



Annual Report 2016

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Field Team, La Moskitia, Honduras

2016 Accomplishments

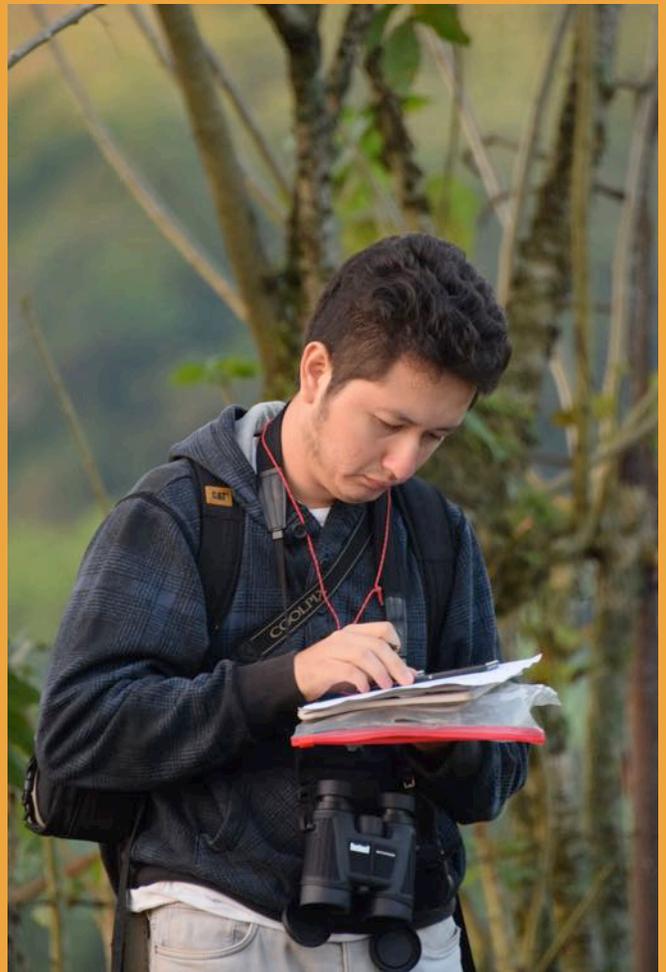


MORE WILD PARROTS WERE SAVED.

We are central to parrot conservation efforts with the yellow-headed amazon, yellow-naped amazon and scarlet macaw in many Latin American countries.

MORE PEOPLE WERE EMPOWERED INTERNATIONALLY.

We compensated 57 conservation workers and supported 23 volunteers in 5 Latin American countries.





MORE PEOPLE WERE EMPOWERED IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

We initiated a Nurture Nature webinar series, recorded six new episodes of the Nurture Nature TV show, and initiated the first Nurture Nature Community in the U.S.

ONE EARTH GREW.
We have a new Board of Directors, are poised to receive our own tax exempt status, and have a brand new website, among other accomplishments.



*Board of Directors
as of 12/3/2016
(clockwise from top left):
LoraKim Joyner
Gail Koelln
Hector Orlando Portillo Reyes
Eric Kreuter
Meredith Garmon*

Dear Friends,

In this past year it has become very clear that One Earth Conservation's work in the world is needed more now than ever before. It is the power and possibility of what humans can do together that lays the foundation for our programs. As never before, and in such widespread public consciences, has so much seemed at such risk. We aim to empower and save the people taking a stand and willing to risk all they can for a life of beauty, connection, and flourishing – for themselves, for Earth's future children, and for other beings.

Because we feel the urgency of the times, we are ramping up One Earth Conservation's Nurture Nature Program by growing a national support system in the United States and Canada for Nurture Nature Communities, which are places where people can grow their skills and capacity in empathy, nurturance, connection, and activism.

In the following pages of this report you will read more of the details of our vision, our hope, and our work. Right now, in this letter, we'd like to focus on the urgent issue of the illegal wildlife trade, its impact on wild parrots in Latin America, and the work One Earth Conservation and its partners are doing to help.

