



## CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

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### HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY HOSTS LECTURE “Palmyra Atoll: Where the Wild Things Are STILL Wild”

Cheryl King, MSc, Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund Vice President and Maui Research Coordinator, spent the month of June on Palmyra Atoll working with the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History. She will report on the efforts that the team made to survey the local sea turtle population on this remote Pacific atoll. Cheryl has been researching sea turtles since 1996 in South Carolina, New York and Florida before moving to Maui and working with Hawai‘i Wildlife Fund in 2000. 2013 is her fourteenth season running HWF’s Hawksbill Recovery Project, which focuses on protecting Maui’s nesting and foraging hawksbill population. Cheryl also manages HWF’s Honu Watch, a community-based research, education and conservation project that protects Maui’s basking green turtles. She created <http://www.sharkastics.org/> in 2010 to raise awareness of the impacts of marine debris and to encourage everyone to get involved with keeping our ocean beautiful. Join us for this information lecture!

**WHAT:** Sanctuary Lecture Series

**WHEN:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Kīhei Conference Room, 726 S. Kīhei Rd.

**WHO:** Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary

The sanctuary is administered by a partnership of NOAA’s Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai‘i through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). The sanctuary works to protect humpback whales through research, education, conservation and stewardship. Join us on [Facebook](#).

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**On the Web:**

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary: <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>

NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries: <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>

State of Hawai‘i Department of Land and Natural Resources: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/>