**2019 SWOT Grant Application:**

**Science Category**

Through its *Science* grants, the State of the World’s Sea Turtles (SWOT) Program aims to support scientific work that fills critical gaps in knowledge about sea turtles that will support conservation objectives. This includes:

* Assessments of poorly known or recently discovered sea turtle populations (nesting, or at sea).
* Research that will help address a specific conservation issue or management objective.

Proposals should be less than three (3) pages in length and must be submitted via email to [hutchinson@oceanicsociety.org](mailto:hutchinson@oceanicsociety.org) **by September 23, 2019**. Grant winners will be announced by October 5, 2019.

**Please note:** Grantees agree that, if awarded, the results of all research funded by SWOT will be made publicly available on a non-discriminatory basis. In the case of data collected that are relevant to SWOT’s global database, grantees agree to share the data with SWOT for inclusion in the SWOT database. Data holders will retain all ownership and control of their data, as stipulated in the [SWOT Data Use Agreement.](http://seaturtlestatus.org/data_terms)

Your proposal should be less than three pages, and include the following information:

1. PROJECT LEAD CONTACT INFORMATION:
   * Name, Title, Affiliation:
   * Email address:
   * Phone number:
   * Mailing address:
2. PROJECT TITLE:
3. PROJECT LOCATION:

3b. DOES YOUR PROJECT TARGET AN AZA-SAFE PRIORITY POPULATION?

* Please reply Yes or No

*We have teamed up the Association of Zoos and Aquaria and their SAFE (Save Animals from Extinction) Program to make additional grants available in 2019 for projects relating to the conservation of two of the top global priorities for sea turtle conservation: Eastern Pacific leatherbacks, and Kemp’s ridleys. Please let us know whether your project targets either of these populations/species in order to be considered for this special category of grants.*

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (250 words or less):
2. BACKGROUND:
   * Sea turtle species, population, and/or habitat to be studied:
   * Qualifications of lead researcher:
   * Brief summary of any previous related research on the population/subject of interest:
3. RESEARCH QUESTION TO BE ADDRESSED:
4. HOW THIS RESEARCH WILL INFORM CONSERVATION OR MANAGEMENT:
5. TIMELINE (projects should be completed within one year):
6. BUDGET:
   * Overall budget
   * Details for use of SWOT Grant