



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**SECURING FLORIDA'S NATURAL FUTURE**

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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Since our founding in 1994, the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida has worked to ensure Florida remains a place of unparalleled natural beauty, iconic wildlife, world-famous ecosystems and unbounded outdoor recreational experiences.

We've raised and given away more than \$32 million over that time, mostly to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for which we are a Citizens Support Organization. But we are also Florida's largest private funder of outdoor education and camps for youth, and we're one of the most important funders of freshwater springs conservation. These are just a few of the many ways we work to maintain Florida's natural resources and quality of life for present and future generations.

2018 was nonetheless a challenging year for conservation in Florida: red tide, blue-green algae, coral disease and Hurricane Michael made headlines worldwide. These were critical events that many organizations and agencies, including the FWC and our Foundation, are working to alleviate.

But there was also plenty of good news in 2018. Most Florida waterways and coastline were open to fishing. Florida panthers, black bears and manatees continue to rebound. Deer, turkey, bass

and other gamefish populations are healthy. New wildlife preserves have been created statewide to protect terns, plovers, egrets and other colonial nesting birds. Since 2010, more than 2.3 million Florida children have participated in outdoor programs, thanks to the 350 private and public members of the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network, which includes FWC's new Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach and the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp in Palm Beach County.

Our Foundation supports all of this. We raised and donated \$5.9 million in 2018, including support for FWC staff and their families who lost their homes to Hurricane Michael, one of the four most intense hurricanes to hit the United States in the past 125 years.

In the last few months, we've also convened a series of conference calls and meetings to identify and begin field testing technologies that may limit future red tide damage. We're also working with partners to identify and fund critical research into the fast-moving disease that's killing 25 of the Florida Keys' 45 species of stony corals.

Funder, educator, catalyst, conservationist – those are the roles our Foundation serves in support of FWC and the Florida public. Through partnerships,

we're able to leverage your gifts many times over. From gopher tortoises and Osceola turkeys to loggerhead turtles and snook, there are few native fish, land animals and habitats that aren't benefiting from your support.

Please enjoy this annual report and visit our website at [www.wildlifeflorida.org](http://www.wildlifeflorida.org). For 25 years, we've worked quietly behind the scenes to make good things happen. With your continued help, we'll do so much more.



Richard Corbett

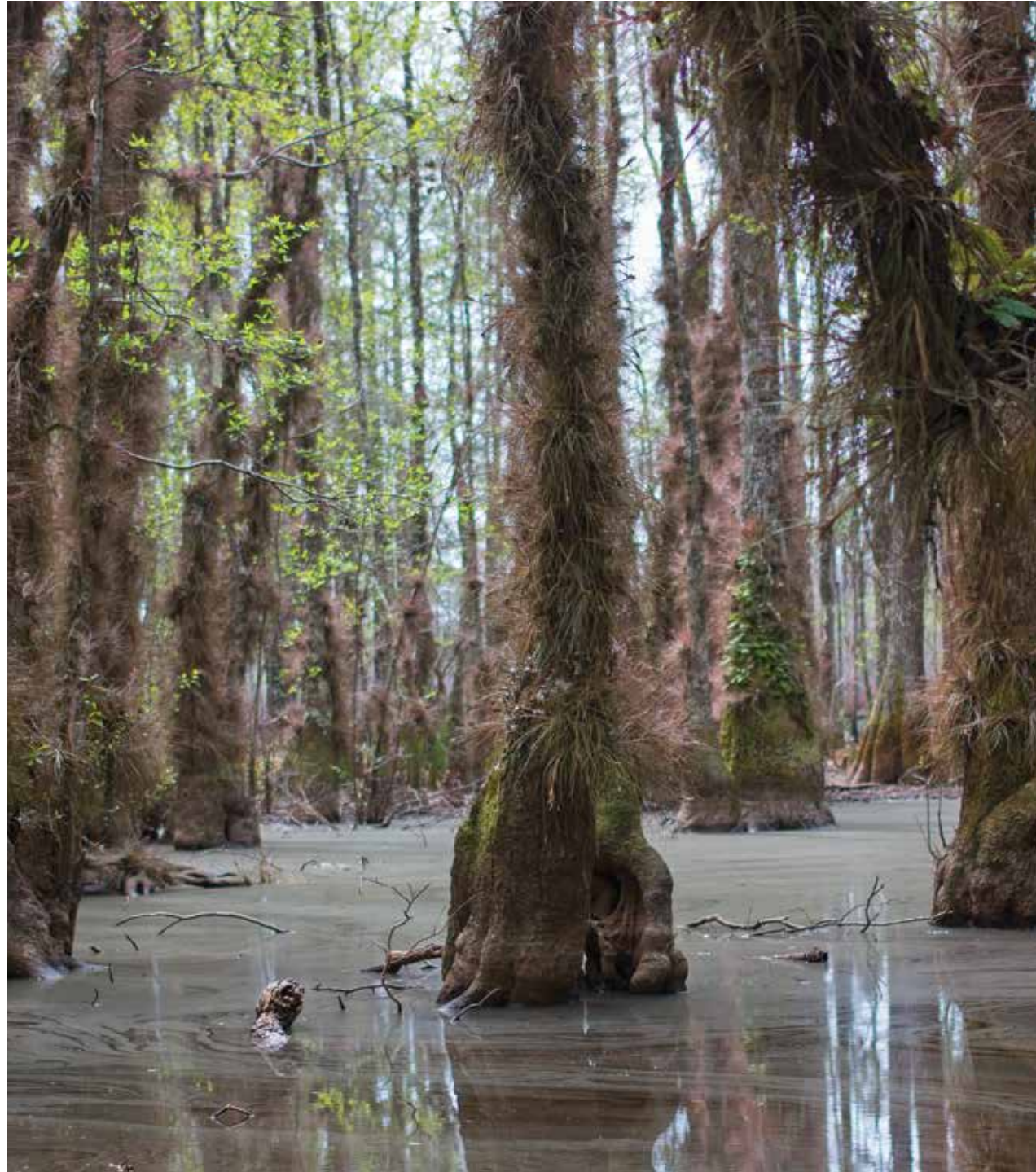
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**WHO WE ARE**





## OUR MISSION

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida is dedicated to conserving Florida's outstanding natural landscapes and habitats and the iconic animals and plants they harbor. We work closely with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), for which we are a Citizens Support Organization, and its public and private partners. Since our founding in 1994, we have raised and donated more than \$32 million for conservation and outdoor recreation. We are also Florida's largest private funder of outdoor education for youth.

