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Sea Turtle Biology & Conservation**
San Diego, California, USA April 10-16, 2011
The Next Generation of Research & Conservation

INTERNATIONAL SEA TURTLE SOCIETY



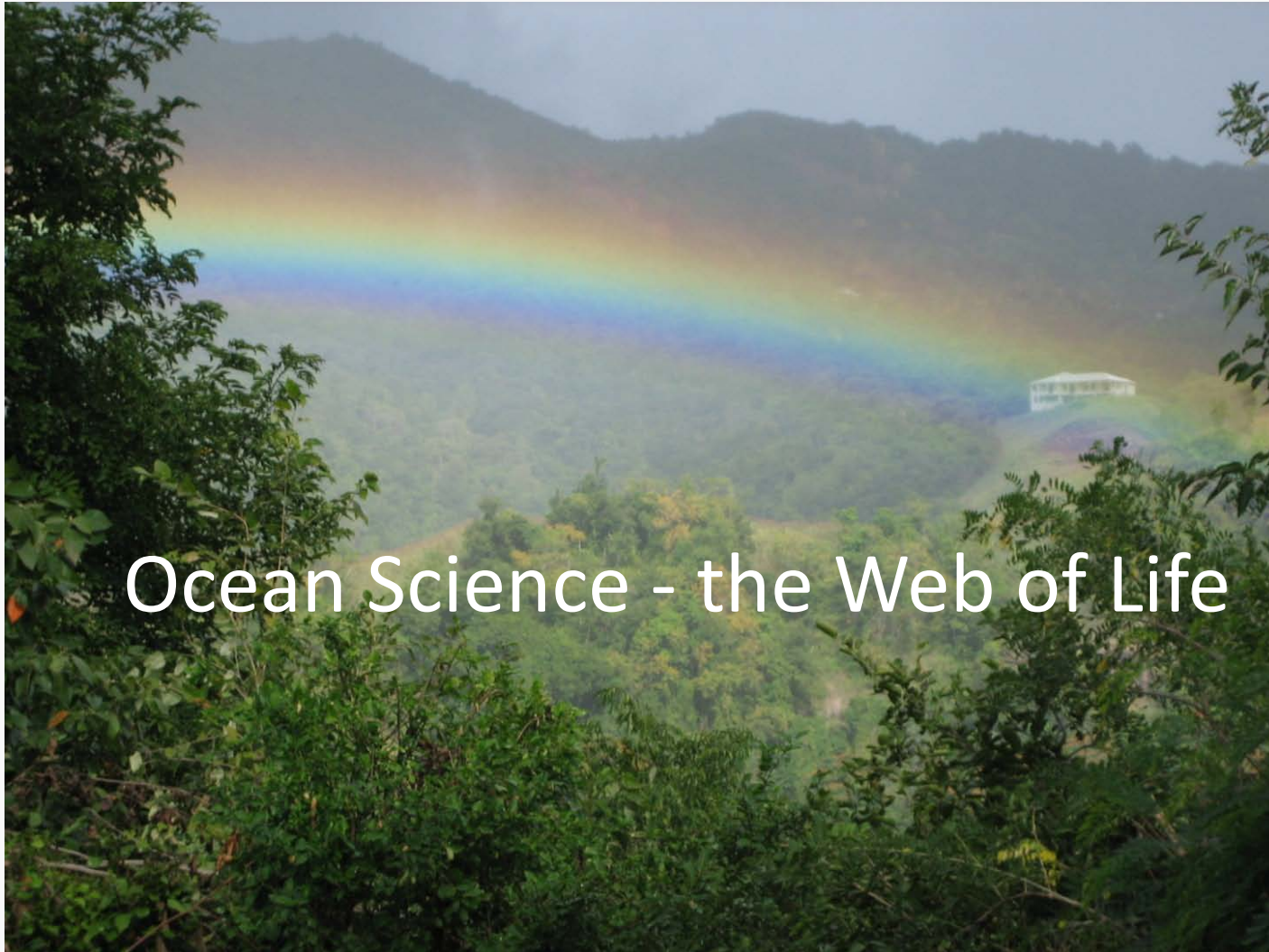
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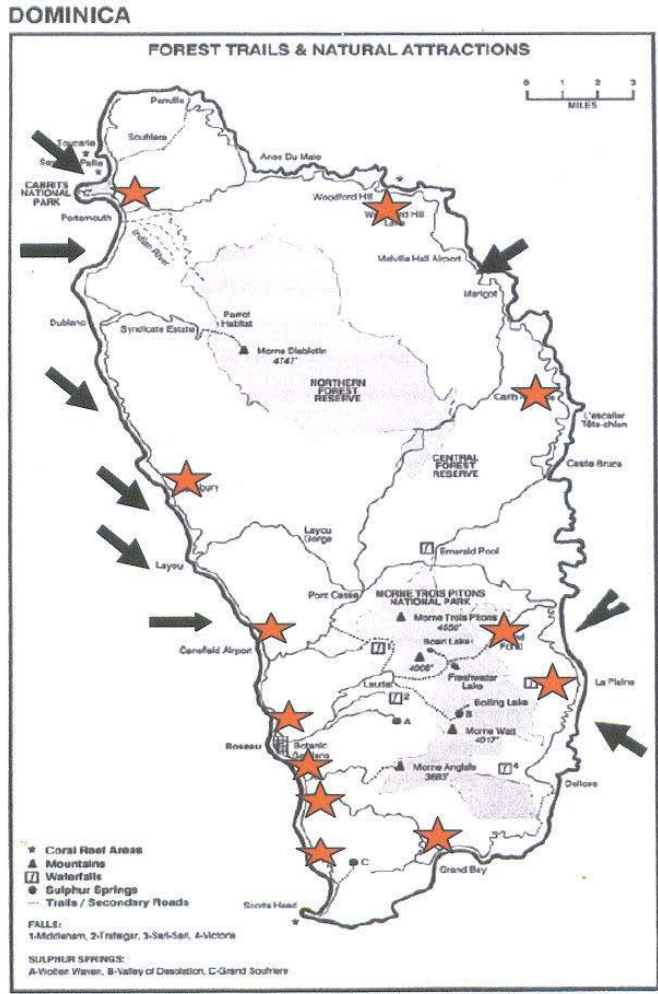
Dominica

