

IRCF ON THE MOVE

Dart Foundation Grant for Blue Iguanas

IRCF's 501(c)3 status came into play late last year, when the Blue Iguana Recovery Program was looking to apply to the Dart Foundation for project funding. For institutional reasons, an application was most likely to be successful if submitted by a 501(c)3 Foundation or equivalent.

Responding to the Blue Iguana Recovery Program's request, IRCF submitted a formal bid to the Dart Foundation for US \$36,400 to cover the costs of a range of urgently needed improvements to the captive breeding and head-starting facility for Blue Iguanas at the QE II Botanic Park on Grand Cayman. At the same time, IRCF launched a web appeal on www.BlueIguana.ky to raise additional funds for a security fence for the facility.

In mid-December, good news came in from the Dart Foundation, and, by mid-January, IRCF had transferred the funds to Grand Cayman and the captive facility is now a hive of activity. The security and tour control fences are going up, a large hurricane-damaged breeding pen is being restored, landscaped, and subdivided, and plans are underway to trench for electrical and water supplies. The Dart Foundation and the individuals who have contributed to the fence appeal will all be recognized on a panel to be mounted in the main tour area.



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Dart Foundation-funded improvements to the captive breeding and head-starting facility for Blue Iguanas on Grand Cayman.

Andros Footballers Adopt Iguana Mascot



The Central Andros Football Club adopted the Andros Iguana (*Cyclura cyclura cyclura*) as its mascot and was rewarded with t-shirts provided by the Shedd Aquarium and the IRCF. The team logo (below) features the artwork of Joel Friesch (IRCF).



Anyone interested in helping to support the Andros footballers and their efforts to promote iguana conservation, please contact John Binns (JFB@IRCF.org).