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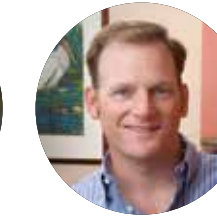
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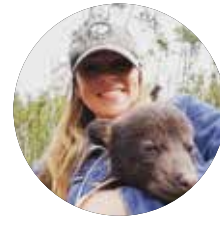
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On October 27th at the Foundation's annual fundraiser BlueGreen 2018, guest of honor and keynote speaker John L. "Johnny" Morris, conservationist and founder of Bass Pro Shops, made a surprise announcement of a \$1 million gift from Bass Pro Shops to the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida. This gift will be used to address Florida's most pressing issues that impact its freshwater and marine habitats, including in the Everglades, Florida Bay and the Keys. Speaking before an audience of 330 Florida conservationists, anglers and hunters, Mr. Morris presented Foundation Chair Dick Corbett with a \$100,000 check, the first installment of the gift. "We were completely surprised by Bass Pro Shops' generosity," said Corbett. "What a tremendous gift that will conserve nature and our outdoor heritage in Florida."





**WHAT WE DO**



# TAKING THE LONG VIEW

Conservation of course isn't just about today or tomorrow. The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida works to protect species and habitats for the very long-term, helping ensure Florida remains a place of outstanding beauty and diversity for generations to come.

In addition to the many FWC programs we support day to day, some of which are grouped under the major initiatives that follow, our Foundation created two endowments in 2018 to help ensure Florida's natural legacy and the public's access to it for years to come.



## THE CHILDREN AND NATURE ENDOWMENT

The average child or teen now spends 53 hours/week using electronic media. Getting youth back into nature has become a national priority to combat childhood obesity; boost physical fitness and emotional and social well-being; and inspire confidence and self-reliance in youth. Our Foundation is Florida's leading private funder of such outdoor programs and the new Children and Nature Endowment will ensure these programs have permanent, predictable funding for years and years to come.

For more information about these funds and how to contribute to them, contact Foundation President Andrew Walker at 941 809-7805 or [awalker@wildlifeflorida.org](mailto:awalker@wildlifeflorida.org).



## THE FLORIDA CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT

The Florida Conservation Endowment is the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida's general endowment, used to support a portion of our operations and the many conservation programs and projects we sponsor. This permanent fund, to which donors can contribute via outright or planned gifts like bequests, annuities or trusts, will help ensure a predictable stream of revenue for our conservation programs, far into the future.

# FOUNDATION INITIATIVES

In close cooperation with FWC, the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida supports the full array of conservation needs in Florida, be it enhancing our fisheries, supporting rehabilitation of injured wildlife or providing summer camp scholarships for economically disadvantaged youth. We operate as a statewide community foundation for conservation, helping connect conservation donors to the projects about which they care most. We are a highly efficient organization, with 88 cents of every dollar going into conservation and outdoor youth education.

The recent support of our donors has helped us:

- Identify and fund field testing of three emerging technologies for mitigating the toxic effects of red tide.
- Underwrite numerous research and restoration projects for many Florida freshwater springs.
- Underwrite hunting education and outings statewide for "wounded warriors," youth and women.
- Provide camp scholarships, outdoor gear and new cabins for the Everglades and Tenoroc Youth Conservation Camps in Palm Beach County and Lakeland, as well as a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk and fishing pier at the Suncoast Youth Center in Apollo Beach.
- Improve monitoring of important Florida Keys fish spawning aggregation sites.
- Help launch 16 state-designated critical wildlife areas for roosting herons, egrets, pelicans, piping plovers, black skimmers and other colonial nesting birds.
- Test new methods for removing large numbers of lionfish from Florida waters.
- Fund collection of Burmese pythons from the Everglades.
- Fund expansion of panther rehabilitation facilities at Zoo Tampa, one of two institutions in Florida authorized to treat wounded or sick panthers.
- Create with FWC a matching grant program to help communities minimize bear-human conflicts.
- Reduce panther-car collisions in South Florida.
- Support captive breeding of North America's most endangered bird, the Florida grasshopper sparrow.
- Fund reintroduction of endangered eastern indigo snakes to parts of the Florida panhandle.

In 2018, the Foundation's Board of Directors identified five initiatives that will drive the majority of our future work. They are:

- **Connecting Kids & Families to Nature.**
- **Combating Invasives**
- **Restoring Our Reefs**
- **Conserving Wildlife**
- **Preserving Our Outdoor Heritage (hunting, fishing, boating & shooting sports)**

Each of these initiatives is outlined on the following pages.







## CONNECTING KIDS & FAMILIES TO NATURE

Children and teens spend less and less time outdoors, despite its many physical, social, and emotional benefits. Florida's young people deserve easy access to nature and the delight of embarking on outdoor adventures, alone or with family and friends, regardless of family income or situation.

We are Florida's largest private funder of youth outdoor education and work closely with the **Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network**, a consortium of 350+ private and public partners providing formative outdoor experiences annually to more than 200,000 Florida children and teens. Our Foundation and donors provide the summer camp scholarships, school field trip funds, outdoor gear and educational materials needed to raise a new generation that learns from and loves the outdoors.

A gift of \$200 allows a child to attend a week-long summer camp. \$500 pays

for the buses and substitute teacher needed for an entire class of students and their teacher to spend a day outdoors at a conservation center.

We are helping to fund a \$5.8 million renovation and expansion of the historic **Everglades Youth Conservation Camp (EYCC)** in Palm Beach County. More than 25,000 children and teens have attended EYCC since the early 1960's. The \$3 million left to raise will help us and FWC build 10 new wheelchair-accessible cabins to more than double the camp's overnight capacity to 240 beds.

We recently closed a \$30,000 funding gap in the \$500,000 project to construct a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk and fishing pier at **Suncoast Youth Conservation Center** in Apollo Beach. This project will make nature more available to all children.



# COMBATING INVASIVES

With our subtropical climate, Florida is an ideal place for many non-native species to become established, a handful of which have become a serious problem for Florida's ecosystems. These include Burmese pythons and lionfish, which threaten the Florida Everglades and Florida Reef Tract, respectively.

Our Foundation is working with FWC, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Reef Environmental Education Foundation and others to control both.

Lionfish have been described as one of the most aggressively invasive species on the planet. Native to the Indo-Pacific, the red lionfish (*Pterois volitans*) and the common lionfish (*P. miles*) have established themselves off the East Coast of the United States and in the Caribbean and are major threats to our coral reef systems and fisheries.