FLOATING CLASSROOMS



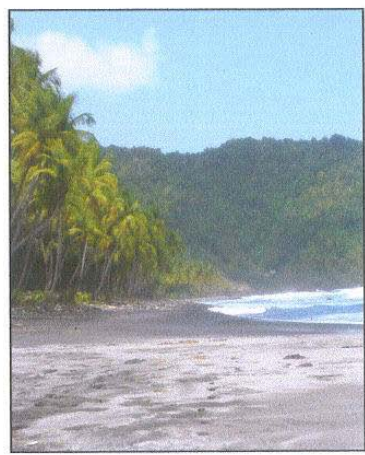
Ocean Science - the Web of Life

Patrolled Turtle Beaches & Participating Schools



➔ The 2010 sea turtle census took place at 9 nesting beaches. **Clockwise from the southwest**, these locations were: Les Pointe, Layou, Mero, Coulibistrie, Picard Beach, Douglas Bay, Londonderry Beach, Rosalie Beach [see photo insert], and Bout Sable (La Plaine) Beach.

★ Location of Schools participating in the 2011 Floating Classroom Programme





What are Floating Classrooms?

- A program which combines classroom lessons with on-the-water experiences to foster future generations of responsible stewards of marine life
- Grounded in proven educational theory and practice
- Hands-on
- Inexpensive
- Integrated into the Dominica's Curriculum requirements
- Making connections between marine debris and its impact on the environment



Collaboration

- Floating classrooms depend on a team approach for success
- Ministry of Education supports Principals and Teachers participation
- IFAW, DomSeTCO, Youth Division, Caribwhale, Dive Operators

In-class work



More Turtles In the classroom



Launching the Floating Classroom with an inflated Baby Baleen Whale



Learning can be FUN



Students at Pointe Michel found that it took 17 of them to equal the length of a 55-foot Sperm Whale head to toe





Media coverage –
important to our
work

Belle Marche –
A Walk For
Turtles



The Sea Adventure

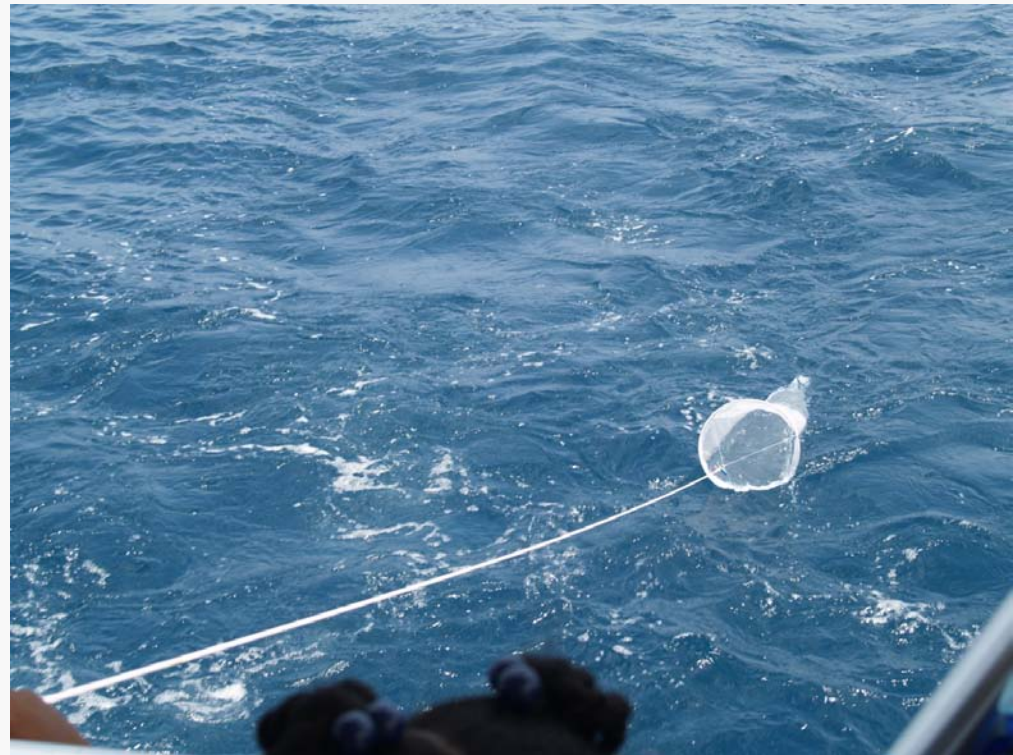
SAFETY, ALERTNESS, OBSERVATION!



Demonstrating a Plankton Net



Towing the Plankton Net



Examining Plankton & baby organisms collected





Secchi Disk





Sounds & Scenes From the Coral Reef



Underwater Camera/Monitor

Hydrophone





Disney Conservation Fund

- IFAW's Clearing the Way for Turtles Project came in 2nd in online voting
- Funds will support satellite tagging of 12 turtles
- Dominican schools participating in Floating Classrooms will have the opportunity to follow the turtles throughout the Caribbean Sea and across the Atlantic Ocean
- Fund the distribution of re-useable bags to students and local supermarkets

Tracking Turtles

- Technology keeps young minds interested
- Monitoring our turtle populations
- A shared resource





How can we play our part



Schools District Exhibition



Yardsticks by which we measure success





And they did...



See you in Dominica?