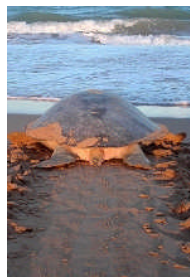
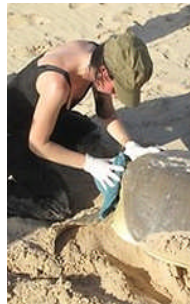


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BEACH BREAK WITH A DIFFERENCE

It must surely rate as one of the most exhilarating travel experiences of all time: serving as midwife to a flatback turtle on a hot white-sand beach near Broome at the top of Western Australia. It was at such a moment that Rasha Skybey's decision to switch from a career in law to one dedicated to conservation was thoroughly vindicated. "I'd never even encountered a turtle before. She came on to the shore in the middle of the day, which is highly unusual, and right there in front of the resort she decided to dig and lay her eggs," Skybey says. "The most magical thing about it was that we were actually assisting this prehistoric creature. She was completely oblivious to us, and in a hypnotic state. I felt like a bit of a midwife: I was helping her, rubbing her back." > [Read on](#)



Also see other articles on this expedition in [Escape](#), [Get Lost](#), [Lifestyle](#) or [Universum](#) magazines, or [The Independent](#) newspaper, or view [expedition page](#).

EDUCATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

Conservation cannot work in isolation. Hearts & minds of local people need to be won. Without the cooperation of the local people, conservation measures are most likely doomed for failure. Biosphere Expeditions is at the forefront of educational efforts. > See [Achievements page](#) "Education & awareness" tab.



HOW VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP WITH BIG CAT CONSERVATION

Conservation has become a serious business and one of the most controversial subjects is biological conservation - what happens in the real world - the politics, laws, community participation and needs,

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FEEDBACK FROM LOCAL PEOPLE

human behaviour and beliefs - the practicalities. There is a good amount of information on the biology of cats. But what about conservation guidelines and effectiveness of measures taken? > [Read on](#) or visit our [Namibia leopard and cat expedition page](#)

TEN TIPS FOR TAKING A VOLUNTEER VACATION

1. Make sure it is a well-established organization with a proven track record of making a real difference in the projects it has become involved with – has it won any awards for its work?

2. If for example the project is about wildlife conservation, make sure that the program is run on verifiable scientific grounds. While you give your time as an interested traveller who wants to make a difference, you need to have peace of mind that the project you are helping with is being run by a qualified scientist.

3. Ask where your money goes. To truly make a difference, it is best if as much money and resources as possible go to help the local environment in the country the project is in. Reputable organizations will always publish information about how funds are distributed to the public.

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"My uncle used to work as a lookout for the whaling industry, spotting whales for the whalers and he taught me how to spot them. With whaling now banned around the Azores, I can do this job of spotting whales for Biosphere Expeditions and its research teams. It's a great way to use my skills, keeping them alive for future generations and helping the whales."



Miguel Vargas, Cedros, Faial Island, Azores
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"I was born and raised in Cayo Cochino Menor. The island I once played on as a boy, I now work to protect as a boat captain for the Honduran Coral Reef Foundation. I know these waters like the back of my hand and enjoy sharing our marine treasures with the team members from Biosphere Expeditions. I am a certified rescue diver, in large part inspired by watching the teams work here. I am proud of my country and these islands and feel very lucky that researchers from Biosphere Expeditions are helping to conduct research that helps in the conservation of the area. Thank you!"



Alex Solis,
Cayos Cochinos Islands,
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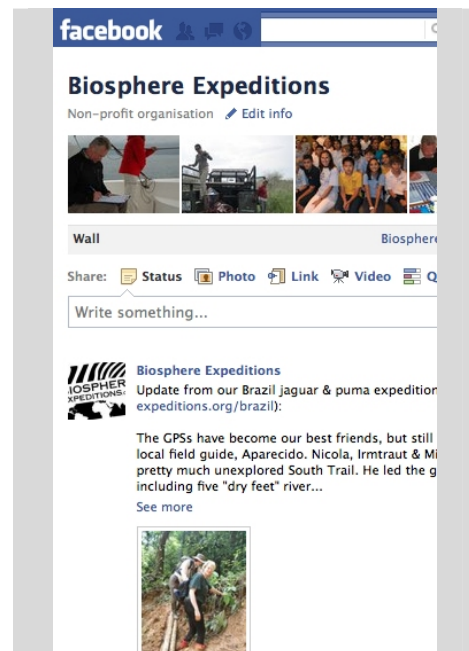
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