our advocacy and research initiatives, as well as shop and purchase gifts from an expanded selection of items to remind them of their Coastal Center experience.



Ms. Frances Langford was a longtime supporter of Florida Oceanographic and believed our mission was important to the community. In September 1989, Ms. Langford donated her beach house to Florida Oceanographic and was quoted in the news as saying, “I’ve always been interested in the Oceanographic Society and so was my husband, Ralph. So when I heard they were building a science center, I wanted to help.” The property was sold in November 1991, and the proceeds allowed us to construct the first building on the Coastal Center site—the Frances Langford Visitors Center. Ms. Langford participated in the groundbreaking of the Visitors Center on February 12, 1994, and we officially dedicated the Center in her honor as we opened the doors in December of that year.



The renovation of this building is part of our larger Capital Campaign and helps further realize the mission of our organization that Ms. Langford and others in the community have supported for so many years.



# EDUCATION

An educated community is an empowered community. Concerned and knowledgeable citizens are at the forefront of the battle to protect Florida's imperiled waters. Florida Oceanographic Society is deeply committed to educating our community about the environment. Our educational programs, aimed at guests of all ages, are designed to create passion and generate action through learning. Daily educational presentations at the Coastal Center leave guests with a wealth of knowledge about Florida's unique organisms, ecosystems, and environmental challenges. Youth-focused programming, like field trips, classroom outreach lessons, virtual presentations, and summer camps, inspire the next generation of environmental advocates. With these programs, plus many other special opportunities like sea turtle walks and community lectures, Florida Oceanographic's educational offerings have something for everyone.

## MARINE SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP

For Treasure Coast youngsters, spending a fun-filled week at one of Florida Oceanographic's summer camps has become an annual tradition. These science-focused camps provide a hands-on, immersive experience for children in preschool through high school. Using the Coastal Center property as a living classroom, campers explore the animals, plants, and biological processes that make our part of Florida so unique. These popular camps fill to capacity in a matter of weeks, and many of our camp families have sent multiple siblings through our program over the years. Summer camps at the Coastal Center are a lot of fun, but they also serve to kickstart a lifelong passion for the environment.



## COASTAL LECTURE SERIES

A wintertime tradition in Martin County, the Coastal Lecture Series brings high-caliber speakers to our community to share unique stories about nature and the environment. For the second year in a row, the 2022 Coastal Lecture Series used a virtual format to stream live presentations into homes around the county and around the globe. More than 1,800 live participants attended the nine lectures we hosted this year, an average nightly attendance of more than 200 guests per lecture. Recordings of this year's lectures have been viewed an additional 1,100 times, further increasing the program's reach. These free lectures are an important avenue for sharing scientific knowledge with our community.



## SEA TURTLE NESTING WALKS

Each summer, thousands of mother sea turtles migrate back to our region to nest on Treasure Coast beaches. Florida Oceanographic Society holds a special permit from the State of Florida that allows us to share this marvel of nature with guests through our sea turtle walk program. By giving small groups of lucky guests an up-close view of the sea turtle nesting process, sea turtle walks help to promote a broader conservation mindset among attendees. Later in the summer, we lead educational sea turtle nest excavation programs with our partners at Ecological Associates, Inc. During a nest excavation, guests learn more about the nesting process, as well as scientific efforts that go into monitoring and conserving sea turtles in Florida.



## DESERVING KIDS TO THE COAST

More than ever before, schools are struggling to provide unique and transformative educational opportunities for their students. The lingering impacts of COVID-19 combined with emerging transportation issues have made it difficult for many local schools to schedule educational field trips. Florida Oceanographic is working to address this need in our community, with a particular focus on schools that serve socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Over the past several years, the grant-funded “Deserving Kids to the Coast” marine science education program has provided free field trips and virtual field trips to thousands of students who attend Title I schools in our region.

This year, “Deserving Kids to the Coast” provided free virtual field trips to 36 second-grade classes at Title I schools in St. Lucie County, reaching nearly 700 students. Although most schools chose to participate in the virtual version of the program, we led free in-person field trips to the Coastal Center for nine Title I elementary school classes from Martin County, inspiring another 160 children. In addition to “Deserving Kids to the Coast,” we provided 13 reduced-cost and no-cost virtual field trips this year, reaching nearly 300 elementary, middle, high school, and college students. “Deserving Kids to the Coast” was made possible through the generous support of the William & Helen Thomas Charitable Trust, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation, and the Andrew & Robin Hunt Philanthropic Fund at The Community Foundation Martin - St. Lucie.



