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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

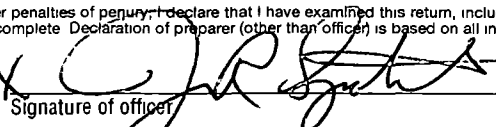
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization THE LEATHERBACK TRUST, INC. Doing Business As		D Employer identification number 22-3741033
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 161 MERION AVENUE		E Telephone number 215-895-2627
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033		G Gross receipts \$ 321,979.
		F Name and address of principal officer: JAMES R SPOTILA SAME AS C ABOVE		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527				
J Website: ▶ WWW.LEATHERBACK.ORG				
K Type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation 2000	M State of legal domicile NJ

Part I Summary

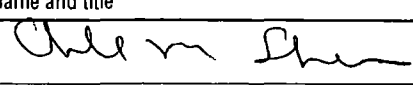
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE ATTACHED.		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 9		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 8		
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 5 0		
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 75		
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) 7a 0.		
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0.			
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,008,366.	128,586.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	149,444.	113,293.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	142,037.	40,572.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,299,847.	282,451.
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		104,867.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
Expenses	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	100,516.	207,520.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 3,528.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	439,025.	1,417,745.
	18	Total expenses - Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	539,541.	1,730,132.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	760,306.	<1,447,681.>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	5,502,537.	4,106,240.
	22	Net assets or fund balances - Subtract line 21 from line 20	7,594.	58,978.
			5,494,943.	4,047,262.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here:  Date: **April 22, 2010**

Signature of officer: **JAMES R SPOTILA**
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature:  Date: **7/17/10** Check if self-employed: Preparer's identifying number (see instructions):
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **SHECHTMAN MARKS DEVOR PC**
2000 MARKET STREET, SUITE 500
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103 EIN ▶ Phone no ▶ **215-496-9200**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE ATTACHED

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes", describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No If "Yes", describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,200,613. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) CONSERVATION: CONSOLIDATION OF LAS BAULAS PARQUE NACIONAL IN COSTA RICA AND PROTECTION OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 483,926. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) RESEARCH AND EDUCATION: RESEARCH DATA COLLECTED ON THE POPULATION BIOLOGY OF MIGRATION OF APPROXIMATELY 500 LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES. OUTREACH TO APPROXIMATELY 450 LOCAL AND REGIONAL COSTA RICANS REGARDING SEA TURTLE BIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE. ALSO, THE GREAT TURTLE RACE II HAD A WORLD-WIDE AUDIENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 267,000 PEOPLE LEARNING OF BIOLOGY, CONSERVATION AND MIGRATION OF THE LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLE.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,684,539. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?	X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	X	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	X	
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		X
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	X	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: COSTA RICA See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter N/A		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: N/A		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year N/A		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		9
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		8
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	X	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	a The governing body?	X	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
9b	b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	X	
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13		X
12b	b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		
12c	c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		X
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)		X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NJ**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **JAMES R SPOTILA - 609-440-5158**
161 MERION AVE, HADDONFIELD, NJ 08033

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JAMES R. SPOTILA PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
FRANK V. PALADINO VICE PRESIDENT	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
RAYMOND D. LOEWE TREASURER	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
MARGARET KRUESI SECRETARY	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
ROBERT S. RAYMAR MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
JOHN SPOTILA MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
MARIO BOZA MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
GEORGE SHILLINGER MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
STEVEN HONIGMAN MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
ANTHONY STEYERMARK MEMBER	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a	Federated campaigns	1a					
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c	77,837.				
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	20,990.				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	29,759.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		128,586.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a		Business Code				
b								
c								
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		113,293.			113,293.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5	Royalties						
	6 a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b	Less: rental expenses					
		c	Rental income or (loss)					
		d	Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c	Gain or (loss)					
		d	Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 77,837. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	80,100.				
		b	Less direct expenses	b	39,528.			
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		40,572.	40,572.		
	9 a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b		Less direct expenses	b					
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b					
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11 a								
	b							
	c							
	d	All other revenue						
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12	Total Revenue Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			282,451.	40,572.	0.	113,293.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.
 All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	25,000.	25,000.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	9,900.	9,900.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	69,967.	69,967.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	152,031.	142,787.	9,244.	
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	55,489.	52,645.	2,844.	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	55,380.	55,380.		
c Accounting	16,065.	1,450.	14,615.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	3,366.		3,366.	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,509.		3,509.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	31,515.	25,842.	5,673.	
17 Travel	53,656.	51,858.	1,798.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	22,296.	22,296.		
23 Insurance	1,016.		1,016.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a LAND ACQUISITION COSTS	1,081,205.	1,081,205.		
b CONSERVATION AND EDUCAT	89,275.	89,275.		
c STATION ADMINISTRATION	32,591.	32,591.		
d CAMPAIGN PROJECTS	24,343.	24,343.		
e FUNDRAISING FEES	3,528.			3,528.
f All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses Add lines 1 through 24f	1,730,132.	1,684,539.	42,065.	3,528.
26 Joint Costs Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	288,151.	1	218,959.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,311,040.	2	2,269,687.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	288,000.	3	25,000.
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	14,978.	7	14,522.
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost basis	10a 1,662,288.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 84,216.	10c 1,600,368.	10c 1,578,072.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		5,502,537.	16	4,106,240.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,594.	17	8,978.
	18 Grants payable		18	50,000.
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		7,594.	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	1,706,328.	27	1,941,937.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	3,788,615.	28	2,105,325.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	5,494,943.	33	4,047,262.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	5,502,537.	34	4,106,240.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	226,290.	159,928.	104,036.	508,366.	128,586.	1127206.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 - 3	226,290.	159,928.	104,036.	508,366.	128,586.	1127206.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1127206.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	226,290.	159,928.	104,036.	508,366.	128,586.	1127206.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	10,905.	23,794.	35,602.	149,444.	113,293.	333,038.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1460244.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	270,670.

