

# Media Release

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**Lake Alfred, Florida, September 5, 2013** – The World Parrot Trust (WPT) has been awarded a \$24,750 grant from the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund (DWCF). The conservation grant recognizes WPT’s efforts to conserve the Yellow-shouldered Amazon Parrot (*Amazona barbadensis*) on the island of Bonaire, Caribbean Netherlands, through their ongoing partnership with Echo, an NGO based in Bonaire.

Dr. Sam Williams, Director of Echo, stated: “The ongoing support of the Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund is crucial to the long-term success of this project. Their commitment has greatly assisted us in our efforts to safeguard the parrots and to build local support for conservation as a whole.”

The Yellow-shouldered Amazon is a flagship threatened species restricted to a few islands in the Caribbean and parts of northern Venezuela. WPT and Echo are working to address habitat degradation and the consequent human-wildlife conflict through integrated population monitoring to understand population dynamics and novel approaches to reduce parrot/human conflict.

The Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund works to protect species and habitats, and connect kids to nature to help develop lifelong conservation values. Since its founding in 1995, DWCF has supported more than 1,000 conservation programs in 112 countries.

For information on Disney’s commitment to conserve nature visit [www.disney.com/conservation](http://www.disney.com/conservation).

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**About the World Parrot Trust:**

Founded in 1989, the World Parrot Trust (WPT) works to conserve wild parrots and aid the welfare of captive parrots worldwide. Through conducting field research and direct conservation, advocacy, education, and awareness programs, the WPT has aided 58 species of parrot in 32 countries.

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