Though long suspected by conservationists working in the field, the illegal wildlife trade is probably the greatest threat to parrot populations. One Earth focuses intensely on this situation, averting not only further parrot population crashes, but the rampant suffering in the trade as parrots are torn from their natural families, subjected to inhuman conditions, and experience high mortality as they are transported all over the world – in suitcases, plastic bottles, taped to shirts and running motor engines, and wrapped tightly in baskets and bags. Our projects aim at documenting parrot population presence, abundance, and trends; identifying nests, monitoring them, and documenting poaching; instituting practices that decrease poaching, such as nest protection with patrols, regional capacity building, and support of governmental entities; and supporting rescue and liberation capabilities. We also aim to raise awareness of the plight of parrots through many outlets, and to reach a global audience by producing a movie, documentary, television series, and/or book. Witness must be given so that life can be guarded.



Though the perils are great, success is possible. In La Moskitia Honduras we were able to keep all scarlet macaws in our conservation area from entering the wildlife trade, whereas in 2014 no chicks escaped the trade. Recently we were asked how could we be so successful in such a short period of time. Our answer is only a guess, and we give a deep bow of gratitude to the grace of working with a fine team that somehow made it happen. The working conditions are difficult and actual risk to life is ever present, as Latin America is the most dangerous place for environmentalists in the world. According to a January 2017 Global Witness report, Honduras is the worst. They report 120 activists have been killed there since 2010, the first year Dr. Joyner began working there. While Dr. LoraKim Joyner was there in March, Berta Caceres was murdered for her work to prevent the construction of a dam. Tomas Manzanares, ever faithful to parrot protection in La Moskitia, was gunned down in 2009, but survived and is undeterred, though he still carries the scars, aches, and possibility of further attempts against his life. It is people like this that can save the planet, and we consider it an honor and a privilege to be in solidarity and witness to the plights of the people and parrots in this region.

Another reason for our success in La Moskitia and other areas is persistence. You just keep showing up year after year, even though the daily losses and suffering feels like getting kicked in the gut, sometimes many times a day. We show up too with engagement, love, empathy, and transparency, building the relationships and community infrastructures that open up a path of flourishing. We know not the future, but we do know about the power of love and commitment needed to forge communities of solidarity, resistance, and hope.

Please join us in all of our work. Do it for yourself, and do it for Earth and Earth's beings. Now is the time. Let us not wait for one more being to suffer on or leave this earth without our work serving as a testament, saying we did all we could for beauty, for love, and for life. Together we shall rise up on the winds of our indignation, soaring high so that others may know liberation and fly free.

With hope,



**LoraKim Joyner and Gail Koelln
Co-Directors, One Earth Conservation**



Our Mission



We are creating a better world by empowering the people saving the planet.

One Earth Conservation seeks to heal human systems that diminish individual worth and separates humans artificially from the rest of nature in many ways. We affirm that people must be healthy and develop multiple intelligences so all of life, individuals, and human and biotic systems on Earth can flourish.

The mission of One Earth Conservation is building knowledge, motivation, resilience, and capacity in people, organizations, and communities in the United States and internationally so that they can better cherish and nurture themselves, nature, and other beings. *This mission is achieved by combining work directed outward toward other beings and outward towards nature with work directed inward toward one's own human nature, as outer well-being and inner well-being are inseparable and mutually beneficial.*