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	77.19 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	92.89 %

16a **33 1/3% support test - 2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b **33 1/3% support test - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

17a **10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b **10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

Schedule D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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Name of the organization **THE LEATHERBACK TRUST, INC.** Employer identification number **22-3741033**

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply):

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Term endowment _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Investments - Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,222,365.		1,222,365.
b Buildings		375,000.	47,675.	327,325.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		64,923.	36,541.	28,382.
Total. Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				1,578,072.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	282,451.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,730,132.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	<1,447,681.>
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8	9	0.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	<1,447,681.>

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	257,571.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	120.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	120.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	257,451.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	25,000.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	25,000.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	282,451.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,705,252.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	120.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	120.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,705,132.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	25,000.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	25,000.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,730,132.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

THE OTHER RECONCILING ITEM ON LINE 4B IS AN EXPENSE OF THE FUNDRAISING
EVENT SHOWN AS DONATION TO ANOTHER ORGANIZATION ON THE 990.

**Schedule F
(Form 990).**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Attach to Form 990. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, line 15, or line 16.**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE LEATHERBACK TRUST, INC.

22-3741033

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States

3 Activities per Region. (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures in region
CENTRAL AMERICA - COSTA RICA	2	6	PROGRAM SERVICES	SEE FORM 990, PART III, LINES 4A AND 4B	1,622,780.
Totals	2	6			1,622,780.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2008

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000

Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
		CENTRAL AMERICA	TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AT TEMPESQUE, ANOTHER	19,667.		0.		
		INDONESIA	TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF A BOAT FOR THE LEATHERBACK TURTLE PROJECT IN	50,000.		0.		

2 Enter total number of organizations that are recognized as charities by the foreign country or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 2

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 0

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

PART II, COLUMN (D):

REGION: CENTRAL AMERICA

(D) PURPOSE OF GRANT: TO SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AT TEMPEQUE, ANOTHER NATURAL AREA IN COSTA RICA.

REGION: INDONESIA

(D) PURPOSE OF GRANT: TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF A BOAT FOR THE LEATHERBACK TURTLE PROJECT IN PAPUA, INDONESIA.

SCHEDULE F, PART I, LINE 2: THE LEATHERBACK TRUST MAINTAINS RECORDS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE AMOUNTS OF GRANTS, THE GRANTEE'S ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE GRANTS AND THE SELECTION CRITERIA TO AWARD GRANTS. THE RECORDS CONSIST OF SUCH ITEMS AS EMAILS, RECORDS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BOARD MINUTES INDICATING APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUNDING SUBMITTED BY POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS. RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS PROVIDE TECHNICAL REPORTS ON PROJECTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS. THE PRESIDENT OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD VISIT THE RECIPIENT'S PROJECT, AS DEEMED NECESSARY, AND THE TRUST INVOKES AUDIT RIGHTS, AS DEEMED NECESSARY, TO AUDIT THE USE OF THE FUNDS AWARDED.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
		GREAT TURTLE RACE		NONE	
Revenue		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
1	Gross receipts	157,937.			157,937.
	2	Less: Charitable contributions	77,837.		77,837.
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	80,100.		80,100.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Non-cash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Other direct expenses	39,528.		39,528.
	8	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d)			
9	Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)				40,572.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Non-cash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				()
8	Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				

	Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____ a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? b If "No," Explain. _____	9a	
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? b If "Yes," Explain _____	10a	
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

13a	%
13b	%

- a The organization's facility
- b An outside facility

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records.

