

## **Cooperative Marine Turtle Tagging Program**

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In April 1999, the management of the Cooperative Marine Turtle Tagging Program (CMTTP) was transferred from the Miami Laboratory of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center to the Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research (ACCSTR) at the University of Florida. This report describes the activities and accomplishments of the CMTTP from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012. The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the funding agency.

A major change in the CMTTP was initiated in early 2010. Hard copies of tagging records are no longer required; electronic records are required instead. Working with scientists from the Miami Laboratory of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, we are now developing new policy statements for the web site of the CMTTP. We are also assessing the best approach and the amount of effort required to incorporate the tagging data into the NEWTAG data base that were not entered between 1999 and 2012.

### **Annual Activities of the CMTTP**

1. We have maintained a web site for the CMTTP [<http://accstr.ufl.edu/cmttp.html>]. The web site includes instructions on how to obtain tags and applicators and all of the CMTTP documents:

CMTTP 1999 New Policy [request for payment, new tag return address and offer of reward]

CMTTP Requesting Tags and Data Policy

CMTTP Protocols for Handling, Tagging, and Measuring Marine Turtles

*Recommendations for Activities Involving Brief Captivity with Non-Invasive or Minimally Invasive Procedures* by L. H. Herbst and E. R. Jacobson

The web site also has the following two documents in Adobe Acrobat pdf format:

CMTTP Tag Request Form

CMTTP Tagging Data Form

2. We have continued this year to invest substantial time in cleaning up the computer files transferred to us. In particular, the NEWTAG database continues to require significant effort. We are still filling in gaps in the database as a result of substantial correspondence with CMTTP participants. We continue to discover, and correct, many errors in the database.
3. From 1 April 2011 through 31 March 2012, we purchased 6000 Inconel tags (style 681) and 20 applicators from National Band and Tag Company. All the tags have a UF return address and offer of a reward. Tag series purchased were BBQ000-999, BBR000-999, BBS000-999, BBT000-999, BBV000-999, and BBW000-999. In August 2011, NMFS Miami Laboratory ordered 1400 tags (BBX000-999 and BBY000-399) directly from National Band and Tag Company, Inc.
4. From 1 April 2011 through 31 March 2012, we distributed a total of 9100 style 681 inconel tags, and 50 applicators (Table 1). We received all required permits and project descriptions from each of these programs.

5. From 1 April 2011 through 31 March 2012, we received a total of \$4020 in payment for tags and applicators, and an additional \$800 is promised for a total of \$4820 cost recovery (Table 1). These funds have been deposited in the University of Florida Foundation / CMTTP account that we maintain to receive payments for tags and applicators.
6. Table 2 shows the responses that we have received from participants on the allowable use of tagging data by NMFS. If no category of "Allowable Use" is checked by the CMTTP collaborator, we assume that these are "No additional use without permission," that is, "NMFS reserves the right to access the CMTTP database for sea turtle management purposes." The Data Policy of the CMTTP is repeated here as presented on the website.

## **Data Policy**

### ***Ownership of Data***

The "owner" of the data for a tagged turtle, i.e., the individual with rights to publication of release and subsequent recapture data, is the investigator who placed the original tag on the turtle. In the event of a recapture, the ACCSTR will report recapture data to the "owner," and individual tag release data will be forwarded to the individual who reported the tagged turtle.

### ***Archive/Exchange of Information***

The ACCSTR will archive all information obtained from marine turtle tagging programs. This archive includes tag data from all projects using CMTTP tags. The "owner" is requested to specify allowable uses of the tag data entrusted to the CMTTP (see Tag Request Form). NMFS and the ACCSTR will continue to receive tag recaptures for years after many projects are completed and investigators have moved on to other work. Therefore, the determination of allowable use of future recaptures and publication of results is important to prevent losing tag data valuable to sea turtle population studies.

### ***Presentations and Publications***

Tag data cannot be used for presentation or publication without the consent of the "owner." Investigators are encouraged to produce peer-reviewed publications; NMFS (Marine Turtle Program, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149) and the ACCSTR request that researchers provide copies of reports/publications within three months of publication. NMFS reserves the right to access the CMTTP database for sea turtle management purposes. ACCSTR reserves the right to access the CMTTP database for database management only. Under no circumstances does NMFS, ACCSTR, or an investigator have the authority to present or publish data maintained by the CMTTP without written consent from all data "owners" involved. All requests for data access should be sent to ACCSTR who will then determine the "owners" from whom written permission will be required.