Currently, controlling lionfish is largely limited to divers spearing them, though several organizations are perfecting lionfish traps. Organizations

such as RISE (Robots in Service of the Environment) are developing submersible lionfish-hunting robots for deep-water populations. Our Foundation is working with partners to develop acoustic signals that lure large numbers of lionfish to traps or other types of harvesting.

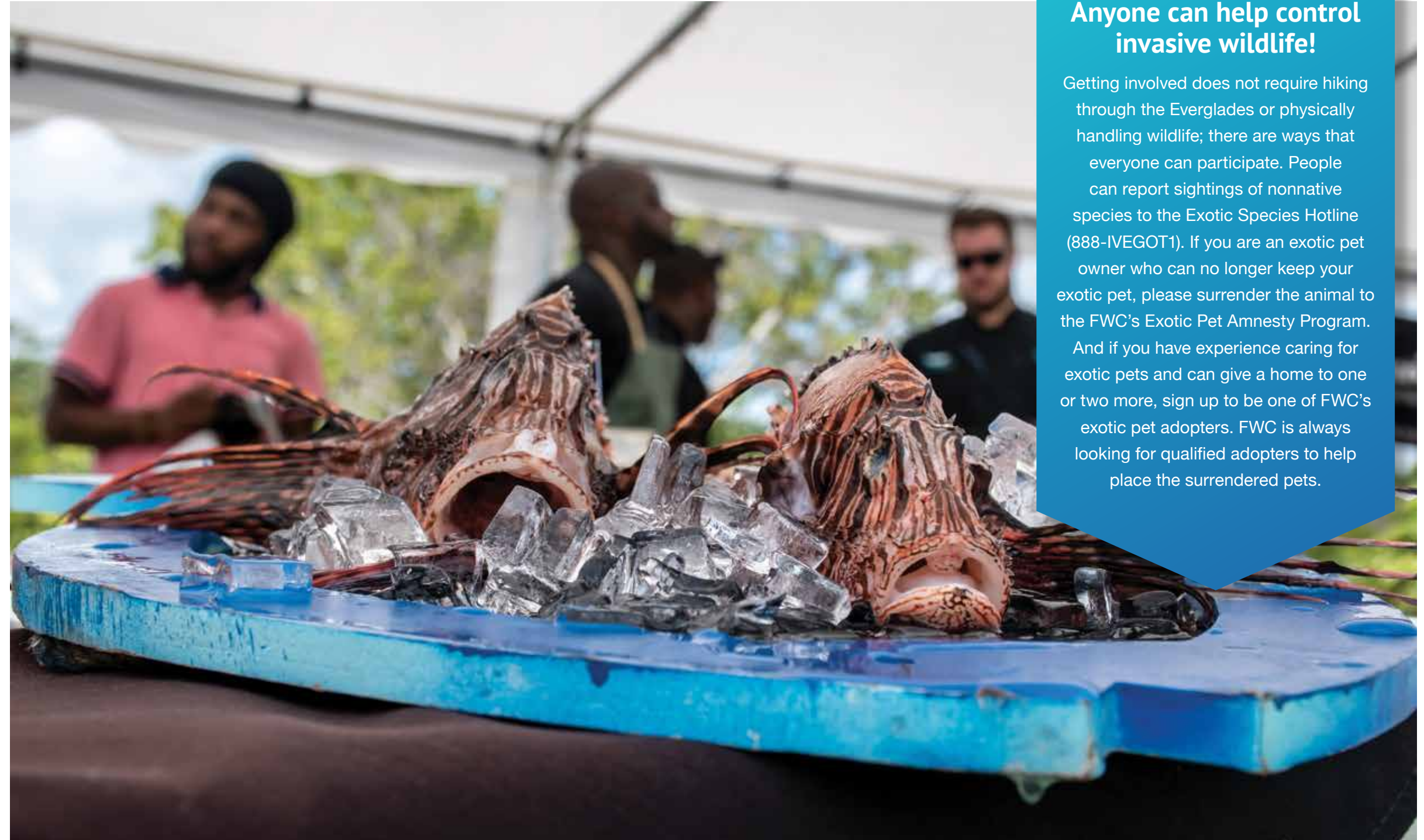
Unlike lionfish, Burmese and North African pythons are much harder to locate in the wild. It's been estimated that for every Burmese python pulled out of the Everglades, another 100 are nearby.

FWC is working with a highly trained group of individuals to locate and remove pythons from South Florida ecosystems. It's painstaking work; some nights no pythons are found.

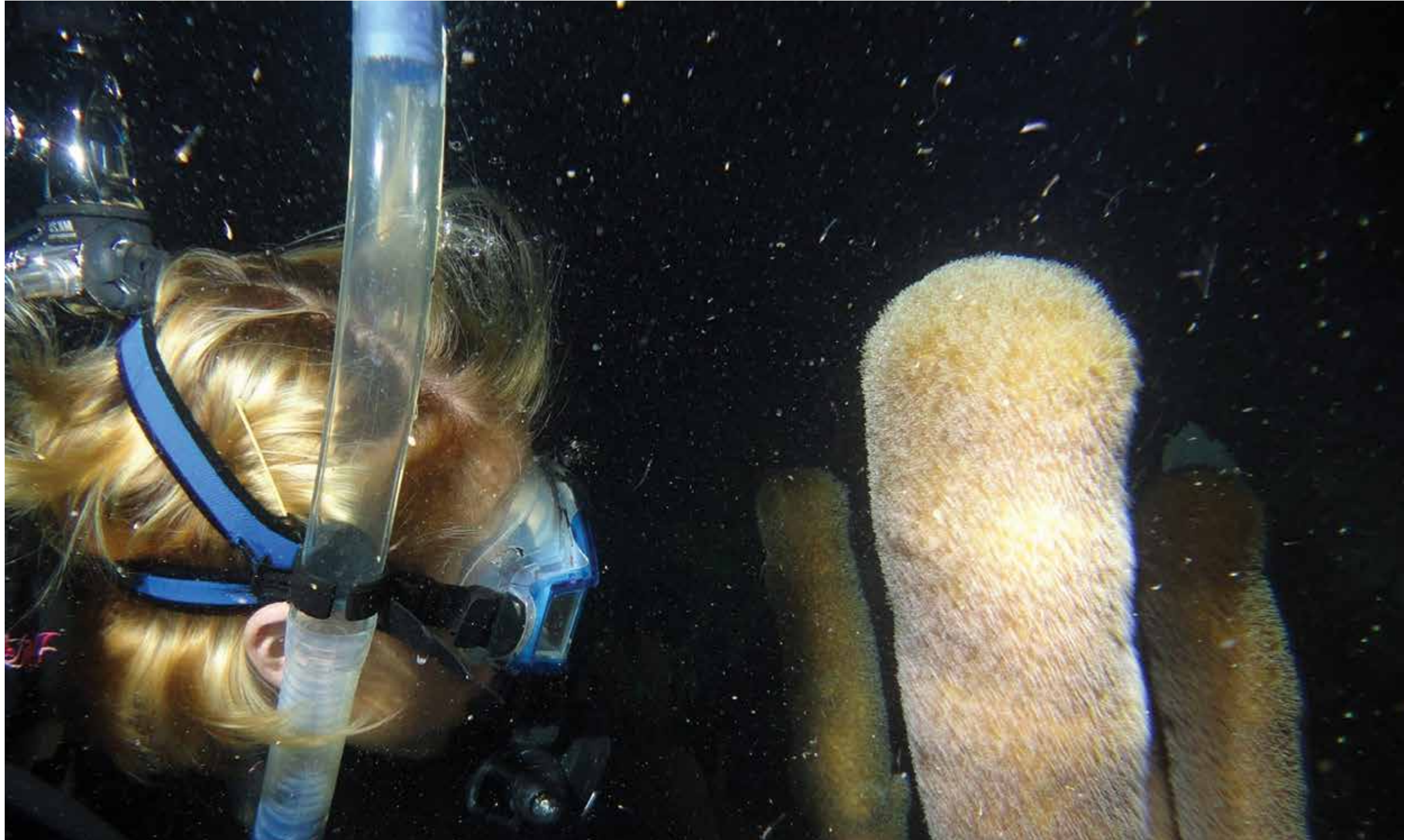
But radio tagging pythons to find other pythons, which is being tested by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and others, is one line of attack that shows promise. Pythons may never be eliminated from the Florida landscape, but we can learn to reduce their numbers. The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida supports such efforts and is working with conservation-minded businesses like Miami-based designer Ximena Kavalekas, Inc. to build FWC's Python Patrol, a network of individuals skilled in recognizing and capturing pythons. Long-term, we will be pursuing new technologies and strategies to remove much larger numbers of pythons from Florida ecosystems.

