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Letter of Support for the Tigre Salvaje Project

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to provide a letter of support for the **Tigre Salvaje Project** working in Punta Burica, Panama. David Teichmann and his team of volunteers have worked diligently to slow the extermination of sea turtles, which are in rapid decline.

Marine resources are vital to the health of all nations and the people on this planet. However, we have been very poor stewards of our natural resources in the past century. If we fail to learn from our lessons, our quality of life declines as we observed the warning signs of lost species. People working at all levels, locally to globally, can reverse these trends and improve quality of life.

The Tigre Salvaje Project team has demonstrated a commitment that is exemplary in Panama. The team works to protect turtle eggs and nests from exploitation and destruction, which is essential to sustain turtles locally, nationally, regionally, and globally. They are also working to educate people to the importance of natural resource management and protection. Additionally, the project provides data important to scientific research and management. The Tigre Salvaje Project is a local project in Panama that has global interest.

I have worked with conservation teams regionally and globally for 30 years and am impressed by the growing commitment to the resources that make our world so precious. I highly endorse the efforts of Mr. Teichmann and his team and ask that strong consideration and assistance be given to the Tigre Salvaje Project.

With much Aloha!

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