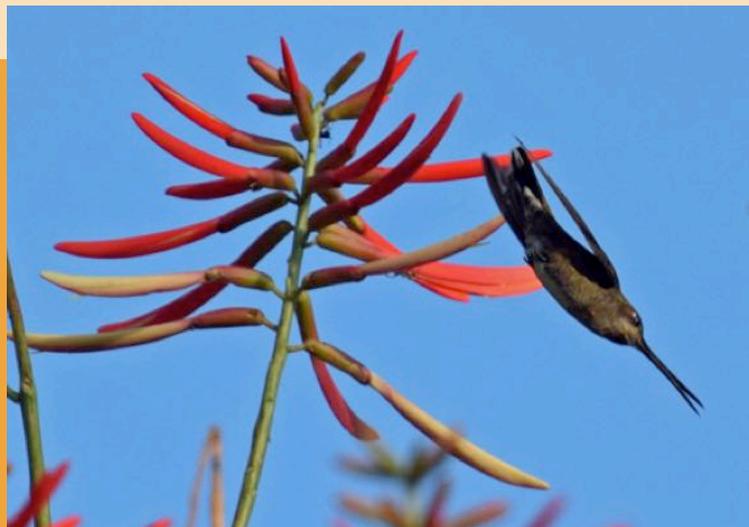
Local conservation workers climbing to check on a nest of scarlet macaw chicks in Honduras, counting wild parrots in Guatemala, and heading out to do nest surveys with Dr. Joyner in Paraguay.



Our Vision

One Earth Conservation invites people into a vision and practice of interbeing, based on:

- 1. All individuals of all species have inherent worth and dignity (all bodies are beautiful, have worth, and matter).**
- 2. All individuals of all species are connected to each other in worth, beauty, and well-being.**
- 3. We are also connected in harm. There is no beauty without tragedy. What is done to another, is done to all of us.**
- 4. Embracing this reality, humans grow in belonging to this wondrous planet and the life upon it, and so embraced and nurtured, can nurture in return.**
- 5. This reality of interbeing makes us both powerful and vulnerable, therefore, we need each other to grow and to heal as much as possible.**
- 6. Humans are adaptable and can change, both individually and as families, organizations, communities, and societies. We can become more effective and joyful nurturers and “naturers” (one who cherishes nature and pursues opportunities to do so). This is hard, deep, intentional, and a lifetime's work.**





Nurture Nature Program (Our Inner Work*)

Nurture Nature Activities:

- Live Presentations - One Earth Conservation provides live and interactive presentations, such as nature walks, workshops, webinars, university courses, sermons, and mini-retreats.
- Nurture Nature Communities - One Earth Conservation organizes and develops live, recurring community groups that focus on Nurture Nature concepts and how to incorporate them into every day life.
- Webinars - One Earth Conservation offers pre-recorded online webinars and classes, and has begun to develop a new online Nurture Nature Academy.
- Nurture Nature TV Show - One Earth Conservation recorded six episodes of Dr. Joyner's Nurture Nature TV show in 2016.
- Written Materials - One Earth Conservation teaches Nurture Nature concepts to the general public through school and community visits, university courses, and public presentations. We also disseminate information through blogs, social media, and articles.

***Inner Work: Nurturing, “Naturing” and Building Communities of Resistance, Resilience, Solidarity and Hope**



We are reaching more and more people in more places in the U.S. and Canada with our Nurture Nature Programs. Even more activities are planned for 2017. See <https://tinyurl.com/gssd2jd> for more information.



Conservation Program (Our Outer Work*)

Conservation Activities:

- Develop Capacity - One Earth Conservation trains local conservationists, veterinary students, and biologists.
- Engage in Collaboration and Offer Economic Support - One Earth Conservation makes and carries out conservation plans with local people, government agencies, and NGO's. Other local people volunteer part of their time and we supplement their engagement with stipends.
- Monitor Parrot Populations - One Earth Conservation determines population trends and risks to species through parrot counts and nest monitoring.
- Provide Protection - One Earth Conservation organizes Parrot Patrols that augment conservation plans by protecting wild parrots from poaching.
- Education - One Earth Conservation teaches conservation to the general public through school and community visits, university courses, and public and scientific presentations. We also disseminate information through blogs, social media, and articles, and will be publishing a book ("Conservation in a Time of War").