## Anyone can help control invasive wildlife!

Getting involved does not require hiking through the Everglades or physically handling wildlife; there are ways that everyone can participate. People can report sightings of nonnative species to the Exotic Species Hotline (888-IVEGOT1). If you are an exotic pet owner who can no longer keep your exotic pet, please surrender the animal to the FWC's Exotic Pet Amnesty Program. And if you have experience caring for exotic pets and can give a home to one or two more, sign up to be one of FWC's exotic pet adopters. FWC is always looking for qualified adopters to help place the surrendered pets.







## RESTORING REEFS

Coral reefs are central to the health and diversity of our oceans. For 25% of marine life, this ecosystem is home. But disruption of reef biodiversity can trigger degradation of the reef as a whole. Reefs regulate carbon dioxide levels in the water and prevent shoreline erosion by mitigating the effects of offshore currents and hurricanes.

Florida possesses the Florida Reef Tract, the third-largest reef system in the world, which runs from Martin County to the Tortugas.

The Tract has suffered many stresses in recent years, from high temperatures, excess salinity, invasive lionfish and the mass die-off of sea urchins. In 2014, a fast-moving disease of unknown origin appeared. The disease, which in four years has spread across 89% of the Florida Reef Tract, is killing 25 of the ~45 species of stony corals in the Keys, while continuing to spread south and west to the Lower Keys. Once a coral is affected by this disease and begins to lose tissue, it is almost certain the entire colony will die within a matter of weeks or months.

Researchers are still working to identify the pathogen(s) and transport mechanisms, but early indications suggest it's a bacteria spread by ocean currents and through direct contact with infected corals. Monitoring data from 2017 and 2018 show that many Florida corals have sustained between 50% – 90% reduction in abundance.

The severity of this situation has prompted FWC and partners to make an unprecedented effort to preserve corals from reef areas ahead of the approaching outbreak, so that we are prepared for restoration once the disease has run its course. The FWC, National Marine Fisheries Service, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection have

assembled a Florida Coral Rescue Team and have begun implementing a Florida Coral Rescue Plan to save what is left of Florida's healthy coral stocks, by asking zoos and aquariums across the country to accept and grow healthy specimens from Florida's Reef Tract.

Our Foundation is working with the FWC, NOAA and other funders and stakeholders to develop a comprehensive strategy for identifying the disease and developing strategies for combating it. Time is of the essence and the stakes are high: there may be nothing preventing this disease from eventually finding its way to the reefs of the Caribbean and Mesoamerica.



# CONSERVING WILDLIFE

Florida possesses more than 2,800 plant species, 15,000 invertebrates, 1,000 species of saltwater fish, 140 species of freshwater fish, 280 species of amphibians, 89 species of native reptiles and 57 species of native mammals. At least 146 of our animal and 400 of our plant species are state- or globally threatened, endangered or of special concern.

We are famous for our charismatic megafauna – the American alligator, West Indian manatee and Florida panther among them. We also have 490 species of native birds. We are the number one state for boating, fishing and birdwatching, which bring billions of dollars annually to the state's economy.

Ensuring future generations can experience Florida in all of its biological diversity is the mission of the FWC

and our Foundation. We work closely with FWC, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and many others to prevent native species and natural communities from going extinct and actively support captive rearing and reintroduction of native species to their historic ranges. We also fund the ecological management of Florida's wildlife habitats, via controlled burns and other means, to maximize the value of such lands and waters for Florida wildlife and the people who enjoy them.

Current priority non-game species for the Foundation include Florida black bears, panthers, indigo snakes and Florida bonneted bats, to name a few.







## PRESERVING OUR OUTDOOR HERITAGE

Too few Americans fully appreciate the importance of hunting and fishing to conservation. In 1937, a national coalition of hunters concerned about the long-term fate of America's natural lands and wildlife supported passage of a federal tax on hunting gear to fund wildlife conservation at state and federal levels. Known as the Pittman-Robertson Act, this landmark legislation has generated more than \$10.5 billion – yes, billion — for the conservation of wildlife and habitat across the United States.

At the same time, in the absence of large natural predators which have been eliminated in most of the continental United States, hunting is the most important and effective tool for keeping populations of deer and other game animals – including Florida's non-native, destructive wild pigs – in balance. By leasing lands for hunting, hunters also provide an important economic incentive for farmers and other private landowners to manage their lands for wildlife.

But the number of Americans who hunt has dropped sharply as older generations of hunters retire from hunting.

