



WISH LIST

For our Southern Nicoya Peninsula Sea Turtle Nesting Beach Projects

Easy to Pack Items

General items in high-demand at the projects and easy to pack in your luggage.

1. **Patrol Backpacks.** *For storing turtle-work supplies on night patrols.*
Backpacks are overpriced in Costa Rica and generally lacking in quality. They normally only last for a few months because of the rough conditions faced on nightly patrols. The first thing to break is the zipper, so those with an “over the top flap” that don’t have zippers are ideal.
2. **Latex Gloves.** *For egg handling.*
Thicker material is best because we can re-use them a few times. This isn’t a popular donation item because people generally aren’t used to buying them. However, they are an essential part of our project and a drain on funds, as they cost \$8 USD per box in Costa Rica, People with access to wholesale prices, such as those who work in the medical, dental, or research industries, can get them for as little as \$1 USD per box.
3. **Hammocks.** *For keeping comfortable on hatchery duty.*
Project participants have to watch the hatcheries around the clock to make sure animals don’t get in to eat the eggs and hatchlings. They also have to catch up on sleep after long nights of hard work. This is easier to do out in the beach breeze, rather than in their rooms (which get stuffy in the mid-day heat).
4. **Ziploc Bags.** *For keeping equipment dry on rainy patrols.*
Cheap dollar store re-sealable baggies break easily, so it is best to go with brand-name on these. Small dry bags would be an alternative more sustainable, but expensive, option.
5. **Office Supplies.** *For station organization and educational activities with the local kids.*
The most needed are permanent and whiteboard markers (normal and fine tipped).
6. **Tape.** *Reflective tape for making sector markers easier to see. Duct tape for keeping things together.*

Local Patroller Gear

We are lucky to have some great, dedicated locals who help us on night patrols. Our low budget limits how much we can pay them, so it is critical that we keep them equipped with the supplies they need.

1. **Rain Gear.** *Light weight, large sizes. Waterproof, not water resistant.*
2. **Headlamp with Red Light.** *Waterproof is best.*
3. **Rechargeable AAA Batteries and Chargers.** *To light up the headlamps in a sustainable way.*

Electronics

If you or anyone you know are upgrading their electronics, we would greatly appreciate their old ones. The humid, hot, salty conditions on our beaches result in a short life span for these devices.

1. **Cell Phone.** *So that our research teams can keep in touch with the central office.*
2. **Landline phone.** *For our office and San Miguel station house.*
3. **Camera.** *To take photo-ID pictures of nesting turtles.*
4. **Laptop computer.** *For our office staff or data entry in the projects.*

Big Ticket Items

Here are a couple things that are large in size, if you are shopping in San Jose, or price tag, in case you are feeling extra generous.

1. **Big White Board.** *For keeping organized or teaching English.*
We can never have enough white boards. We use them for patrol/chore/activity schedules, hatchery charts, training participants, teaching locals English, and presenting to tourists.
2. **Bicycles.** *For getting around.*
For transport between town and the beach, we try to keep the projects supplied with bikes. The humid and salty conditions cause the bikes to erode quickly, so they need to be replaced every couple of years. Bike parts and bike repair supplies are also needed.