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Conservation Canine!

Locating iguana nests and hatchlings in their native habitat is a challenge. Researcher Kelly Bradley is working on an innovative approach in her Anegada Iguana project—with a little help from a talented dog named Pena. What better way to sniff out those elusive nests than with the power of a canine nose? Find out how Pena got into this line of work, and how Kelly and Pena paired up to help iguana conservation.

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A Community Effort for Iguanas in Guatemala

Researchers Johana Gil and Daniel Ariano of Reserva Natural Heloderma have their hands full studying the ecology and behavior of Motagua Spiny-tailed Iguanas (*Ctenosaura palearis*), working on habitat restoration, and conducting educational outreach. But they have help from many eager and dedicated community volunteers! Get a peek at some of what Johana and Daniel have discovered about how these iguanas get around, and how the local communities are pitching in with "Iguana Gardens" and more.

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Hellshire Hills Jamaican Iguanas Are Nesting!

Signs of Jamaican Rock Iguana (*Cyclura collei*) nesting have been spotted in the Hellshire Hills release site. The research team has found evidence of females digging into the soil to bury eggs. Nesting occurs in underground burrows that are filled with loose soil, and gravid iguanas often begin digging trial holes before egg laying. The hatchlings emerge in about 90 days. This year, the researchers will be tracking hatchlings to assess their movements and survival rate. Fingers crossed for a successful season and healthy hatchlings!

Thank you to project partners: Hope Zoo, Kingston; the National Environment and Planning Agency; the Caribbean Coastal Area Management Foundation, the Urban Development Corporation, the US Embassy-Kingston; and the Disney Conservation Fund.



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