# RESEARCH & CONSERVATION

## THE SCIENCE OF RESTORATION

Florida Oceanographic has a long history of research and conservation work in our local waterways. Our team formulates, conducts, and manages science-based programs and research throughout the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) and St. Lucie Estuary (SLE). Understanding the complexities of these unique ecosystems is no easy task, but by recognizing spatial and temporal patterns and how they affect the important ecosystems in the IRL and SLE, we can better understand the threats facing our waterways, while also formulating future solutions.

Restoration is a science; by collecting baseline data before and after restoration projects we can better understand the drivers and trajectory of success. Additionally, research into life histories and habitat connectivity is critical to understanding our ecosystems and how and why they are changing.



## CLAMS AND SEAGRASS RESTORATION RESEARCH

Currently, our team is exploring the co-restoration of clams and seagrass in the IRL; measuring the advantages of each species' ecosystem services against one another to see if co-facilitation will increase habitat success. Both species provide important benefits to our waterways, but how they interact together has yet to be understood in the IRL. Our team has been collaborating with multiple organizations in the area to answer this question, and while they are in the early stages of this project, the findings could lead to more sustainable restoration efforts in the long-term—an outcome that has us both optimistic and excited.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Our Marine Ecology Lab at the Coastal Center researches the biodiversity, life histories and ecology of bivalves, seagrasses, and mangroves in the IRL and SLE, with an emphasis on understanding how anthropogenic and climate changes affect habitat stability and resilience. We organized and hosted a one-day workshop for 72 local and statewide stakeholders to highlight research, management and outreach priorities for clam restoration to be successful in the Indian River Lagoon.

We attended several local and national scientific conferences and presented our research on the following topics:

- Seagrass restoration in the Indian River Lagoon
- Co-facilitation of clams and seagrass for increased restoration success
- Mangrove ecosystem services under global climate change drivers
- Oyster recruitment and settlement in the Indian River Lagoon

In 2022, our work was published in peer-reviewed scientific journals<sup>1,2</sup> and in technical reports<sup>3,4</sup>:

1. Estuaries and Coasts
2. Ecosystems



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



### FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC SEAGRASS TRAINING EDUCATION & RESTORATION

In response to the massive seagrass loss in our area, this restoration program collects seagrass fragments from our waterways, grows out the shoots in our seagrass nursery, and then replants them back into our estuaries.



### FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC OYSTER RESTORATION

Oysters provide tremendous value to the waterways by filtering and cleaning water and establishing habitat for a multitude of species. This restoration program returns recycled oyster shells to the estuary to facilitate growth of new oyster reefs.



### FLORIDA OCEANOGRAPHIC WATER ECOSYSTEM SURVEYS

Weekly water quality testing program that collects data throughout the estuary related to temperature, salinity, clarity, pH and dissolved oxygen. This program is powered by citizen-science volunteers.

### LIVING DOCKS

A new program established this past year that is working to increase habitat for filter feeders. Oyster mats will be attached to dock pilings, which will increase the availability of substrate for filter feeders to settle on, thus increasing water filtration in our estuaries.

## COLLABORATIONS INCLUDE

Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program | City of Satellite Beach  
Martin County | Marine Discovery Center  
Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves | UF/IFAS | Marine Resources Council  
Brevard Zoo | Florida Sea Grant | South Florida Water Management District  
Smithsonian Marine Station | St. Johns River Water Management District  
Ducks Unlimited | Coastal Conservation Association | Marine Resources Council  
Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission | Fish and Wildlife Research Institute

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University of Florida | Villanova University | Roosevelt University  
UF - Whitney Lab for Marine Biosciences | University of Alabama | Samford University  
Florida Atlantic University - Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute  
Indian River State College | Florida Institute of Technology



# ADVOCACY

## MAKING OUR VOICES HEARD

Protecting our waters is a community effort. Florida Oceanographic takes our responsibility as trusted environmental advocates seriously, and we continue to affirm our dedication to educating elected officials, our community, and visitors on the issues facing our waters. In partnership with the Rivers Coalition and Everglades Coalition, we strengthen our voices by collectively advocating for clean and healthy ecosystems.