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida financially supports FWC's efforts to attract a new generation of men and women to hunting and the shooting sports, including archery, as well to fishing and boating. We also make grants to protect and manage important wildlife habitats and ensure public access to hunting lands, while improving deer stands, creating food plots, funding construction of wheelchair-accessible blinds and much else. One of our largest current projects is completing funding for the Palm Beach Shooting Sports Park, a multipurpose shooting facility that when opened in 2019, will be able to

host collegiate, national and Olympic-caliber competitive events, as well as accommodate the novice and weekend hobbyist.

You can help support the Foundation's hunting and shooting sports initiative by making an outright donation or buying the "Wildlife Foundation of Florida" specialty license plate that features the image of a deer.





**2018 GRANTS**



## GRANTS

What follows is a partial list of the projects and recipients of the \$5.9 million the Fish & Wildlife Foundation raised and gave away in 2018. Approximately \$1 million of these funds came from the three Florida conservation license plates administered by our Foundation – the “Wildlife Foundation of Florida” license plate that supports hunting, shooting sports and management of habitat, the “Conserve Wildlife” plate that benefits endangered and other non-game species conservation, and the “Protect Florida Springs” plate that supports continued research and restoration of Florida’s world-renowned freshwater springs. We also receive a portion of the proceeds from the “Discover Florida’s Oceans” plate, which helps fund marine conservation and education programs.

Citizen input is an important part of our grant making. We are particularly indebted to the volunteer citizen committees that help review the many applications we receive for springs conservation, hunting and shooting sports programs, and game species management. Their input is invaluable in prioritizing the many laudable applications we receive.



The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida has always responded rapidly to natural disasters. In 2017, we raised \$123,000 to help FWC families and charter fishing boat companies in South Florida rebuild after Hurricane Irma, working with the Maverick Boat Company and many others. This year, we created a Hurricane Michael Relief and Recovery Fund to support FWC first responders and biologists who lost their homes to Michael. These women and men are always among the first to respond to a disaster. Nearly \$140,000 had been raised when this annual report went to press, and donations are still coming in. To donate, please visit [wildlifeflorida.org](http://wildlifeflorida.org).



# “DISCOVER FLORIDA’S OCEANS” GRANTS

The Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida receives a portion of proceeds from the “Discover Florida Oceans” license plate, which is administered by the nonprofit Hubbs Seaworld Research Institute. Currently all funds received by the Foundation are being used to fulfill a multi-year \$300,000 commitment to outfit the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center in Apollo Beach, which specializes in the ecology of Florida’s Gulf Coast, with scientific field equipment and microscopes, educational displays and materials, kayaks and other outdoor recreation gear.



# “CONSERVE WILDLIFE” GRANTS

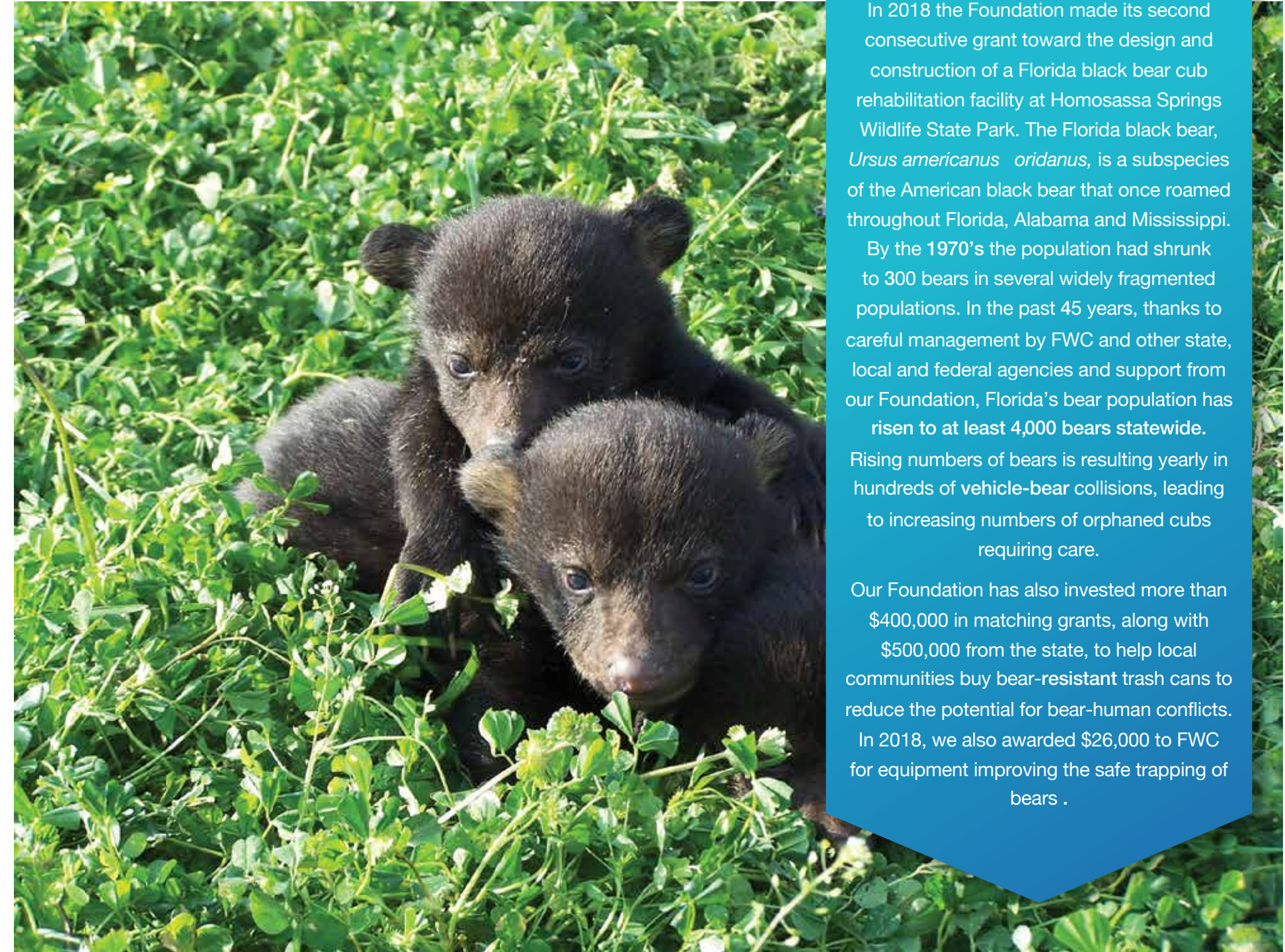
Conserving Florida’s unique species remains a priority for the Foundation. In 2018, the Foundation’s Board of Directors approved \$387,724 in 13 grants for nongame species conservation. These included \$33,000 to support conservation of American crocodiles; \$15,000 to better understand the current abundance, distribution and potential to reintroduce imperiled Ochlockonee Moccasinshell (*Medionidus simpsonianus*) and Oval Pigtoe (*Pleurobema pyriforme*) freshwater mussels; and \$4,300 to map the home range of the long-spined sea urchin (*Diadema antillarum*), the most important and historically abundant herbivore on Florida’s coral reefs. Still-unexplained massive die-offs of urchins beginning in the 1990’s have led to unchecked algae growth in many parts of the Caribbean and Florida’s reefs. Mapping the urchin’s historic range will increase the chances for its successful reintroduction.



