



**Environmental Teaching Suitcase (ETS) Created by Brevard Zoo for Guatemala**

Brevard Zoo continues its commitment to providing educational materials, in this case an Environmental Teaching Suitcase to the Guatemalan organization, ARCAS – Association for the Rescue and Conservation of Wildlife. Hawaii is a small village on the southwest Pacific side of Guatemala. Below are comments from ARCAS’ director Colum Muccio. Every suitcase contains a variety of puppets, games, puzzles, art supplies, books, and cloth (to create a backdrop to a puppet show), posters and maps in this case ocean and mangrove species were represented in ARCAS’ suitcase.

*“We just held a sea turtle festival for the kids during the Hawaii (Guatemala) Fair. It went really well, as you can see. We organized a group of kids interested in conservation, and they gave a puppet show, and then helped us organize other activities, including face painting, turtle sculpture painting, games and poster painting. Hope you enjoy the pictures. Please send our thanks to everyone there at Brevard Zoo.”*

Abrazos (hugs),  
Colum Muccio  
ARCAS, Guatemala

A total of 58 suitcases have been provided to projects around the globe. In 2009 alone, Brevard Zoo provided Environmental Teaching Suitcases to:

- Elephant project, Central African Republic
- Orangutan and elephant project, Malaysia
- Chimpanzee project, Uganda
- Barrier island education center, Florida
- Chimpanzee project in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)
- Mountain gorilla projects in DRC
- Mountain gorilla projects in Rwanda
- Chimpanzee project in Kenya
- Animal rehabilitation project in Mexico
- Health in Harmony community project in Indonesia





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