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

15a

- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

- Director/officer
 Employee
 Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

17a

- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the U.S.**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.**

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THE LEATHERBACK TRUST, INC.

Employer identification number
22-3741033

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed. ▶

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
STANFORD UNIVERSITY 450 SERRA MALL STANFORD, CA 94305	94-1156365	501(C)(3)	25,000.	0.			TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SCIENCES FOR RESEARCH PROGRAM

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3 Enter total number of other organizations

▶ 1.
▶ 0.

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
GRANT TO PAM PLOTKIN FOR THE LIGHTS OUT PROJECT ON TURTLES BEACHES IN COSTA RICA	1	9,900.	0.		

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: THE LEATHERBACK TRUST MAINTAINS RECORDS TO SUBSTANTIATE THE AMOUNTS OF GRANTS, THE GRANTEES ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE GRANTS AND THE SELECTION CRITERIA TO AWARD GRANTS. THE RECORDS CONSIST OF SUCH ITEMS AS EMAILS, RECORDS OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS, BOARD MINUTES INDICATING APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUNDING SUBMITTED BY POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS. RECIPIENTS OF GRANTS PROVIDE TECHNICAL REPORTS ON PROJECTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS. THE PRESIDENT OR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD VISIT THE RECIPIENT'S PROJECT, AS DEEMED NECESSARY, AND THE TRUST INVOKES AUDIT RIGHTS, AS DEEMED NECESSARY, TO AUDIT THE USE OF THE FUNDS AWARDED.

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: JAMES R. SPOTILA (PRESIDENT) AND JOHN SPOTILA (DIRECTOR) HAVE A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD RECEIVE A COPY OF FORM 990 BEFORE IT IS FILED. THE 990 IS THEN REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT, THE TREASURER AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, THE ACCOUNTANT AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: LORETTA SPOTILA

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FAMILY MEMBER OF JAMES SPOTILA, PRESIDENT

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

(A) NAME OF PERSON: EDWIN ALPIZAR VAGLIO

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FAMILY MEMBER OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

(A) NAME OF PERSON: AUREA E. PADILLA GUTIERREZ

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FAMILY MEMBER OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

(A) NAME OF PERSON: WILFREDYS PADILLA GUTIERREZ

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

FAMILY MEMBER OF DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12A

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

THE ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY HAS A DRAFT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND PLANS TO VOTE ON IT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 13

WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

THE ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY HAS A DRAFT OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY AND PLANS TO VOTE ON IT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 14

DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY

THE ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY HAS A DRAFT OF THE DOCUMENT RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION POLICY AND PLANS TO VOTE ON IT AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

EXPLANATION FOR AMENDED RETURNS

THE ORGANIZATION FILED THE ORIGINAL FORM 990 USING ESTIMATED UNAUDITED NUMBERS. THE AUDIT HAS SINCE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE AMENDED RETURN REFLECTS THE ADJUSTED NUMBERS.

Depreciation and Amortization 990
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return

Business or activity to which this form relates

Identifying number

THE LEATHERBACK TRUST, INC.

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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179 Note If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)

14	Special depreciation for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	5,400.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	16,896.
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/		27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs		S/L	
c 40-year	/		40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr.	22	22,296.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)
Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use:								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use:								
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L		
		%				S/L		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use?		

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year:					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44

The Leatherback Trust, Inc.
22-3741033

Attachment to IRS Form 990 – Part I, No. 1 and Part III, No. 1

The Leatherback Trust (TLT) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation with offices in Philadelphia, PA, San Jose, Costa Rica, and Playa Grande, Guanacaste, Costa Rica. Its mission is to protect the critically endangered Eastern Pacific leatherback turtle, and other endangered sea turtles, through a variety of creative means.

