

Awards

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT



Ron Magill, *Director of Communications*
Zoo Miami

"Having had the privilege of working with researchers in the field over many years, I am always amazed at the dedication and passion these individuals have toward educating people about the wonders of our natural world, while inspiring them to protect it for future generations. I, through the Zoo Miami Foundation, feel privileged to partner with ZCOG to create this annual award in an effort to support the admirable work done by these 'heroes' of conservation. It is especially gratifying to concentrate these efforts in Latin America which is such an important part of my personal heritage and that of the Miami community."

Ron Magill

Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award

ZCOG's Ron Magill Conservation Heroes Award (RMCHA) recognizes outstanding contributions to in-situ wildlife conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean Basin by promoting capacity building and project development. The award provides Latin American and Caribbean field conservationists with opportunities to fulfill their conservation potential by funding capacity building—in the form of professional training—and providing project development assistance—in the form of field equipment purchases or data collection and monitoring services. In doing so, the award bridges ZCOG's dual missions to promote capacity building through professional development and provide direct support for wildlife conservation in the Americas.



2018 Award Recipient



Guillermo Cubillos, *Principal Investigator*
Chilean Flamingo Conservation Monitoring Program.

The **Chilean Flamingo Conservation Monitoring Program** is a multi-year research initiative to document movement patterns and habitat use of Chilean, Andean, and James' flamingo populations in the Atacama Desert region of northern Chile. Funds from the 2018 RMCHA were used to purchase equipment and services to capture, tag, and monitor one Andean and six James' Flamingos. Ongoing satellite monitoring and analysis is already yielding important information about flamingo dispersion patterns in Chile.