7. From 1 April 2011 through 31 March 2012, we received recapture reports for 1665 sea turtles. We entered 3399 records into the NEWTAG database, both the 1665 recapture reports and 1734 original tagging reports. Data were entered into the NEWTAG database, original taggers of the turtles were notified, and the individual reporting the tag was sent tagging information on the turtle and, if appropriate, a reward of \$5.00 per tag.

8. We continue to receive electronic tagging data files from some programs, e.g., St. Lucie Power Plant, Juno Marinelife Center, NOAA Beaufort Lab, Buck Island NWR, Mote Marine Laboratory, Sarasota County Natural Resources, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation, Caretta Research Project at Wassaw Island, GA, NOAA Galveston Lab, and East Coast Observers, Inc. These files have been converted to Access, and files from each locality for each project have been combined into one file.
9. Beginning in January 2007, we developed an additional database to track original tagging records received. This database serves as a log for the number of records received by the CMTTP program. From 1 April 2011 through 31 March 2012, we received 4772 records for the CMTTP files (3223 electronic and 2178 on paper; some programs send both electronic and paper records).
10. We reviewed individually all hard copy data sheets that were submitted without an electronic file and entered all recaptures into NEWTAG. All original tagging records were filed after their numbers were entered into FINDTAG and/or PITTAG. The number of tagging programs that only submit hard copy data sheets is still significant. In 2012/13, we will work directly with these CMTTP collaborators to shift their data submission from hard copy to electronic databases.
11. We store all CMTTP paperwork in fireproof filing cabinets. Two cabinets were transferred to us from NMFS in 1999 when the ACCSTR assumed responsibility for managing CMTTP. We purchased a third fireproof filing cabinet during 2003 with funds from the University of Florida Foundation / CMTTP account.
12. The importance of the CMTTP for preserving tagging records was highlighted again this year. We received requests from the Little Cumberland Island Turtle Project, the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, Mote Marine Lab, and Sarasota County Natural Resources, for help with past records, both for turtles they captured and for their turtles that were recaptured elsewhere.
13. We assisted people who had recaptured turtles with PIT tags to identify who placed the PIT tag in the turtle. Our database PITTAG now has 34,775 entries, but this is a fraction of the PIT tags inserted into turtles. There is still a need for a PIT tag database that lists all PIT tag codes with the contact information for the tag originators. We are working with Sheryan Epperly to be the contact person for encrypted PIT tags.
14. We contributed to the cold stunning efforts of January 2010 and December 2010 by quickly dispensing tags, being a repository for tagging records, and helping to straighten out the cold stun tagging records from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. This last effort is still ongoing in 2012 and has consumed substantial time.

Table 1. Number of tags and applicators distributed from 1 April 2011 through 31 March 2012 with cost-recovery information. See Table 3 for organization codes.

Organization	# Tags	# Applicators	Cost	No funds available	Check Promised	Check Received	Issue Date
PASC	100	10	\$300			X	4/6/11
KARU	800	4	\$728	X			4/7/11
BOAVISTA	500	5	\$510			X	4/12/11
FWCC	500	2	\$444			X	4/13/11
FCAC	300	4	\$328	X			4/20/11
SOST	400	0	\$320	X			5/2/11
TXAM	0	1	\$22	X			5/11/11
CSBL	200	0	\$160			X	5/12/11
ANGL	200	0	\$160	X			5/13/11
DMRP	200	0	\$160			X	5/20/11
SVAN	300	3	\$306			X	6/7/11
UNTX	100	0	\$80			X	6/7/11
GSTC	100	3	\$146			X	6/8/11
SCTY	200	0	\$160			X	6/15/11
IWRG	500	0	\$400		X		6/15/11
PMSC	100	0	\$80	X			6/16/11
GLOU	300	0	\$240			X	7/8/11
AVES	200	0	\$160	X			7/15/11
GALV	300	0	\$240			X	7/21/11
PANC	100	0	\$80			X	7/22/11
HOND	300	6	\$372	X		Paid \$50	7/27/11
TXAM	100	0	\$80			X	8/1/11
UALG	300	0	\$240	X			8/4/11
RVHD	0	6	\$132			X	8/10/11
SCVI	200	0	\$160		X		8/18/11
NCMF	0	2	\$44			X	8/18/11
IWRG	500	0	\$400			X	9/23/11
NCMF	100	0	\$80	X			10/4/11
GSTC	100	2	\$124			X	10/12/11
IMMS	200	2	\$204			X	10/12/11
SCNR-MRD	200	0	\$160			X	12/12/11
MPAA	300	0	\$240	X			1/13/12
WHOL	300	0	\$240		X		2/6/12
JUNO	200	0	\$160			X	2/27/12
KARU	800	0	\$640	X			3/26/12
WHOL	100	0	\$80	X			3/26/12