*Outer Work: Conserving, Cherishing, Witnessing, Empowering and Protecting



Conservation Projects Locations Key:

A = Paraguay, Macaws and Parrots

B= Guyana, Parrots

C= Rio San Juan, Nicaragua, Scarlet and Great Green Macaws

D= Ometepe Island, Nicaragua, Yellow-naped Amazons

E = Solentiname Archepelago, Nicaragua, Yellow-naped Amazons

F = Coseguina, Nicaragua, Scarlet Macaws

G = Valle, Honduras, Yellow-naped Amazons

H = Moskitia, Honduras, Scarlet and Great Green Macaws and Yellow-naped Amazons

I = Cuyamel, Honduras, Yellow-headed Amazons

J = Punta de Manabique, Guatemala, Yellow-headed Amazons

K = Belize, Yellow-headed Amazons

L = Belize, Scarlet Macaws

M = Guatemala, Scarlet Macaws

N = Guatemala, Yellow-naped Amazons

O = El Salvador, Yellow-naped Amazons



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HIGHLIGHTED PROJECT: Macaws of Honduras

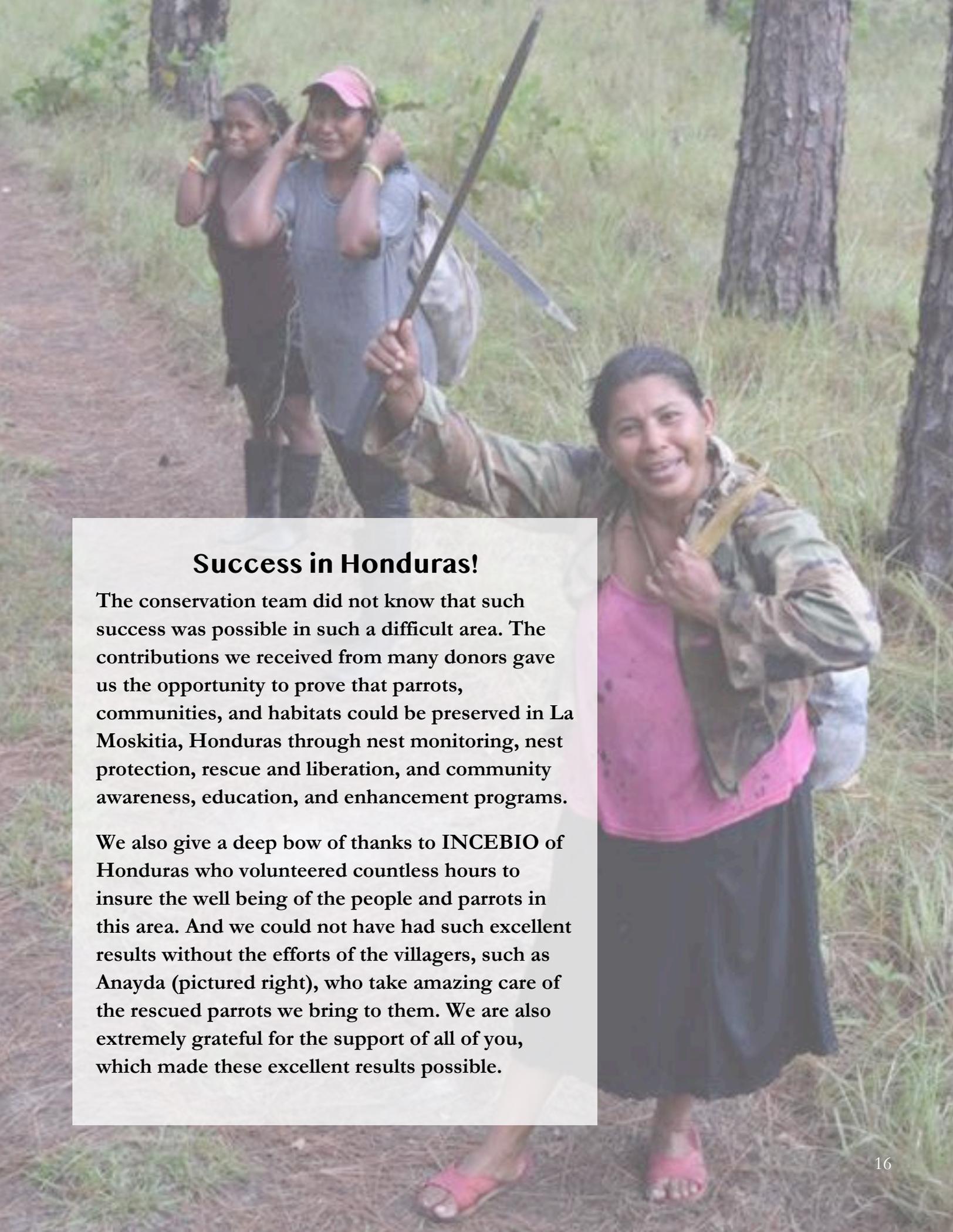
In 2014, not one wild scarlet macaw chick in the core conservation area of Honduras (village of Mabita) escaped the illegal wildlife trade; all nests with chicks were poached. In 2016, not one wild scarlet macaw chick from the same area entered the illegal wildlife trade; only one nest was poached, and the two chicks from that nest were recovered and are now flying free! We had:

1. increased numbers of chicks fledging;
2. increased numbers of parrots rescued;
3. increased support from leaders and government officials;
4. increased numbers of people benefiting economically.



Pushpins indicate villages that will support 2017 conservation project activities in Honduras

The outer circled area indicates where scarlet macaws still occur in La Moskitia, Honduras and the inner “curvy” circle is where we will be working in 2017.



Success in Honduras!

The conservation team did not know that such success was possible in such a difficult area. The contributions we received from many donors gave us the opportunity to prove that parrots, communities, and habitats could be preserved in La Moskitia, Honduras through nest monitoring, nest protection, rescue and liberation, and community awareness, education, and enhancement programs.

We also give a deep bow of thanks to INCEBIO of Honduras who volunteered countless hours to insure the well being of the people and parrots in this area. And we could not have had such excellent results without the efforts of the villagers, such as Anayda (pictured right), who take amazing care of the rescued parrots we bring to them. We are also extremely grateful for the support of all of you, which made these excellent results possible.



Remembering Rosa by LoraKim Joyner

Rosa came into this world weighing maybe 20 grams, all pink with unruly yellowish down. One day men broke into her home nest and pulled her screaming from the warm comfort of the place where she was safe, loved. Her parents would never see Rosa again. Men bound her in a burlap sack so she could be easily transported from the fields to the nearby town. No attention was given to her brokenness, even though she cried in pain as she was moved clandestinely. Luckily, other men with a different vision for how to meet desire, found her in squalor, fed only corn mush. Her legs were swollen, scabbed over from where the bones had once protruded. Tomas Manzanares, he himself with deep scars and bone wounding from those that would take from both indigenous and parrot alike, took care of Rosa, nursing her to some semblance of health.

She then found her way to Anayda. Anayda and her spouse Santiago, and other villagers, had been taking in rescued scarlet macaws and yellow-naped parrots for more than two years in the village of Mabita in La Moskitia, Honduras. Rosa joined this liberated flock, though she had to be hand carried from branch to feeding platform to porch. I thought she would die, and said so to Anayda. "Without you, Rosa will not live." Anayda heard that as a charge and did not let Rosa die. She continued the treatments I began, and never let Rosa out of her sight.

I next saw Rosa when she was two. Still fearfully thin, she had regained her health, her feathers had grown in shiny and shockingly red, the disease gone and replaced with some feistiness. Rosa engaged in the world, using her beak for balance and to walk, taking hobbling steps with her bowed legs and curled feet to get to food and to companionship. I also got to

spend two months with her near her fourth birthday. I found a fierce friend, for she taught me that even the broken can yet shine and serve. Then Moncorron came to the Rescue Center. He was a weak thing, timid and beaten down with captivity. Anayda said, "Rosa will take care of him. That is what she does with newcomers." It took all of five minutes before Rosa zeroed in on him. Within ten minutes they were preening each other, hardly thereafter ever leaving each other's side, Moncorron safe now in the company and protection of Rosa.

