

PASO PACÍFICO

MAKING CONNECTIONS FOR CONSERVATION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Founded in 2005, Paso Pacífico's mission is to restore and conserve the natural ecosystems of Central America's Pacific Slope by collaborating with landowners, local communities and involved organizations to promote ecosystem conservation.

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Dear Friends,

As I look back on 2018, I am amazed at the challenges we faced and grateful for the resilience of Paso Pacífico and the people we work with. No matter the political climate, we are deeply committed to protecting and restoring the natural resources of Central America, particularly in Nicaragua, where we have worked for the past thirteen years.

This year was a challenging time as our staff and community partners dealt with the impacts of troubled politics. When the local economy shrank due to the turmoil, we became the only steady employer remaining in the communities and our voices became even more important in protecting wildlife. While most other conservation organizations have withdrawn, our operations in Nicaragua continue through the support of our loyal donors.

Since we began in 2005, we have intended to replicate our most successful projects all across the western coast of Central America. In 2017, using our mission as a guide, we worked with advisors from the Ashoka Foundation to plan how to scale our impact. The dynamics of 2018 further encouraged us to start expanding our reach, and we were fortunate to have these plans ready for use.

The threatened ecosystems we target in Nicaragua—dry tropical forests, mangrove wetlands, and coral reefs—are also in El Salvador. This past fall, members of the Board of Directors visited El Salvador to assess opportunities to work with local communities and conservation leaders who share our goals. The partnerships we began will help protect more threatened wildlife, strengthen local conservation leaders, and further refine conservation models for global replication! Paso Pacífico is further developing those relationships and now has pilot projects in El Salvador. We look forward to seeing their success and sharing it with you.

Environmental conservation and sustainability are key to the long-term prosperity and wellbeing of our society. As we look forward to a future that will include a democratic and peaceful Central America, we are continuing to build a wildlife corridor that will sustain a full spectrum of flora and fauna in parallel with flourishing communities.

Together, we have a pivotal role to play in building a better future for Nicaragua, El Salvador, and all of Central America. Your help matters today and in the future. Thank you for your support in this critical work.

Gratefully,



Christine Schmidt
 Board President



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CONNECTING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

In 2018, Paso Pacifico began creating a regional network to harness the power of partnership. We directed research (carried out by masters student Ruchi Patel) and made on-the-ground visits to El Salvador to explore opportunities with FUNZEL and other potential partners.

Over the next five years, we will form a close group of organizations and experts across Central America. This scaling plan was developed with the Ashoka Foundation. Participants will exchange lessons learned in conservation and work together to implement grants and other funding opportunities. By 2024, we aim to have ten new network members, 20,000 km² in new wildlife corridors, and strategic alliances in the educational and private sectors. We are excited to "make connections for conservation" in broader, more powerful ways.

IN SPECIAL GRATITUDE:

SUSAN L. WHITE

Susan White is a longtime friend and patron to Paso Pacifico. In 2010, she and her late sister, Karen Warren, joined together to meet a pressing need to rescue and rehabilitate spider monkeys from the pet trade. Raised in captivity, these monkeys are unable to survive in the wild.

To save them, Susan and Karen created the Karen Warren and Susan White Spider Monkey Sanctuary, located at our Mono Bayo Reserve in Nicaragua. The sanctuary's four monkeys enjoy a fresh diet, health checkups, and enrichment activities. They also receive occasional visitors. Since 2010, hundreds of local children have learned from their wondrous intelligence and beauty. Susan continues to provide financial assistance for the sanctuary and our educational activities there.

Susan is retired and loves staying up to date on the latest developments in the Paso Pacifico family. She has a special love for animals, especially her cat Roxy. We are grateful to Susan for her incredible generosity and kindness year after year, which has strengthened our conservation work immeasurably.



31 community members employed as Forest and Sea Turtle Rangers



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

65 community education workshops



61 youth completing the Junior Ranger program

24 young yellow-naped Amazon parrots saved from poachers



1,500+ participants in beach, river & mangrove clean-ups

5,675 oysters grown by entrepreneurial women farmers



10,328 sea turtles hatched, thanks to our protection

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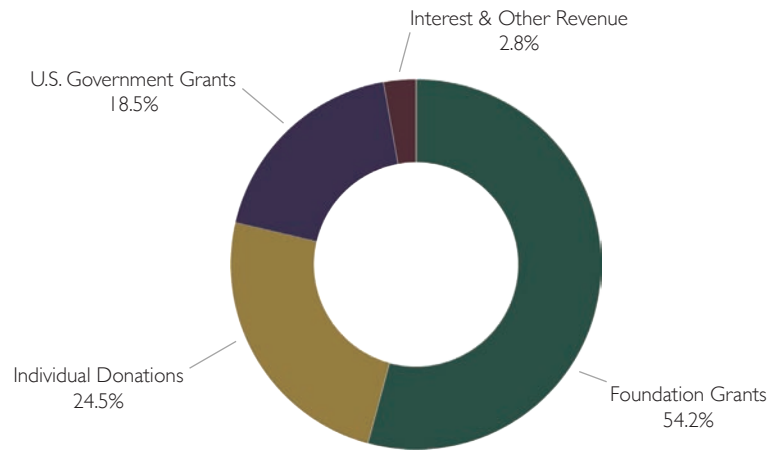
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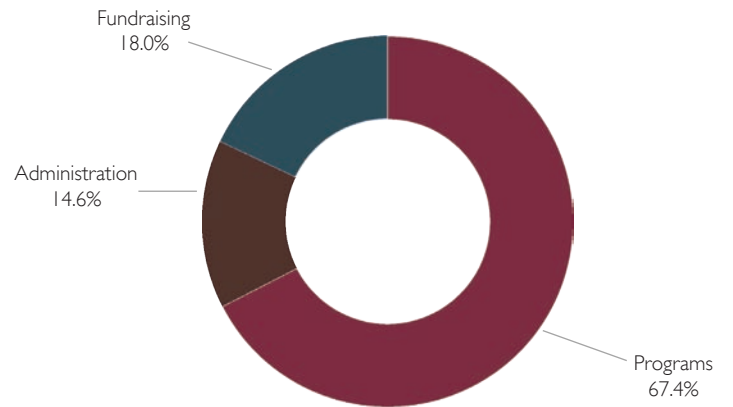
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Foundation Grants	\$200,466
Individual Donations	\$90,481
U.S. Government Grants	\$68,500
Interest & Other Revenue	\$10,459
Total	\$369,906



Annual Expenses

Program	\$481,269
Administrative	\$104,107
Fundraising	\$128,213
Total	\$713,589



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