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Caption: *Why Just One?* begins on Costa Rica beaches with poachers and murderers.

Why Just One? documentary to explore sea turtle mortality at ‘Ding’

The sea turtle documentary film *Why Just One?* continues the fifth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on March 15, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

A project of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, the film addresses the dramatic decline in sea turtles and the organization’s efforts to defend them. It strives to change the way people see sea turtles and those who risk their lives to defend them.

Join Sea Shepherd volunteers on the sandy shores of Costa Rica, where a war is taking place between poachers and conservationists. The conflict is over the most ancient of creatures, the sea turtles that witnessed the extinction of the dinosaurs and the dawn of humankind.

Why Just One? explores the widely accepted statistic that only one in 1,000 sea turtle hatchlings survive to maturity. It is a story of courage, action, and hope that good will prevail before it’s too late. Sea Shepherd hopes the documentary will move viewers emotionally – and physically move them to take action for the turtles.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free eight-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All showings begin at 1 p.m. For full descriptions of the films, please visit dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

March 15 – *Why Just One?*

March 29 – *Seed: The Untold Story*

April 12 - *The Future of Energy*

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds. To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-

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