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## Help us #SavetheShero

Season's Greetings from the Board of the International Iguana Foundation (IIF). We have much to be grateful for this time of year and many of us share that gratitude by supporting the various groups or causes that are close to our hearts. If you are reading this letter, then iguanas are likely on your list.

For the past twenty years, the IIF has been at the forefront of iguana conservation and has helped recover the most critically endangered of the 45 species, some of which were trending dangerously close to extinction – the Jamaican iguana for example. We could not achieve these successes without funding support, and you are a vital part of this process.

Each year we focus our End-of-the-Year (EOY) fundraising campaign around a particular species where there is an urgent need. Last year we bought a boat to help two conservation organizations on Utila survey and monitor a new protected area for the endemic Swamper, a unique iguana found only on one tiny island off the coast of Honduras. In 2020, we raised funds to purchase a truck for biologists working to protect the Lesser Antilles Iguana population on Dominica, the species' last stronghold population.



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This iguana plays a major role in preserving a key plant in this habitat, serving as a seed disperser for a large columnar cactus that characterizes this valley. Again, our campaign is aimed at project infrastructure, specifically two ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) that will help our rangers improve their ability to monitor iguana populations and protect their habitat.



As always, we appreciate the generous support of the iguana conservation community and wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

My Best,

Rick Hudson  
IIF Executive Director

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