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TIOF & SCCF Celebrate A New Chapter In Conservation

SCCF Takes on Mission of The International Osprey Foundation

[The International Osprey Foundation](#) (TIOF) and the [Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation](#) (SCCF) are proud to announce an exciting new chapter in their shared commitment to conservation: the official transfer of The International Osprey Foundation's mission to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

This milestone brings together two respected organizations united by common values, complementary strengths, and a deep dedication to protecting wildlife and inspiring environmental stewardship.

Effective Jan. 1, the mission and enduring legacy of The International Osprey Foundation will live on and grow under the umbrella of SCCF. Through this transfer, SCCF will proudly carry forward TIOF's internationally recognized leadership in osprey nest monitoring, nesting habitat restoration, education, and conservation — ensuring that this important work not only continues, but thrives as part of SCCF's broader conservation, science, and education efforts.

"This marks a moment of celebration and optimism for the future of osprey conservation," said Kathryn Brintnall, President of The International Osprey Foundation. "By joining SCCF, we are securing a strong and sustainable home for TIOF's mission. Together, we can expand our reach, deepen our impact, and ensure that the work so many have supported over the years continues to protect ospreys for generations to come."

As part of this shift, SCCF will assume stewardship of TIOF's ongoing initiatives, long-standing data sets, and educational resources, ensuring continuity, accessibility, and new opportunities for collaboration. As TIOF relinquishes its official nonprofit status, its supporters can be confident that their passion and commitment will continue to be reflected in SCCF's expanded programming and shared vision for conservation.

"SCCF is excited to welcome The International Osprey Foundation's mission, programs, and community into our organization," said SCCF CEO James Evans. "Ospreys are powerful

symbols of environmental health, and TIOF's work beautifully complements SCCF's integrated approach to conservation science, policy, and education. This partnership strengthens our ability to protect wildlife, advance science, and connect people to the natural world."

Both organizations extend heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers, donors, researchers, partners, and community members whose dedication and belief in this work made this moment possible.

"This transition represents not an ending but a celebration of growth — honoring the remarkable legacy of The International Osprey Foundation while embracing a vibrant future within the strong, trusted framework of SCCF," said Brintnall.

For information on volunteering for 2026 osprey nest monitoring, please contact SCCF Osprey Program Coordinator Amanda Manrique, amanrique@sccf.org, 239-472-2329.

About The International Osprey Foundation

Founded in 1981, The International Osprey Foundation is dedicated to the research, conservation, and education surrounding ospreys and their habitats, fostering global awareness and stewardship through science-based initiatives and public engagement.

About the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF) is dedicated to protecting what makes Southwest Florida so special. Founded in 1967 as a land trust, SCCF carries out its mission to protect and care for Southwest Florida's coastal ecosystems through conservation, science, education, and advocacy. From protecting wildlife and preserving land to restoring water quality, educating the community, and advocating sound environmental policy, SCCF works to ensure that wildlife and natural habitats flourish in harmony with people.

Learn more at www.sccf.org

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