

November 2024 Special Message



Hello IIF Friends and Supporters!

When I take a moment away from marveling at the world's iguana species, I can't help but remind myself of how threatened these lizards are, and how many challenges they face as they struggle to maintain a hold in a fast-changing world. Yet, they are holding on, thanks to IIF's efforts and those of our many conservation partners and champions.

Our success stories can be found around the world! We've planted cacti in the Dominican Republic to repair degraded habitat for Ricord's and Rhinoceros Rock Iguanas (*Cyclura ricordii* and *C. cornuta*). In Guatemala, we've educated schoolchildren about the local Motagua Spiny-tailed Iguana (*Ctenosaura palearis*), restored critical habitat, and studied how the iguanas use their habitat. We have released Jamaican Rock Iguanas (*Cyclura collei*) back into the wild, after raising them to be large enough to avoid predation in the headstart facility at the Hope Zoo. We've planted native trees for Fiji Crested Iguanas (*Brachylophus vitiensis*), which were literally running out of food because only non-native trees remained. We've worked to protect the Útila Spiny-tailed Iguana (*Ctenosaura bakeri*) in Honduras from invasive predators. And we've helped monitor Galápagos Marine Iguana (*Amblyrhynchus cristatus*) populations and assess micro-plastic pollution.

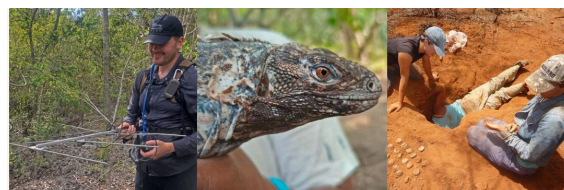
At IIF, we're so excited about what we've accomplished for iguana conservation in recent years, and we cannot wait to see our success stories grow. But we can't do it without you—our valued supporters. Conservation work like this requires boots on the ground and champions willing to work in extremely difficult situations. The heroes in these efforts are conservation biologists, researchers, local community members, educators, rangers, and others who care about keeping iguanas protected in the wild.

That's why we are embarking on our 2024 year-end fundraising campaign: *Tools and Tech for Saving Iguanas*. What does every iguana champion need? Equipment, tools, tech, and basic supplies that too often go unrecognized! That's where you can make a difference. Even the smallest item can have a huge impact. With this year's fundraising campaign, we are celebrating our colleagues who are working tirelessly in the field to protect iguanas where they live, whether that's a dry forest, a rocky tropical island, or deep in the mangroves. In awarding grant funds to support their projects, we provide them with the vital items they need to do their work: from laptop computers, cell phones, and cameras to hiking boots, backpacks, and first-aid kits, to trail cameras, GPS units, and telemetry equipment. Some of these items are expensive, some not, yet they make all the difference when in the field scrambling up a steep cliff, camping in arid forest, wading through muddy mangroves, or tracking iguanas under a sweltering sun.

Through December 31, 2024, IIF invites you to help us support our champions on the ground by choosing to donate to our Tools and Tech to Save Iguanas campaign. 100% of your tax-deductible donation will go toward providing these items for those who need them most to save endangered iguanas. Please join us in renewing our commitment to saving the world's most threatened lizards!

All the best,
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President



TOOLS AND TECH TO SAVE IGUANAS

IT TAKES A LOT TO SAVE AN ENDANGERED IGUANA SPECIES!
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FOCUSED ON RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPLY IGUANA CONSERVATIONISTS WITH THE
GEAR, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY THEY NEED TO DO THEIR WORK IN THE FIELD.
WILL YOU HELP US SAVE IGUANAS? DONATE TODAY!



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