TLT was instrumental in the consolidation of Las Baulas National Park on Playa Grande, Playa Ventanas and Playa Langosta, on the Pacific coast of Costa Rica which encompasses the primary nesting beaches for the leatherback turtle in the eastern Pacific Ocean. TLT participates in the acquisition of properties which are within the Park, in defending the integrity of the Park, and in stopping development and other activities which threaten the integrity of the Park and the survival of the leatherback turtle. TLT has developed a close working relationship with the Park Administration and the Natural Areas System (SINAC) of the Ministry of the Environment, Energy and Telecommunications (MINAET), in order to protect the turtles and their nests from illegal activities and to enforce Park Regulations. In the last year, signage notifying the public that it is entering a National Park has improved considerably.

Protecting the endangered leatherback is complicated and time-consuming. It involves carefully patrolling the most critical 3 miles of beach during the nesting season, which lasts from approximately October 1 through March 15. It involves measuring and tagging every nesting turtle, counting every egg laid, and removing to a guarded hatchery eggs from nests that are below the high water line on the beach. It involves guarding every hatchling from predators, on their way into the Pacific Ocean. It involves measuring the temperature of nests during the 60-65 days it takes the eggs to hatch, and making every effort to protect the nests from predators. It involves educating the Guanacaste community about the value of the nests, and the life cycle of the Pacific leatherback turtle, which has existed for over 100 million years.

TLT has worked with the citizens of Guanacaste to align their economic interests with the preservation of Las Baulas National Park and the leatherback turtle. TLT acquires significant goods and services locally, and conducts English language and other education efforts in local communities. TLT sponsors an Annual Sea Turtle Festival in the park with the neighboring community of Matapalo. As a result, poaching of eggs from nests within the Park has ended. Former poachers have become ecotourist guides, and TLT works closely with the guides to patrol the beaches and allow small groups of tourists to witness nesting sea turtles under tightly controlled conditions. TLT supports local pottery and other crafts throughout Guanacaste, funds research at several beaches outside of Playa Grande and Playa Ventanas, and works in numerous other ways to build strong educational, economic and other relationships with the citizens of Costa Rica.

In addition, TLT also supports other sea turtle conservation in Costa Rica and other countries. In Costa Rica TLT is supporting research on olive ridley turtles at Playa Ostional, a famous “arribada beach” and on eastern Pacific green turtles on beaches near Playa Grande. Support

derived from www.GreatTurtleRace.org, a web based conservation event held each year, has allowed TLT to support leatherback conservation in Indonesia, in conjunction with partners there. TLT also supports conservation of loggerhead turtles in Greece.

TLT supports first rate academic research by doctorate and other students from numerous universities, including Drexel University (PA), Purdue University (IN), Stanford University (CA), Cornell University (NY), Duke University (NC), Georgia Southern University (GA), Kalamazoo College (MI), and Monash University (AU). It maintains the Goldring Marine Biology Research Station at Playa Grande, which can house 24 researchers and volunteers safely, but in spartan conditions. Several doctorates have been awarded for research at Playa Grande, and others are in progress, on topics including: the effects of nest temperature on the sex of turtles; the interesting paths of leatherback and other sea turtles; and the foraging areas of leatherback and other sea turtles.

In order to protect an endangered species, it is useful to show its relationship to other species, threatened or not. Consequently, TLT has supported estuary research involving American crocodiles, and pelagic research involving the migration of bill fish. The Goldring Station is open to students year round, so that high school and college students can conduct other research and learn conservation techniques involving other species when the leatherback turtle is not nesting.

The protection of endangered species requires community outreach, and the formation of coalitions with other organizations. To that end, TLT has obtained a \$289,000 UNESCO grant to purchase property near Goldring Station, that is partially within the Park. TLT has partnered with Conservation International and others to create, conduct and host "The Great Turtle Race" on the internet, which involves school children in leatherback turtle awareness and was featured in 2007 on The Colbert Report. Over 670,000 visitors viewed the site over 2.9 million times during 2007. Earthwatch Institute provides TLT with volunteers during the nesting season, to patrol the beaches under the direction of the doctoral candidates, protect the nests, obtain and tabulate necessary scientific data, and perform other essential work. TLT is attempting to create relationships with sports fishermen groups and others.

TLT is in the process of expanding its network of universities participating in its research activities, of high schools benefiting from its education activities, and of communities throughout Guanacasta and Costa Rica enjoying the advantages of ecotourism. TLT plans to construct a community center on the property UNESCO enabled it to purchase, at which tourists can gather in comfort to await the arrival of leatherback turtles late at night, educational programs can be conducted while they wait, and members of the local community can sell crafts and light refreshments. Matapolo lacks such a community center, so during the day it would be available as child care, education or meeting space to serve community needs. TLT also plans to construct a separate laboratory and research facility on the UNESCO property, so that students and other researchers can be better served.