Table 2. List of allowable use of data approved by CMTTP participants, 1999 - 2011. See Table 3 for organization codes.

Name	Organization	No Additional Use without Permission	Presentation/ Publication of any Data	Present/Publ Of my turtles recaptured elsewhere	Present/Publ of my recapture data of turtles tagged elsewhere
Manjula Tiwari	ANGL	X			
Betania Ferreira	ANGL	X			
Tara George	ASSH	X			
Vincent Vera	AVES	X			
George Baird	BBIO		X	X	X
Debra Barnard-Keinath	BBIS	X			
Linda Searle	BELZ				
Gilbert Powell	BHIC		X	X	X
Melissa Hedges	BHIC	X			
Christian Roder	BOAVISTA	X			
Joanne McNeill	BOFT	X			
Larisa Avens	BOFT	X			
Zandy Hillis-Starr	BUIS	X			
Jonathan Aiken	CAYM				
Delta Arroyo Sauri	CFBC		X	X	X
Vivian Paez	CHIBIQUI		X	X	X
Peter Pritchard	CHRI	X			
David Addison	CINC	X			
Rebecca Bell	CITP	X			
Patricia Kusmierski	CITP			X	
Scott Brewer	CLMC		X	X	X
Glenn Harman	CMSC		X	X	X
Christopher Slay	COCO			X	X
Rodrigo Villate	COLB		X		
Steve Connett	FOXY	X			
P. J. Deitschel	CROW		X		
Ray Carthy/Meg Lamont	CSBL	X			
Carlos Diez	CULE	X			
John Kerivan	CWLD		X	X	X
Eric Diadobrio	DIAD		X	X	X
Yolanda Leon	DMRP		X		
Karen Holloway-Adkins	ECBI	X			
Trish Bargo	ECOI		X	X	X
Jane Davis	EPCT		X	X	X
Michael Salmon	FAUN		X		
Lilian Barreto	FCAC	X			
Maria Carolina Monterrosa	FCOM		X	X	
Julio Lorenzani	FFAR	X			
Ilze Berzins	FLAQ		X	X	X

Don Bowen	FOCA		X	X	X
Fredy Orjuela	FTMS		X	X	X
Allen Foley	FWCC	X			
Ben Higgins	GALV	X			
David Rostal	GASU		X		
Mark Dodd	GDNR	X			
Phil Allman	GHANA		X	X	X
Sandy Fournies	GLNC		X		
Sara McNulty	GLOU	X			
Judy Jamison	GSAF		X		
Anne Rudloe	GSML		X	X	X
Bill Irwin	GSTC	X			
Serge Aucoin	GUIN	X			
Secret Holmes	GULF	X			
Kevin Bleck	HBSP		X		
Richie Moretti	HHMP		X	X	X
Stephen Dunbar	HOND	X			
Juan A. Caminas	IEOM	X			
Moby Solangi	IMMS	X			
Michael Bresette	IWRG	X			
Jan Caton	JISL	X			
Chris Johnson	JUNO	X			
Alejandro Fallabrino	KARU	X			
Andres Estrades	KARU	X			
Rod Mast	KUNA	X			
Cindy Driscoll	MDNR	X			
Tricia Kimmel	MDNR	X			
Sheryan Epperly	MIAM		X		
Dennis Lee	MIAM			X	
Brad Dawe	MLCC		X	X	X
Jerris Foote	MMLB	X			
Tony Tucker	MMLB		X	X	X
Carlos Diez	MONA	X			
Manjula Tiwari	MORC	X			
Diego Albareda	MPAA	X			
David Schofield	NAIB	X			
Red Munden	NCMF		X	X	X
Wendy Cluse	NCWR		X		
Josh Sheldon	OLCI		X		
Scott Heppell	ORSU				
Michelle Passerotti	PANC	X			
Terry Henwood	PASC		X		
Jose Luis di Paola	PEYU	X			
Donna Shaver	PINS	X			
Michelle Bauer	PMSC		X		
Eduardo Cuevas	PRON	X			
Hector Horta	PRNR				
Jonathan Gorham	QURI		X		
Michael Bresette	QURI	X			