## A WATERSHED YEAR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

This was a pivotal year for policies that will protect our waterways. We were able to successfully protect our waterways through a swift and coordinated response from environmental advocates throughout the state to thwart a last-minute piece of legislation. An environmentally detrimental Florida Senate Bill, SB2508, sailed through the appropriations process in a method outside the norm for environmental legislation. We, along with other environmental policy experts, called attention to the many ways this bill would curtail progress on restoring our waterways. After hearing our collective calls to action, thousands of advocates sent letters to the Governor and Legislature, echoing those concerns. Ultimately, this act encouraged the Governor to veto this bill—a major win for Florida’s waters.



Additionally, we continued to provide feedback to the schedule used to determine how water will be released from Lake Okeechobee, known as the Lake Okeechobee System Operating Manual (LOSOM). This process went through numerous iterations before being developed into a plan that benefits the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon. While the plan is not perfect, it is a significant advancement in stopping the freshwater releases that devastate our estuarine environment. It was through the outpouring of public input from our community that the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) heard our voices loud and clear: polluting releases to our coast must be stopped!

The past year provided many lessons on the power of our collective voice, the rapid activation of grassroots campaigns, and the commitment to environmental stewardship our fellow Floridians possess. We are positioned to make significant positive changes utilizing this knowledge going forward and celebrating wins along the way.

### **Our involvement includes:**

- Participating in numerous local, state, and federal agency meetings and workshops to represent the best interests of our local waterways and all of Florida's connected water bodies
- Activating a grassroots campaign to rapidly respond to the environmentally detrimental bill SB2508, ultimately contributing to the Governor's veto of the bill
- Authoring public comments on the LOSOM draft Environmental Impact Statement and Water Control Plan, emphasizing the importance of zero Lake Okeechobee discharges to the St. Lucie Estuary



- Leading on Everglades Restoration and Florida ecosystem health as the Co-Chair of the Everglades Coalition, sponsor of the Everglades Coalition Conference and Board Chair of the Rivers Coalition
- Expanding our advocacy initiatives by establishing a grant-funded Advocacy Coordinator position supported by the Everglades Foundation
- Hosting the U.S. Dept. of Interior and EPA for discussions on the current threats facing seagrass in the Indian River Lagoon after a devastating year for manatee mortality
- Hosting Everglades Foundation's Treasure Coast: Protecting Our Water symposium



