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In Memoriam



Anthony F. Amos (1937–2017)

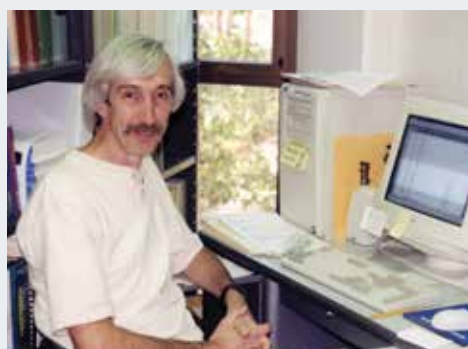
Tony was an icon in coastal wildlife conservation in Texas. He founded what ultimately became the Amos Animal Rehabilitation Keep (ARK), which has rehabilitated more than 2,500 sea turtles since 1982, and he conducted more than 40 years of wildlife studies on Mustang and San José Islands. He was included on *Texas Monthly* magazine's list of "most interesting Texans," was declared an Environmental Hero by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and was declared a Recovery Champion by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Recently, the city of Port Aransas renamed its main beach in his honor. Tony's inspiration to conserve sea turtles and nature in Texas will leave a lasting legacy, and he will be missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

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Tobías de la Rosa Domínguez (DECEASED 2017)

Tobías de la Rosa Domínguez was born on Mexico's Costa Chica at a time when local people didn't pay much attention to life's little details like the date you were born. Although he had been a consumer of sea turtles all his life, he had the vision to understand that the sudden appearance of biologists at his door in 1996 might bring good things to his community, and he joined the movement. He became a strong supporter of sea turtle protection and helped his reluctant community of Cahuitán, Oaxaca, to embrace conservation. The Cahuitán leatherback project will not be the same without his constant support and friendship, and he will be greatly missed.

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Peter J. Eliazar (1953–2017)

Peter was an integral member of the Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research for many years, and he spent more than a quarter century as a champion for sea turtles, working quietly behind the scenes keeping the Cooperative Marine Turtle Tagging Program and network running smoothly and the sea turtle bibliography up to date. Peter was a joy to work with—always calm and willing to go the extra mile for everyone, from teaching a student how to drive a car, to working extra hours to ship turtle tags to a collaborator or conducting turtle surveys on shrimp trawlers. Peter was willing to put his hand to any task and always did so with a smile.

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Pavlos Tsaros (1968–2017)

Pavlos began his career in sea turtle conservation on the island of Crete in 2000, working for the Greek nonprofit Archelon. He remained dedicated to the organization throughout his life, as an organizer and technician rehabilitating injured animals with remarkable devotion and care. Pavlos (or Pavloukos or Pipap) was a well-loved member of the international sea turtle community, participating in several International Sea Turtle Symposia and volunteering for turtle projects in Thailand and Mexico. He had a cheerful personality, a warm heart, and a great smile. His dedication and integrity have been an inspiration for all who knew and worked with him in the Mediterranean and elsewhere.

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