

financial assistance is provided under this chapter, shall be made available to the public.

(Pub. L. 108-266, § 4, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 793; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, § 7001(c)(3)(C), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 787.)

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(i), struck out “Marine turtle” before “Conservation” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(ii), inserted “, freshwater turtles, or tortoises” after “marine turtles”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(iii)(I), inserted “, freshwater turtles, or tortoises” after “marine turtles” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(iii)(II), added subpar. (A) and struck out former subpar. (A) which read as follows: “any wildlife management authority of a foreign country that has within its boundaries marine turtle nesting habitat if the activities of the authority directly or indirectly affect marine turtle conservation; or”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(iii)(III), inserted “, freshwater turtles, or tortoises” after “marine turtles”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(A), (C). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(iv), inserted “and territory of the United States” after “each country”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(v), added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary may approve a project proposal under this section if the project will help recover and sustain viable populations of marine turtles in the wild by assisting efforts in foreign countries to implement marine turtle conservation programs.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(C)(vi), substituted “marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises and the habitats of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises” for “marine turtles and their nesting habitats”.

§ 6604. Marine Turtle Conservation Fund

(a) Establishment

There is established in the Multinational Species Conservation Fund a separate account to be known as the “Marine Turtle Conservation Fund”, consisting of—

(1) amounts transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit into the Fund under subsection (e);

(2) amounts appropriated to the Fund under section 6606(a) of this title; and

(3) any interest earned on investment of amounts in the Fund under subsection (c).

(b) Expenditures from Fund

(1) In general

Subject to paragraph (2), on request by the Secretary, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the Fund to the Secretary, without further appropriation, such amounts as the Secretary determines are necessary to carry out section 6603 of this title.

(2) Administrative expenses

Of the amounts in the account available for each fiscal year, the Secretary may expend not more than 5 percent, or up to \$150,000, whichever is greater, to pay the administrative expenses necessary to carry out this chapter.

(c) Investment of amounts

(1) In general

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Fund as is not, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury, required to meet current withdrawals. Investments may be made only in interest-bearing obligations of the United States.

(2) Acquisition of obligations

For the purpose of investments under paragraph (1), obligations may be acquired—

(A) on original issue at the issue price; or

(B) by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market price.

(3) Sale of obligations

Any obligation acquired by the Fund may be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury at the market price.

(4) Credits to Fund

The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Fund shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(d) Transfers of amounts

(1) In general

The amounts required to be transferred to the Fund under this section shall be transferred at least monthly from the general fund of the Treasury to the Fund on the basis of estimates made by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(2) Adjustments

Proper adjustment shall be made in amounts subsequently transferred to the extent prior estimates were in excess of or less than the amounts required to be transferred.

(e) Acceptance and use of donations

The Secretary may accept and use donations to provide assistance under section 6603 of this title. Amounts received by the Secretary in the form of donations shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit in the Fund.

(Pub. L. 108-266, § 5, July 2, 2004, 118 Stat. 794; Pub. L. 116-9, title VII, § 7001(c)(3)(D), Mar. 12, 2019, 133 Stat. 788.)

AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(D)(i), substituted “section 6606(a)” for “section 6605”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-9, § 7001(c)(3)(D)(ii), substituted “5 percent, or up to \$150,000” for “3 percent, or up to \$80,000”.

§ 6605. Advisory group

(a) In general

To assist in carrying out this chapter, the Secretary may convene an advisory group consisting of individuals representing public and private organizations actively involved in the conservation of marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or tortoises.

(b) Public participation

(1) Meetings

The Advisory Group shall—