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Magnetawan First Nation Species at Risk and Turtle Egg Incubation Program

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Programs & Projects

Traditional Fish Monitoring Bats of Land-Use & Sturgeon & Walleye Georgian Bay Mapping Study assessment Environmental Capital Plan & MTO Highway Management Land-Use Plan 69 expansion Plan Henvey Inlet AFSAR (10 Indigenous Wind Farm & **Guardians** years) Transmission Network **SAR and Incubation** Line



Community Based Climate Change Monitoring Program

Main Funding Sources for our SAR & Community Programs

Species At Risk on Magnetawan First Nation



(Bartlett and Marshall 2009; Bartlett et al. 2012)

- Road Ecology
- Population Monitoring
- Egg Incubation
- Research Project Partnerships
- Construction Crew training





- Pristine contiguous wetlands
- Marsh, swamp, fen, bog and peatlands,
- Biodiversity hotspot for SAR reptiles.



SAR Program

- Road Ecology
 - Interaction of reptiles with roads
 - Corridor hotspots
- Population Monitoring
 - Targeted habitat surveys
 - Gestation Sites (Massasauga)
 - Nesting Sites (Turtle)
 - Overwintering Sites (all reptiles)
 - PIT tagging/notching
 - Monitor individual's health, growth, distribution
 - Turtle telemetry
- Community observations extremely valuable
- All used to inform mitigation













SAR Program















Turtle Incubation Station on Magnetawan First Nation!

2022 summary:

- ~1500 eggs collected from various species
- Collected from vulnerable locations
 - Flooding/Climate Change
 - Parry Sound District...and beyond



In partnership with Georgian Bay Biosphere, Shawanaga First Nation, Scales Nature Park



Turtle Incubation Station on Magnetawan First Nation!

2022 summary:

- Various species
- Released back to their home wetlands
- Increase chances of survival from <1% to 6%





SAR Program: Outreach and education





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Partnerships (Academic & Industry)

- Increases capacity
- Technical Knowledge sharing!
- Financial support (MSc student positions funded by universities)
 - Often have technician positions available
 - Great for community members
- Connection to community 🙂
- Emphasize Two-Eyed seeing approaches in any and all research programs
- Starting point for long-term

Some of our favourite resources:

- <u>Ontario Nature</u>: Species information and interactive <u>map</u>
- <u>Land Information Ontario</u>: Mapping resource (wetland shapefiles etc.)
 - NHIC make a map online <u>GIS application (FREE!</u>)
 - <u>NHIC</u> website overall has great information, reporting, resources etc.
- <u>iNaturalist</u>: FREE way to record observations, discuss your findings, get help with ID.
 Connected to another phone app called <u>Seek</u>
- <u>Ontario Turtle Conservation Centre</u> (Turtle Hospital and education center)
- Local <u>wildlife centers</u>*** (Hobbitstee, Turtled Kingston, Sandy Pines Wildlife center, Turtle Pond, Aspen Valley, Shades of Hope etc. etc.)
- Weaving Knowledges website (coming soon)