Project Name	Location of Project	Organization	Grant Amount
Suncoast Youth Conservation Center Beach for marine laboratory and field equipment, educational materials and interpretative displays on the coastal ecology of Florida’s Gulf Coast	Apollo Beach	Suncoast Youth Conservation Center	\$300,000



Project Name	Location of Project	Organization	Grant Amount
Growing Up WILD Curriculum Guides	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$5,000</b>
Bear cub rehabilitation enclosure	Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park	FWC	<b>\$20,000</b>
Headstarting of Frosted Flatwoods Salamanders	Apalachicola National Forest	FWC	<b>\$46,729</b>
Arthropod community monitoring and plant-pollinator network mapping in fire-maintained sandhills	Watermelon Pond WEA, Fort White WEA, Suwannee Ridge WEA, and Bell Ridge Longleaf WEA, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park and Black Creek Ravines Conservation Area	FWC	<b>\$25,771</b>
Documenting Occurrence of the Coastal Dunes Crowned Snake ( <i>Tantilla relicta pamlica</i> ) on Public Lands	Public lands in Volusia, Brevard, and Indian River Counties	FWC	<b>\$28,800</b>
Assessing the home range of the long-spined sea urchin ( <i>Diadema antillarum</i> )	Florida Keys	FWC	<b>\$4,300</b>
Bear trap improvements and inflatable landing pads	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$25,782</b>
Enhanced monitoring for imperiled freshwater mussels of Florida	Ochlockonee River, Chipola River, Econfina Creek, and Santa Fe River	FWC	<b>\$15,000</b>
Backyards and Beyond, Phase 1	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$16,000</b>
Movements and Survivorship of Translocated Nuisance American Crocodiles	Southernmost parts of the state	FWC	<b>\$33,000</b>
Using Echo-Sounder Buoys as Sampling Platforms for Fish Spawning Aggregations: A Pilot Study	Riley's Hump, Florida Keys	FWC	<b>\$70,500</b>
Assessing Benthic Recovery 10 years After the 2005 Harmful Algal Bloom on the West Florida Shelf	West Florida Shelf, Northwest Florida	FWC	<b>\$58,899</b>
Survey of <i>Crypto serpentinus</i> in Wild Snakes and Reintroduction of the Eastern Indigo Snake at Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve	Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve	FWC	<b>\$37,943</b>



In 2018 the Foundation made its second consecutive grant toward the design and construction of a Florida black bear cub rehabilitation facility at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. The Florida black bear, *Ursus americanus oridanus*, is a subspecies of the American black bear that once roamed throughout Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

By the 1970's the population had shrunk to 300 bears in several widely fragmented populations. In the past 45 years, thanks to careful management by FWC and other state, local and federal agencies and support from our Foundation, Florida's bear population has risen to at least 4,000 bears statewide.

Rising numbers of bears is resulting yearly in hundreds of vehicle-bear collisions, leading to increasing numbers of orphaned cubs requiring care.

Our Foundation has also invested more than \$400,000 in matching grants, along with \$500,000 from the state, to help local communities buy bear-resistant trash cans to reduce the potential for bear-human conflicts.

In 2018, we also awarded \$26,000 to FWC for equipment improving the safe trapping of bears .



# “PROTECT FLORIDA SPRINGS” GRANTS

Florida’s hundreds of freshwater springs have been threatened in recent decades by nutrient pollution, invasive aquatic plants and other stresses. The protection and restoration of Florida’s springs, on which so much of the state’s aquatic diversity depends, is an ongoing, critical priority.

In 2018, the Foundation awarded seven grants totaling \$176,394 for research, conservation and restoration of Florida’s freshwater springs. These included grants of \$21,390 to the Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Inc. to monitor water quality in the Lower Santa Fe River and Weeki Wachee Springs; \$15,952 to the Sea to Shore Alliance to assess manatee use of the springs in Silver River; \$12,500 to Alachua County for habitat restoration at Poe Springs, and \$9,052 to Jacksonville University to track habitat use in Wekiwa Springs by the Florida red-bellied turtle and peninsula cooter.



Project Name	Location of Project	Organization	Grant Amount
Monitoring the Silver River for Manatees While Increasing Public Awareness on Best Practices for Viewing	Silver River, Marion County	Sea to Shore Alliance	<b>\$15,952</b>
Movement Patterns of the Florida Peninsula Cooter and the Florida Red-Bellied Turtle in Wekiwa Springs	Wekiwa Springs, Florida	Marine Science Graduate Program at Jacksonville University	<b>\$9,052</b>
Assessing temporal and spatial trends in fish assemblages within spring runs of the St. Johns River Basin	St. Johns River Basin	FWC - Fish & Wildlife Research Institute	<b>\$42,500</b>
Wakulla SPRINGSWATCH	Wakulla Springs	Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Inc.	<b>\$10,695</b>
Wekiva River SPRINGSWATCH	Wekiva Springs	Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Inc.	<b>\$10,695</b>
Investigating Drivers of Winter Shifts in Fish Abundance in the Homosassa River System	Homosassa River System	FWC	<b>\$75,000</b>
Poe Springs Aquatic Habitat Enhancement & Outreach	Poe Springs	Alachua County Environmental Protection Department	<b>\$12,500</b>



# “WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA” GRANTS

Our Foundation in 2018 awarded 17 grants totaling \$203,179 from the “Wildlife Foundation of Florida” license plate. Proceeds from the purchase of the deer tag support protection and management of lands open to public hunting, hunting safety programs and training in archery and other shooting sports for women and men of all ages and backgrounds.

Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources received \$28,450 for its youth archery program, including support for outreach to new audiences. The Foundation awarded the FWC \$40,000 to increase surveillance for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a highly contagious, fatal disease for deer that is spreading across North America.



