

# Protecting San Ignacio Lagoon LSI Whale Conservation Fund

## ABOUT US

"ICF is an **international nonprofit organization** which seeks to **inspire** international charitable giving by U.S. donors to **environment, education, health, and community development** initiatives."

**The Laguna San Ignacio Whale Conservation Fund** held at the International Community Foundation **supports the long-term protection of Laguna San Ignacio** on the Pacific coast of Baja California, Mexico, **and the gray whales who use the Laguna as a nursery for their young.**

From 2000-2015, ICF and the Laguna San Ignacio Conservation Alliance have partnered with the local community **to successfully secure the permanent protection of over 340,000 acres of critical habitat**, virtually eliminating the threat of any industrial or large-scale commercial activity.

**ICF and the LSI Conservation Alliance continue to work with the people of Laguna San Ignacio** to identify sustainable economic alternatives and to protect this beautiful and wild place through strategies such as research, grantmaking, and capacity building.



## Let's Get to Work!

Located on a 250-mile coastal wetland complex including mangrove forests, estuaries, and intertidal flats, this wild and pristine place has been declared a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, a Biosphere Reserve, a migratory bird sanctuary, and **one of the last undeveloped gray whale birthing lagoons on the planet.**

**We are seeking \$200,000 to protect and monitor the San Ignacio Lagoon and the gray whales for 2 years.**

ICF's Environment portfolio seeks to protect the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the regions where we work through collaborative initiatives, such as the Laguna San Ignacio Conservation Alliance.

“We have a pristine and privileged place, with conditions that allow us to uphold a responsible economic base (...). The challenge is identifying what can be done in Laguna San Ignacio that will foster development in the area (...). The key is finding an equilibrium; every activity must be environmentally responsible.”

**Raul Eduardo Lopez Gongora**  
*Member of the Ejido Luis Echeverría Álvarez*



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