



Long term conservation takes commitment and hard work by everyone- youth, teachers, amas de casa, fishermen, government officials and others. As is reflected in the theme of the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Grupo Tortuguero- ***Se Necesita Toda una Comunidad*** (*It Takes a Community*). You are an invaluable member of our sea turtle community and we would like to invite you to join us at the 9th Annual Meeting of the Grupo Tortuguero, to be held January 26-28, 2007 in Loreto, BCS, Mexico.

In the past year, the Grupo Tortuguero has successfully expanded its reach throughout the communities of Baja California, Mexico and the world. The Grupo Tortuguero's community-based teams have worked together to gather data that proves that the waters surrounding the peninsula are a global sea turtle hotspot. Even more importantly, these community members have taken on the roles of conservation ambassadors, promoting environmental awareness and creating a sense of pride within their communities. They have inspired others, both adults and youth, to actively participate in conservation activities and create their own conservation projects.

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Grupo Tortuguero will highlight the important role **everyone** plays in sea turtle conservation and will be our most important meeting to date. We will release our 5-year monitoring report, presenting the results of our years of monitoring sea turtle populations throughout the peninsula, as well as the results of our education and outreach programs, community conservation programs, and international exchanges.

Additionally, this meeting will be the precursor to our 10th Annual Meeting, to be held in conjunction with the International Sea Turtle Symposium in 2008! All eyes will be on the Grupo Tortuguero in the upcoming years, and these meetings will give you, our community members, the opportunity to shine.

Of course the 3rd Annual Encuentro para Niños y Jóvenes de las Californias para la Conservación de la Tortuga Marina will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting, giving youth throughout the peninsula and the world a chance to learn about their important role in the future of the worlds sea turtles.

We hope you can join us at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Grupo Tortuguero and 3rd Annual Encuentro para Niños y Jóvenes de las Californias para la Conservación de la Tortuga Marina. Please fill out the attached registration form and send it to Jesus 'Chuy' Lucero at chuy@grupotortuguero.org. If you need a scholarship to attend the meeting, please submit an application by December 31, 2006.

Together, we are creating a powerful sea turtle protection community in Mexico and beyond!

Sinceramente,

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