Trish Bargo	REMS		X	X	X
Kim Durham	RVHD	X			
Kennard Watson	SABM		X	X	X
DuBose Griffin	SCNR	X			
Mike Arendt - MRD	SCNR	X			
Pearse Webster - SEAMAP	SCNR	X			
Kenya Leonard	SCTY		X		
Jerris Foote	SCTY	X			
Claudia Lombard	SCVI	X			
Roldan Valverde	SELU		X	X	X
Edward Aruna-Manjula Tiwari	SLSTCP	X			
Jacque Cozens	SOST		X	X	X
Mabel Nava	STCB	X			
Sammie Amatroesijat	STINASU		X		
Jeff George	STIP		X	X	X
Kris Williams	SVAN	X			
Andre Landry	TXAM	X			
Lawrence Wood	TOFD	X			
Nuno Loureiro	UALG		X		
Thane Wibbels	UNAB				
Jim Richardson	UNGA	X			
Rogério Ferreira	UNIDA			X	
Anthony Amos	UNTX		X	X	X
Amber Von Harten	USCB		X	X	X
Herman Von Harten	USCB		X	X	X
William Coles	USVI	X			
Kemit-Amon Lewis	USVI		X	X	
Kate Mansfield	VIMS	X			
Mark Swingle	VMSM	X			
Heather Haas	WHOL		X		
Steve Garner	WIMR	X			
Ross Witham	WTHM	X			

Table 3. The letter codes for the CMTTP collaborators. These codes are maintained in the database "WHOTAGGED".

ABIO:	Applied Biology, Inc.
ACEN:	US Army Corps of Engineers
ANGL:	Chevron-Angola
ANMA:	Anna Maria Turtle Watch Group
AQAM:	Aquarium of the Americas
ASSH:	Ascension Island - St. Helena Hawksbill Project
AVES:	Ministry of Environment, Venezuela (Aves Island Project)
BAHA:	Bahamas, Ministry of Agriculture and Fish (Colin Higgs)
BBIO:	CP&L Brunswick Biology Laboratory
BBIS:	Blackbeard Island NWR, GA
BCAS:	Broward County Audubon Society
BELZ:	Symbios, Belize
BERMUDA:	Bermuda Project – Anne & Peter Meylan
BHIC:	Bald Head Island Conservancy
BOAVISTA:	Boavista Island, Cape Verde
BOFT:	NMFS Beaufort Laboratory
BUIS:	Buck Island National Monument
CAYM:	Cayman Islands Dept. of Environment
CCC:	Caribbean Conservation Corporation
CCNS:	Cape Canaveral National Seashore
CFBC:	Chi’K’Ak’Nab Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation, Yucatan
CFRA:	Cape Florida State Recreation Area
CHNS:	Cape Hatteras National Seashore
CHRI:	Chelonian Research Institute (Peter Pritchard)
CHWK:	Eddie Chadwick, <u>Mickey Anne</u>
CINC:	The Conservancy, Inc.
CINS:	Cumberland Island National Seashore
CITP:	Little Cumberland Island Turtle Project
CLMC:	Camp LeJeune Marine Corps Base
CLNS:	Cape Lookout National Seashore
CMSC:	Clearwater Marine Science Center
CNWR:	Culebra Island National Wildlife Refuge
COCO:	Coastwise Consulting, Inc.
COLB:	Colombia (Islas del Rosario)
CRCH:	Caretta Research (Charles LeBuff)
CROW:	Clinic for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (Sanibel, FL)
CSBL:	Cape San Blas, Gulf Co., FL (Ray Carthy)
CULE:	Culebra Island, Puerto Rico (Carlos Diez)
CWLD:	SeaWorld of Florida
DALH:	Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada (Mike James)
DEFW:	Delaware Fish & Wildlife
DIAD:	Eric Diadorio, NOAA Project, Core Sound, NC
DMRP:	Dominican Republic (Yolanda Leon)

