

Our Legacy

Celebrating 48 Years of Scientific Discovery



Dr. Carl Hubbs & Laura Hubbs

In 1963 Milton C. Shedd, one of the visionary founders of SeaWorld in San Diego, met with world-renowned marine biologist Dr. Carl L. Hubbs. They had a clear vision of a unique scientific research organization that would be independent, highly productive, creative, technology-driven and results-oriented.

Together with other business, scientific and community leaders, they founded a vital new institution for marine research, the Mission Bay Research Foundation, which was renamed Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute in 1977. The Institute has built upon that foundation for four decades.

Chartered *"to return to the sea some measure of the benefits derived from it,"* the Institute has conducted innovative scientific research throughout the world to protect our living ocean resources, ocean-based economy and quality of life.

Our founder, Milton C. Shedd and our namesake, Dr. Carl L. Hubbs possessed a pioneering spirit, a passion for the sea, and a clarity of vision for marine conservation. That same spirit is the compass that continues to steer the Institute today.



Milton C. Shedd
(1923-2002)

Dr. Clark Hubbs, the son of Carl L. and Laura C. Hubbs served on the HSWRI Board of Trustees until his passing in 2008. Bill Shedd, the son of Milton Shedd, serves on the Board today. His active involvement offers a unique continuity and historic perspective to the legacy of the Institute and the core values of our founders.

Mission and Values

Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute is a public, non-profit charity dedicated to providing effective solutions to conflicts that arise between human activity and the natural world. Hubbs-SeaWorld scientists apply sophisticated technologies to seek the solutions that protect and conserve marine animals while benefiting humans and their reliance on marine resources.

The Institute also recognizes the critical importance of scientific literacy as a foundation for competing in the highly technical and competitive global economy and strives to provide innovative education programs to promote scientific literacy among our children and young scientists.

Mission Statement

The Institute was founded in 1963 to conduct research in the tradition of world-renowned scientists, Dr. Carl L. and Laura C. Hubbs. Since 1963 our charter has been:

"To return to the sea some measure of the benefits derived from it."

Vision

Advance our legacy of scientific discovery to conserve the world's rich biological diversity and ensure lasting prosperity for future generations. We seek to achieve our mission through cutting-edge scientific discoveries, effective conservation, and innovative education programs that benefit the ecological, economic, social and aesthetic values of coastal and ocean resources.

Core Values

Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI) scientists, staff, and trustees are dedicated to the following core values to guide scientific research, seek common sense solutions to complex environmental problems, nurture Institute growth, communicate with scientific peers and the public, and advance scientific literacy.

- Excellence in Original and Independent Scientific Research
- Public Service
- Scientific Honesty and Integrity.
- Safety and Efficiency
- Highest Standards for Animal Care and Welfare
- Creative and Productive Workplace
- Common Sense

The Critical Difference

HSWRI responds effectively and efficiently to opportunities and needs because we function as an independent research institute with an exceptionally talented and dedicated scientific staff.

HSWRI believes that independent scientific research is essential to protect and restore coastal and marine environments for future generations. To be effective, independent scientific research must be coupled with innovative new technologies, exceptional education, and the experienced-based training of young scientists.

HSWRI research focuses on gaining scientific knowledge and finding practical solutions to the most critical conservation challenges facing marine ecosystems and species.

HSWRI takes a global approach to independent scientific research and conservation, while working at local levels to resolve problems that span local, regional, national and global scales.

As a non-profit organization, HSWRI draws from a wide range of resources to respond to ecological and conservation problems in a timely and productive manner.

HSWRI strives to ensure that future generations experience the fullest benefits of a healthy environment by protecting the ecological integrity of our oceans and estuaries; marine-based economies and sustainable public recreation.