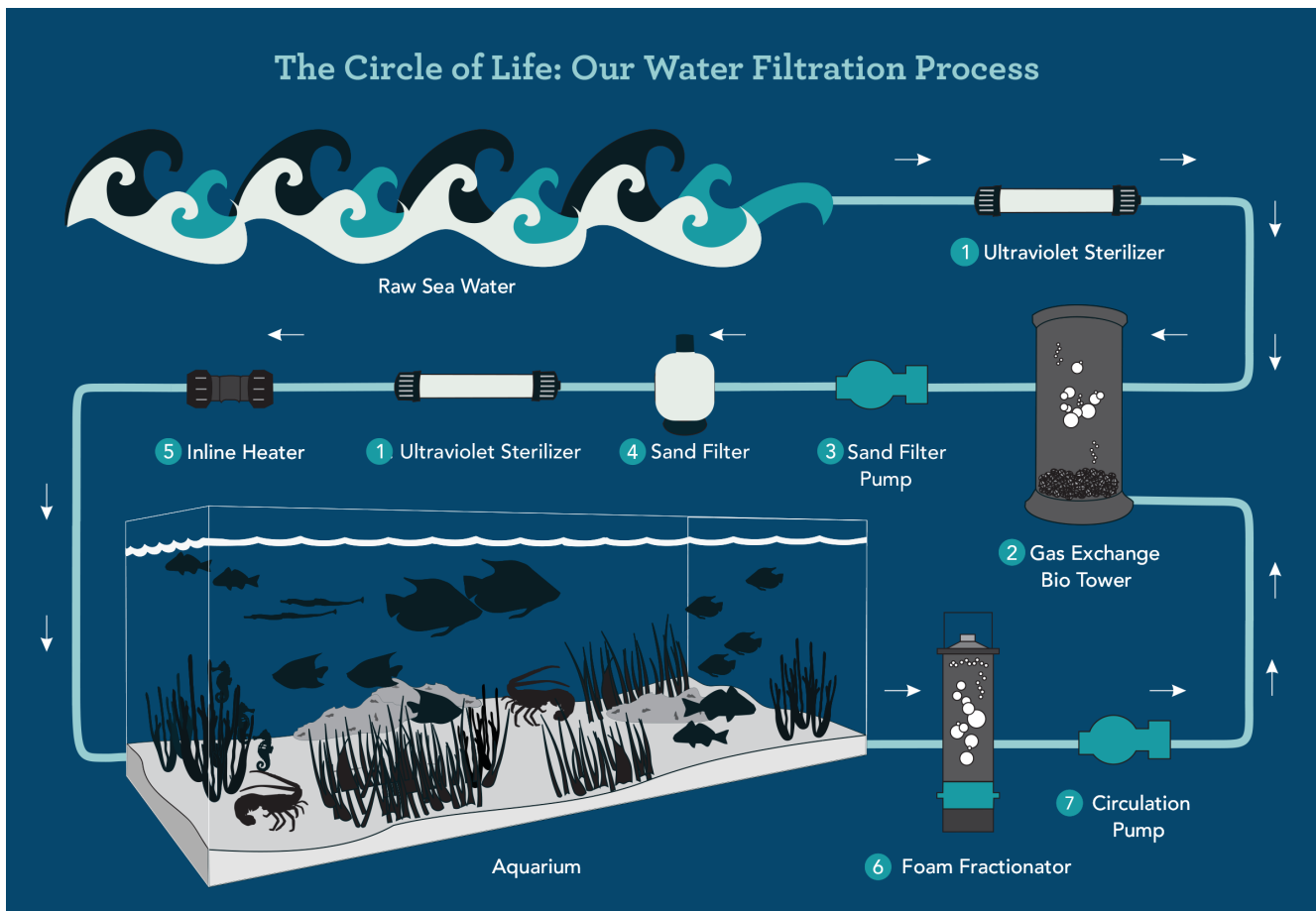
# ANIMAL CARE

Florida Oceanographic has a variety of amazing Conservation Ambassador Animals to help our guests learn about, appreciate, and better understand our coastal environments. Our Animal Care team looks after more than 300 different animals at the Coastal Center from small hermit crabs and bumpy sea cucumbers, to a crafty octopus, and graceful stingrays, as well as our incredible sea turtles, each with their own distinctive personalities. It is a responsibility that we take seriously, and we are honored that we are able to care for marine life that serves as such an inspiration to our visitors.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

The Estuaries and Life Along the Shore galleries in our Ocean EcoCenter are home to some unique and fascinating local fish and invertebrates. To house and support our Conservation Ambassador Animals, we needed two custom-built aquariums that could mimic the saltwater habitats of their natural environment and a system that could effectively filter and clean the water. To ensure this process could be carried out, a custom Life Support System was installed to maintain the environment in these tanks. Through a series of processes that include ultraviolet sterilization, sand filters, biofiltration, and a foam fractionator, these exhibits come to life, offering our guests a unique look into the lives of local marine life.





# VOLUNTEERS

## DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Florida Oceanographic Volunteers are back in full force after COVID! Our volunteers cheerfully answer the call for volunteer roles to be filled. Their dedication, enthusiasm and optimism are infectious, and we are so grateful to all those who help fulfill Florida Oceanographic's mission.

**Truly dedicated, our Volunteers donated nearly 14,000 hours of their talent and time this past year.**

- Our Education Volunteers spent nearly 3,200 hours with our Coastal Center guests and helped facilitate memorable interactions with our Conservation Ambassador Animals.
- 180 hours were spent assisting staff to locate nesting loggerhead sea turtles by our team of Sea Turtle Scouts as they tirelessly walked our beaches late into the night!
- Interns with our Education and Animal Care teams donated nearly 600 hours working closely with our staff to help ensure the health of our animals and inspire our Coastal Center guests.
- Our Butterfly Garden and grounds look so wonderful thanks to the 540 hours of labor-intensive work provided by our Green Team.
- Over 100 truly devoted and enthusiastic volunteers spent 1,000 plus hours keeping our local beaches, roads and waterways cleaner and healthier.
- Citizen Science Water Testers contributed over 3,200 hours completing water quality tests in our local waterways to help us better understand the health of our estuary.
- Our Citizen Science Seagrass Surveyors logged 158 underwater hours collecting local seagrass data to assist our Research Department with their seagrass restoration projects.
- Our oyster and seagrass habitat restorations benefitted from 1,960 hours of incredible volunteer time.
- We are grateful for the 700 hours spent by volunteers quietly working behind the scenes to ensure our events run smoothly and assist with our administrative functions!
- The priceless time and expertise graciously given by our Board of Directors is greatly appreciated!