DSCM:	Discovery Center Museum
ECBI:	East Coast Biologists
ECOI:	ECO, Inc. (Trish Bargo)
ENPK:	Everglades National Park
EPCT:	Living Seas, EPCOT
FAUN:	Florida Atlantic University
FCAC:	Conservacion Ambiente Colombia Foundation
FCOM:	Fundacion Colombia Marina (Tayrona N.P.)
FDEP:	Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection & Florida Marine Research Institute
FDNR:	Florida Dept. of Natural Resources & Florida Marine Research Institute
FFAR:	Fundacion Fauna Argentina
FGBS:	Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary
FLAQ:	Florida Aquarium, Tampa
FLPS:	Florida Park Service/ Save A Turtle
FOCA:	Fisheries & Oceans Canada
FOXY:	Steve Connett, Foxy Lady, Bahamas
FPCR:	Florida Power, Crystal River Energy Complex
FTMS:	Fundacion Tortugas Marinas de Santamarta, Colombia
FWCC:	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission & FMRI
GALH:	Galveston Headstart Program
GALV:	NMFS Galveston Laboratory non-headstart studies
GASU:	Georgia Southern University (David Rostal)
GDNR:	Georgia Department of Natural Resources
GHANA:	Phil Allman, Ohio Univ.
GINs:	Gulf Islands National Seashore
GLNC:	Gumbo Limbo Nature Center
GLOU:	NMFS Gloucester Lab, MA
GLPZ:	Gladys Porter Zoo
GRAF:	Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
GSAF:	Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation
GSML:	Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory (= PANA)
GSTC:	Georgia Sea Turtle Center (Bill Irwin)
GUCB:	Golfo de Uraba, Caribbean Colombia
GUIN:	Guinea (Serge Aucoin)
GULF:	Gulfarium
HBSP:	Hammocks Beach State Park
HHMP:	Hidden Harbor Marine Environment Project & Turtle Hospital
HIRT:	Harold Hirth - Costa Rica (= UTAH)
HISP:	Huntington Island State Park
HOND:	Honduras Project – Steve Dunbar, Loma Linda University
HSTR:	Halderman Creek Sea Turtle Research/ H.C. Fish House
IEOM:	Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia Malaga Centre
IMMS:	Institute for Marine Mammal Studies
INMA:	Institute of Marine Affairs
INMS:	Institute of Marine Science, Moorehead City
INPM:	INP - Mexico