One day in 2016, I got a call from Santiago. "Doctora, algo triste. Rosa murio." (Dr., something sad, Rosa died.) She had developed a cough and was taken into Anayda's home. There was no clinic, no veterinarian, inadequate medicine, and no way to know why she was sick. She died two days later. Our love and care wasn't enough. But Rosa didn't falter. She lived in pain and with her unique and precious life she gave us and the other macaws companionship. She taught us the kind of love that tasks us to bone deep rending and mending that never ceases. I wish that my love was enough, so Rosa would not have died.

Anayda once answered when I asked her why she dedicates her life to caring for macaws. "Once I saw Rosa, I could not let it happen anymore." I can't let it happen anymore either. So dear Rosa, I promise you now my unending love and I will not forget that you are still visible and ever with me. Rosa, Pree Palisa (Miskito for Rosa, Fly Free). Your beauty will never die. And you humans! Let them fly free. (Blog link: <https://tinyurl.com/h3ou526>)



Rosa and Moncorron, inseparable.

Young conservationists in Mabita.



Our military partners on patrol in Honduras (raising their hands with “Fly Free Scarlet Macaw” wrist bands).





Yellow-headed Amazon

One Earth Conservation conducted work with this species in Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras in 2016 and much remains to be done. We are working with more organizations, helping them to increase their efforts to decrease the poaching rate.

Yellow-naped Amazon

In 2016, One Earth Conservation assessed the status of this species in Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras, and began to prepare to conduct new conservation work on these parrots in El Salvador.



Parrots of Paraguay

One Earth Conservation identified 17 parrot species in Paraguay in 2016, of which 15 included free flying birds. There is a tremendous poaching pressure in Paraguay, and for that reason One Earth will increase our presence there in 2017.



Parrots of Guyana

One Earth Conservation’s recent work in South America, after years of working in Central America, demonstrates how the illegal wildlife trade is damaging to parrot well-being and populations throughout the continent. We are compelled to ask “How much worse or more widespread might parrot suffering be in the country of Guyana, where trapping and export is still legal, and how might Guyana be providing trade routes for parrots from other countries?” This question commands One Earth Conservation to seek a greater understanding of what is happening in Guyana. Dr. Joyner visited there in 2011 with Foster Parrots and will be returning with them in the fall of 2017 for a three week expedition to discover how we might be of service to the people and parrots there.



Mesoamerican Wild Psittacine Health Collaboratory

In many parrot conservation projects throughout the world humans have increased the physical manipulation of birds to decrease the illegal wildlife trade. This is accomplished by confiscating and returning them to the wild where populations are decreasing and reintroducing them where birds have disappeared. At the same time, there are stressed birds and populations vulnerable to disease, as well as birds living in homes and private collections with a variety of species from different regions. All this adds up to an increased risk for infectious and contagious disease harming individual birds and populations.

It is of great importance, then, to know which diseases are present and what risk they present to parrots. The challenge is that in many areas in which we work, the ability of in-country laboratory to process parrot diagnostic samples are limited, and exporting these samples to other countries constitutes in some cases a huge challenge. This situation severely restricts what we can do for parrot conservation in Latin America. To remedy this, One Earth Conservation is:

1. Increasing networking and sharing of resources and findings. In 2016, we worked in this way in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Paraguay.
2. Conducting consultation and capacity building projects to increase veterinary care and diagnostics, including training of veterinarians, veterinary students, biologists, and conservationists. This past year we trained students at the National University in Catacamas, Honduras, promoted the advancement of Parrot Welfare Brigades, and trained two veterinary students in the field in La Moskitia, Honduras.
3. Conducting diagnostic testing on confiscated and liberated birds to assess risk and advise conservation plans. We did this in 2016 in La Moskitia Honduras at the Rescue and Liberation Center in Mabita and at the National University Rescue Center in Catacamas, Honduras.

