

# Yellow Naped Parrot Population Stabilization Project 2019



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Parrots have been the subject of various studies and conservation efforts due to the intense stressors on their populations in Honduras. As in other countries of the Neotropic, the main pressures facing this group of birds are the destruction of habitat and looting of nests to supply the exotic pet market. The scientific community affirms the decline in population of the yellow naped parrot (*Amazona auropalliata caribaea*) which in 2018 went from being "vulnerable" to "endangered" on the IUCN red list.

The present conservation work has three phases. The first stage involves manufacturing artificial nests (boxes) and installing them in specific places where yellow nape parrots are known to nest. The second stage includes surveillance of natural and artificial nests to prevent theft by poachers, a survey documenting current parrots in captivity, and an environmental education program in schools across the island. The third stage involves a parrot count at the end of August to compare this year's population with our pre-project count. The work was carried out from December 2018 to August 2019.

The looting of nests is very common on the island of Guanaja, with spring being known as "harvest-time" of parrots. Every year several dozens of baby parrots are poached from their nests to be sold illegally on the coast. It is also common knowledge that these young chicks are taken to Cayman Islands although their trade is totally prohibited by both countries.

### **2. OBJECTIVES**

Recover, stabilize and protect the wild populations of the yellow nape parrot on the island of Guanaja.

Specific:

1. Encourage the local population to protect the yellow naped parrot.
2. Establish an environmental education program to deter young folks from looting nests.
3. Provide poachers with alternative livelihoods.
4. Conduct wellbeing brigades to address the needs of yellow-naped parrots in captivity
5. Discourage their capture as pets.

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2020: January- May

Description	Cost Lempiras	Cost USD
<b>Monitoring and Surveillance</b>		
Former Poachers' Salary (5 months total)		
Four people, 400L/day, 6 days a week	L192,000.00	\$8,000.00
Field-Work Coordinator	L180,000.00	\$7,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>L372,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>
<b>Equipment and Logistics</b>		
Fuel: 1 week / 30 gl, 16 weeks / 480 (1g = 100 Lp)	L48,000.00	\$2,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>L48,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Environmental Education and Survey</b>		
T-shirts	L4,000.00	\$300.00
Printer/Ink	L4,600.00	\$150.00
Brochures	L5,700.00	\$250.00
Transportation	L800.00	\$100.00
Survey Material	L900.00	\$50.00
Environmental Educ. Stipend (\$500/month)	L60,000.00	\$2,500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>L76,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,350.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>L496,000.00</b>	<b>\$20,850</b>



### Total Nests: Natural and Artificial



## Final Parrot Count 2019