Project Name	Location of Project	Organization	Grant Amount
Enhanced surveillance for chronic wasting disease in free-ranging deer in Florida	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$40,000</b>
Manatee County Archery, Hunting, and Turkey Habitat Management	Manatee County	Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources	<b>\$28,450</b>
Womens Outreach Hunts	Alachua County	NWTF-Gator Gobblers	<b>\$2,000</b>
FHF New Hunters Program	Liberty County & Levy County	The Future of Hunting in Florida, Inc.	<b>\$21,335</b>
Operation Outdoor Freedom Food Plots FY18-19	Blackwater River State Forest	Friends of Florida State Forests – Florida Forest Service	<b>\$4,000</b>
Proverbs 31:15	Gainesville	10 CAN, Inc.	<b>\$10,000</b>
Alachua 4-H Archery	Alachua County	Alachua 4-H Archery	<b>\$1,989</b>
Gators, Gals and Guns	Gainesville	The University of Florida Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society	<b>\$2,005</b>
Introduction to Archery basics range equipment	Highlands County	Florida Bowhunters Council	<b>\$3,900</b>
ALLOUT Florida Adventure Program (ALLOUT)	Statewide	Florida Disabled Outdoors Association	<b>\$20,000</b>
Field-to-Fork Program	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$8,500</b>
FWC 2019 R3 Summit	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$12,000</b>
UW-F/FWC Waterfowl Summit	Ocala	United Waterfowlers Florida, Inc.	<b>\$2,500</b>
Youth Hunt Stands	Istipoga Flats	Safari Club International South Florida Chapter	<b>\$1,800</b>
Hunter Ed Promotion	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$21,200</b>
Qualitative research with Florida college students on hunting	Statewide	FWC	<b>\$20,000</b>
Outdoor Youth Day	Palm Beach County	Florida Sportsmens Conservation Association	<b>\$3,500</b>





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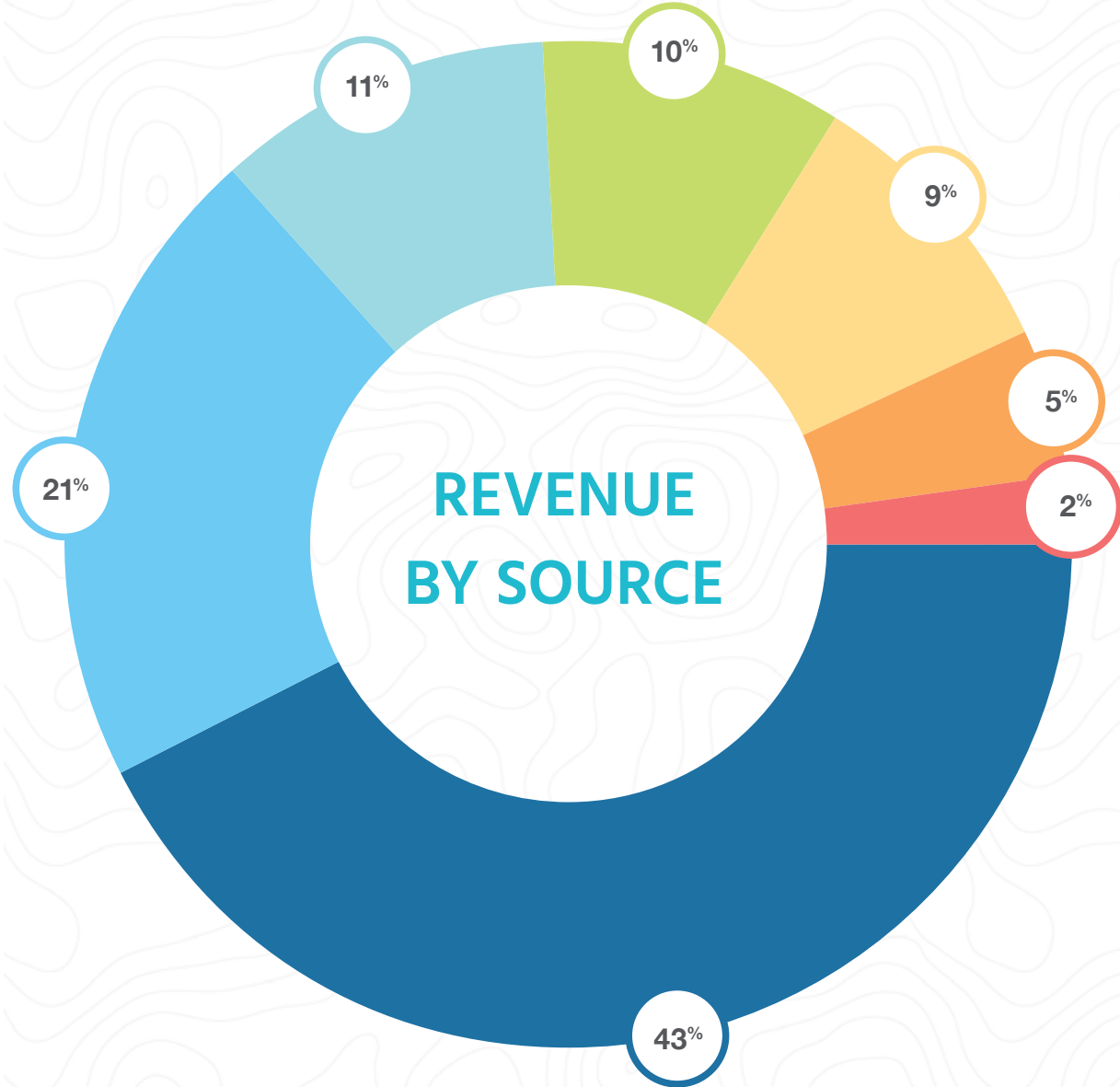
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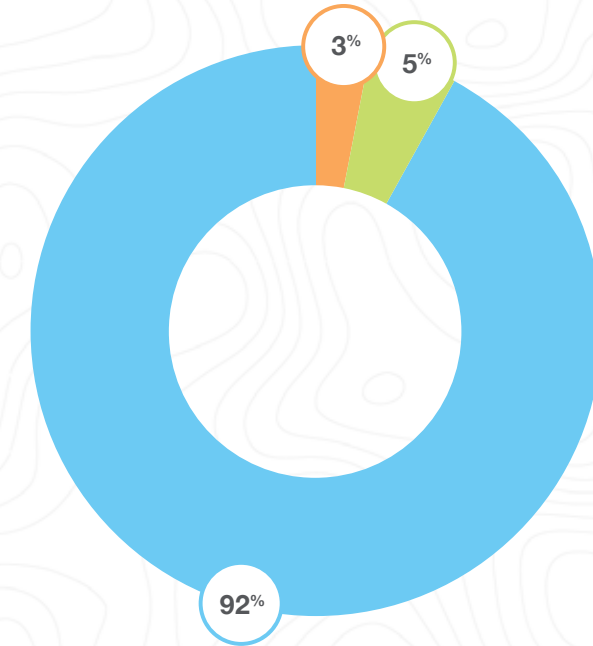