We're Growing

In 2016, One Earth Conservation:

- **Became incorporated in NYS**
- **Increased the Board of Directors from four members to five**
- **Increased revenue through grants and individual donations**
- **Hired consultants to help us develop in the areas of administration, financial planning, marketing, and creating media**
- **Grew our own capacity by participating in various types of training programs**

Future Plans 2017

Conservation Program

In 2017, conservation projects will be conducted in El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua and Paraguay. The objectives of these projects are:

- To stop the negative impact of poaching on individual parrots and species.
- To grow capacity in avian conservation medicine and parrot conservation.
- To improve the lives of homed parrots.
- To instigate and initially support parrot conservation projects in the most needed areas. Needed areas are defined as where there is very little to no parrot conservation efforts or capacity; communities are marginalized due to socioeconomic factors; there are endangered birds; we can have the most impact for our size; and there is little funding

In 2017, One Earth Conservation will go to El Salvador for the first time; increase the time and responsibilities of the project coordinator in Guatemala; return to explore possibilities of how we might serve the people and parrots in Guyana; buy a needed truck and increase the size of our core conservation area in Honduras; hire community members and monitor nest health and poaching for the first time in Nicaragua; and finance a field biologist to conduct population monitoring in Paraguay.

Nurture Nature Program

The objectives of the Nurture Nature Program are:

- To witness to and stand in solidarity with biotic and human communities, and the individuals within, whose efforts resist the story of Harm and Separation that has wounded them, and promote the story of Interdependence, Beauty, and Worth.
- To increase emotional, social, multispecies, ecological, and spiritual intelligences in those seeking to grow their capacity as nurturers and “naturers.”

In 2017, One Earth Conservation will be expanding our Nurture Nature Community program nationally, using *Meetup.com* as our platform. We will seed these communities all over the USA by traveling to regions where there is interest in establishing groups and providing introductory workshops or retreat weekends, materials, and coaching. We are also developing a new Nurture Nature Academy, where people can sign up for live and pre-recorded courses, which should be available in spring 2017.

Organization

Our organizational objectives are:

- To continue to grow, so as to reach as many people as possible in the United States and Canada, and people and parrots in Latin America.
- To disseminate One Earth Conservation’s message through multiple media, such as books, films, social media, and educational activities.

In 2017, we will increase One Earth Conservation’s budget, marketing activities, and program hours. Dr. Joyner will publish her book, “Conservation in a Time of War,” and we will explore other outlets for spreading One Earth Conservation’s message. Most importantly, we at One Earth Conservation will continue to love ourselves, Earth, and Earth’s beings ever more dearly.

Financial Report

2015

Beginning Cash Reserves 2015: \$ 4,402

Income:

Individual Donations Received 2015: \$11,755

Large Grants Received 2015:

 Lafeber Company \$7,499

 Saint Vincent Group \$9,965

 The Vincent Coates Foundation \$10,025

Total Income 2015: \$39,244

Total Expenses 2015: \$27,449

Surplus: \$11,795

Beginning Cash Reserves for 2016: \$16,196

2016

Beginning Cash Reserves 2016: \$16,196

Income:

Individual Donations Received 2016: \$43,562

Large Grants Received 2016:

 Lafeber Company \$ 7,500

 Saint Vincent Group \$11,985

 The Vincent Coates Foundation \$10,000

Other Income \$ 68

Total Income 2016: \$73,115

Total Expenses 2016: \$48,309

Surplus: \$24,806

Beginning Cash Reserves for 2017: \$41,002

Thank You

Major Gifts

Organizations

Saint Vincent Group, \$12,000

Vincent J. Coates Foundation, \$10,000

Lafeber Company, \$7,500

Individuals

Anonymous, \$25,000

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 Universidad Nacional Agricultura de Honduras, (UNA)
 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH)
 University of El Salvador
 Villages of Mabita, Rus Rus, Ahuavispan, Pranza, and Wasaplina (Honduras)
 Universidad Nacional Agricultura (UNA) (Honduras)
 Wildlife Conservation Society (United States)

Nurture Nature Program Partners:

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 NVC Academy
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