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**Subject:** [CTURTLE] Henk Reichart

Dear All,

It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of Henk Reichart.

Henk was one of the giants of the sea turtle world, and received the ISTS Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2015 Symposium in Turkey. The below excerpt was read out at his ISTS Awards Ceremony:

"Henri "Henk" Reichart is a passionate conservationist who has devoted his life and professional career to sea turtles. After he obtained a Master's in Wildlife Biology from the University of California, Berkeley, he drove his family 4,000 miles to help build a wildlife conservation program in the newly established system of Nature Reserves and National Parks in Suriname. He became Director of The Foundation for Nature Conservation where he played a pivotal role in creating local institutional capacity for conservation. Henk helped write management plans for all of the country's protected areas, including Wia-Wia Reserve and the Galibi Reserve that encompassed the nesting beaches for green, leatherback and olive ridley turtles. Henk's research discovered the implications of temperature dependent sex determination and he implemented in situ relocation, techniques that have become standard for most nesting beach conservation programs. In his research program, Henk collaborated with leading and aspiring scientists, inspiring many to pursue careers in sea turtle research and conservation. Henk also pioneered ecotourism in Suriname, working with communities to build ecologically friendly lodges and to create a source of income for residents. He drew attention to the high sea turtle bycatch from the growing shrimp trawl fisheries along the Guyana shield and promoted the use of TEDs. He was knighted into the Order of the Golden Arch in 1994 in The Hague, Netherlands. He has touched many lives, enabled several generations of international sea turtle biologists and conservationists, and is revered in Suriname as a conservation hero."

I shall miss Henk very much.

Warm regards,

Manjula