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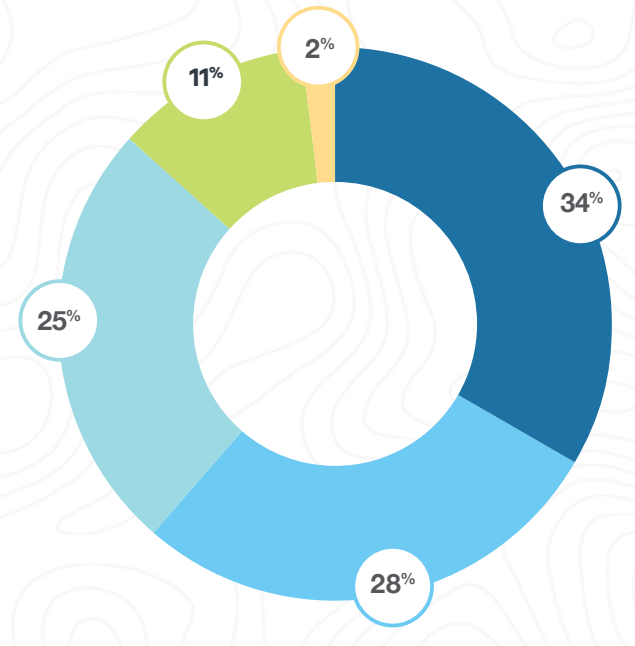


Endangered Species Mitigation	\$4,726,584
Program Fees and Services	\$2,272,839
Philanthropic Giving	\$1,189,835
Investments	\$1,159,977
License Plates	\$995,068
Government Grants	\$547,347
In-Kind	\$186,110
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,077,760</b>

# 2018 PROGRAMMATIC EFFICIENCY

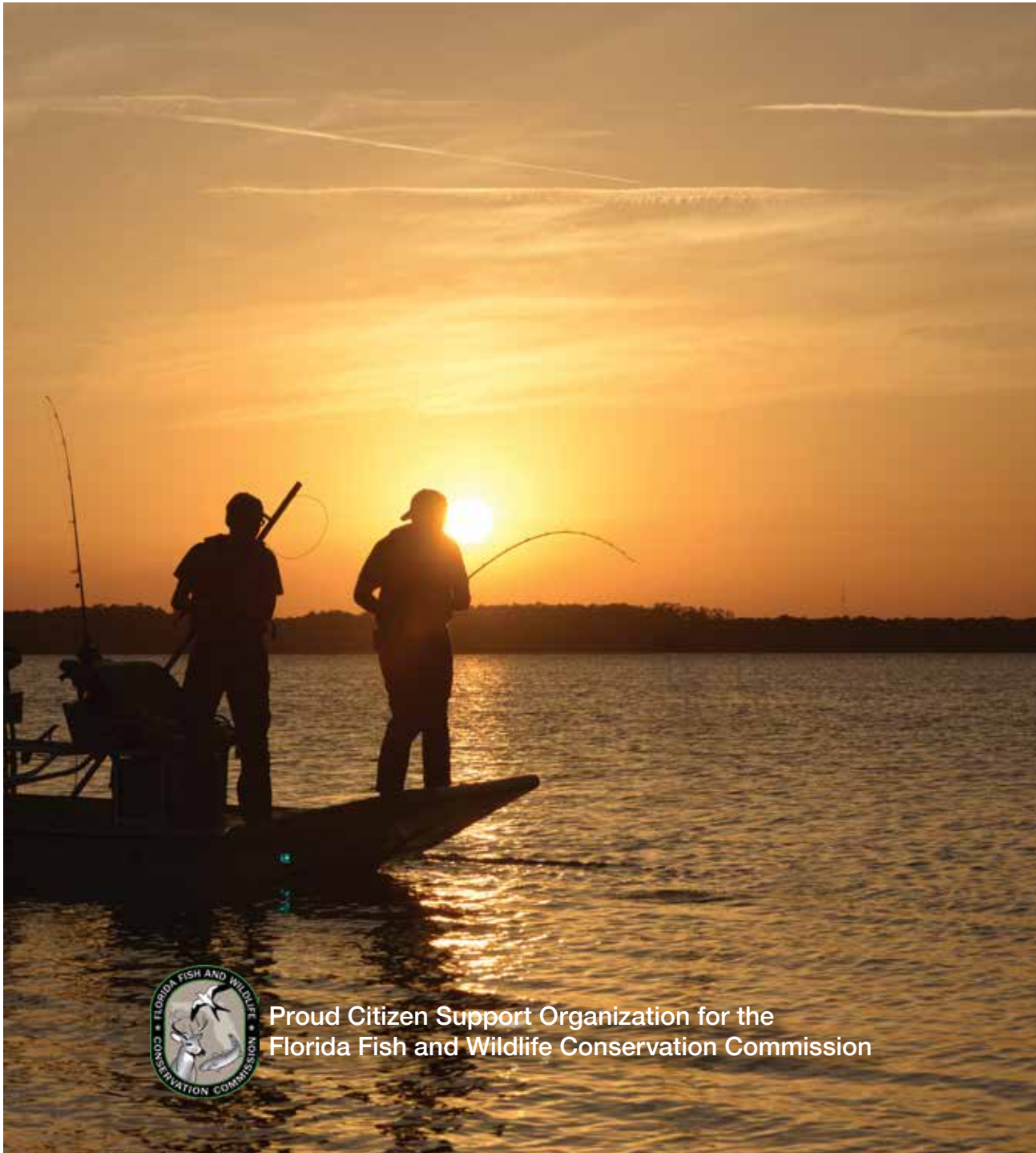


Program	\$5,871,239
Administration	\$351,080
Fundraising	\$185,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,408,243</b>



Species Conservation	\$1,973,970
Wildlife Management	\$1,633,554
Hunting and Shooting Sports	\$1,483,089
Outdoor Youth Programs	\$671,800
Florida Springs Research and Education	\$108,826
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,871,239</b>





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