IWRG:	Inwater Research Group (Michael Bresette)
JCWS:	Johnson Controls World Services
JISL:	Jekyll Island Authority
JSCH:	Jeff Schmid, NMFS-Miami
JUNO:	Marinelife Center of Juno Beach
KARU:	Proyecto Karumbe, Uruguay
KSCF:	Kennedy Space Center, Florida (Mario Mota)
KUNA:	Kuna Indians, Panama
KWAQ:	Key West Aquarium/ Florida Marine Conservancy
LAAZ:	Louisiana Audubon Zoological Park & Gardens
LPRC:	Large Pelagics Research Center, Univ. of New Hampshire
LTIP:	Little Talbot Island State Park
MASS:	Massachusetts Audubon Society
MDNR:	Maryland Department of Natural Resources
MEDC:	Marine Education Ctr/Bureau of Marine Resources: Marine Life Oceanarium
MERR:	Marine Education, Research & Rehabilitation Institute, Delaware
MIAM:	NMFS Miami Laboratory
MLFL:	Marineland of Florida
MMLB:	Mote Marine Laboratory
MMSC:	Marine Mammal Stranding Center
MONA:	Mona Island Turtle Project
MORC:	Morocco Project (Manjula Tiwari)
MPAA:	Mar del Plata Aquarium, Argentina
NAIB:	National Aquarium in Baltimore
NBLS:	National Biological Service, Gainesville, FL
NCAQ:	All aquariums in North Carolina
NCCE:	Wilmington (NC) District, Corps of Engineers
NCMF:	North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
NCWR:	North Carolina Wildlife & Resources Commission
NEAQ:	New England Aquarium
NMLC:	National Marine Life Center, Buzzards Bay, MA
NOVA:	Nova Southeastern University, Oceanographic Center
OLCI:	Oceanlife Consulting, Inc.
OORF:	Okeanos Ocean Research Foundation (OORF/RVHD)
ORSU:	Oregon State University, Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife
OWFL:	OceanWorld of Florida
PANA:	Panacea Institute of Marine Science
PANC:	NMFS Panama City Laboratory
PASC:	NMFS Pascagoula Laboratory
PAUN:	Pan American University
PEYU:	Proyecto Peyu, Argentina
PINS:	Padre Island National Seashore
PMSC:	Ponce Inlet Marine Science Center, Volusia Co., FL
PRON:	ProNatura Peninsula de Yucatan, Mexico
PRNR:	Puerto Rico Department of Natural Resources
PSEG:	Public Service Electric & Gas

QURI:	Quantum Resources Inc.
REMS:	Research, Environmental & Management Support, VA
RSMS:	Rosenstiel School of Marine & Atmospheric Science (University of Miami)
RVHD:	Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research & Preservation
SABM:	St. Andrew Bay Resource Management Association
SADV:	Sam Sadove
SANA:	Caretta Research/Sanibel Island
SCAQ:	South Carolina Aquarium, Charleston
SCCP:	St. Croix Marine Turtle Conservation Project
SCNR:	SC Department of Natural Resources/ SC Wildlife & Marine Resources
SCTY:	Sarasota County of Natural Resources
SCVI:	USFWS, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
SEAQ:	Miami Seaquarium
SELU:	Southeastern Louisiana University (Roldan Valverde)
SERO:	NMFS Southeast Regional Office
SIRA:	Sebastian Inlet State Recreation Area
SJPP:	St. Joseph Peninsula State Park
SLCC:	Shoreline Consulting Co.
SLSTCP:	Sierra Leone Sea Turtle Conservation Project
SMEC:	J. L. Scott Marine Education Center
SOST:	SOS Tartarugas (Cabo Verde)
STCB:	Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire
STINASU:	STINASU, Suriname
STIP:	Sea Turtle, Inc., South Padre Island, Texas
STPS:	Sea Turtle Preservation Society
SVAN:	Savannah Science Museum, Inc.
TOFD:	Taras Oceanographic Foundation (Larry Wood)
TOPS:	Topsail, NC
TXAM:	Texas A & M University, Institute of Marine Life Sciences
TXPW:	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Sea Rim State Park & USFWS
UALG:	University of Algarve, Portugal
UNAB:	University of Alabama at Birmingham
UNCCH:	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (Ken Lohmann)
UNCF:	University of Central Florida
UNCW:	University of North Carolina Wilmington
UNEM:	Univ. of New England, Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center
UNFL:	University of Florida
UNGA:	University of Georgia
UNIDA:	Sao Tome e Principe (Rogerio Ferreira)
UNKN:	Unknown datasource
UNNH:	University of New Hampshire (Molly Lutcavage)
UNRI:	University of Rhode Island
UNTX:	University of Texas at Austin, Marine Science Institute
USCB:	Univ. of South Carolina Beaufort, Pritchards Island Project
USVI:	U.S. Virgin Islands, Department of Wildlife
UTAH:	University of Utah

UWFL: University of West Florida  
VATC: Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
VIMS: Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
VMSM: Virginia Marine Science Museum = Virginia Aquarium  
WHOL: NMFS/NEFC Woods Hole Laboratory  
WIMR: WIMARCS, St. Croix, USVI  
WTHM: Ross Witham Headstart (FDNR) Program  
WWDL: World Wildlife Fund