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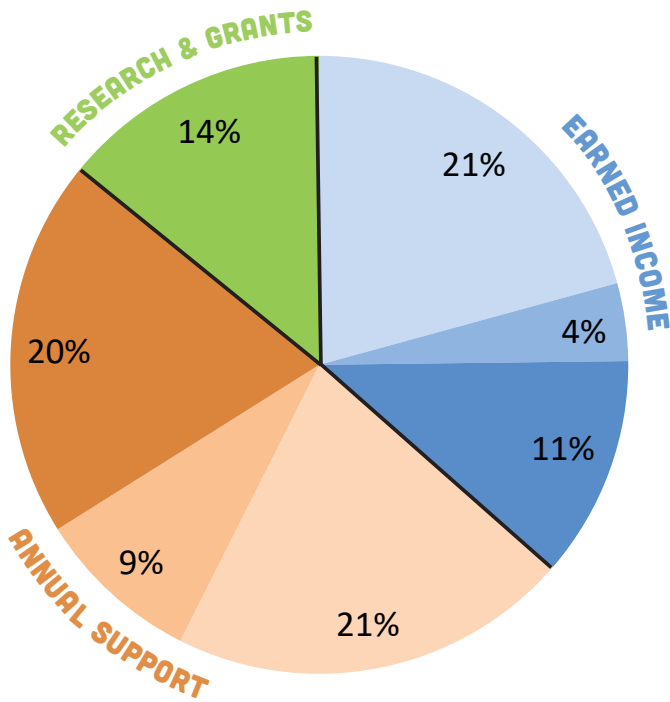
# OPERATING PERFORMANCE

FISCAL YEAR OCT. 2021– SEPT. 2022 (FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 9/30/22)

## SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Admissions .....	\$623,046
Educational Programs .....	\$122,179
Gift Shop.....	\$346,707
General Contributions.....	\$615,314
Membership Contributions .....	\$259,739
Special Events.....	\$596,338
Research & Grants.....	\$226,513

**Total Support and Revenues.....\$2,789,836**

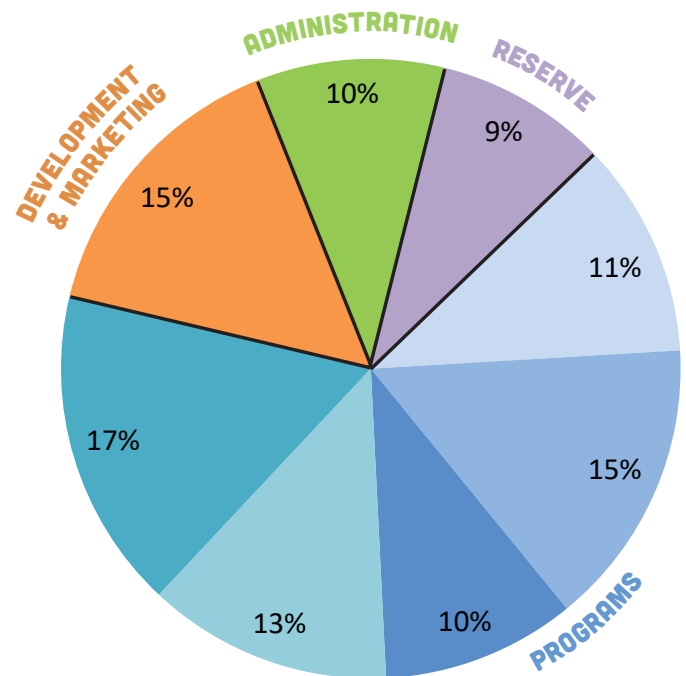


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## EXPENSES

Visitors Center .....	\$314,606
Facilities.....	\$419,231
Animal Care & Life Support .....	\$282,286
Education & Volunteer Department .....	\$356,235
Research & Conservation .....	\$468,261
Development & Marketing.....	\$428,165
Administration.....	\$270,003
Operating Shortfall Reserve .....	\$250,000

**Total Expenses ..... \$2,788,787**



- Visitors Center
- Facilities
- Animal Care & Life Support
- Education & Volunteer Department
- Research & Conservation
- Development & Marketing
- Administration
- Operating Shortfall Reserve

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