



# The Center for Tropical Ecology & Conservation

Presents **Jill Rolph**

**Thursday, February 21st 11:30 –12:30PM**

**at Antioch University New England**

## **Sea Turtles and the Tropics: Leveraging the New England Connection through Bi-directional Education and Communication**

Jill Rolph is a second year Masters of Science student in the Environmental Studies - Individualized program focusing on the management and conservation of endangered migratory species. Some of her field biology experiences have included sea turtles in Costa Rica with the Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC), loons in NH with the Loon Preservation Committee (LPC), and raptors with NH Audubon. She believes that public education and outreach can enhance conservation efforts worldwide. Jill attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sea Turtle



Symposium (ISTS) on Conservation and Biology in Loreto, Mexico. Jill was selected to present her abstract Sea Turtles and the Tropics: Leveraging the New England Connection through Bi-directional Education and Communication. There's been tremendous growth in the public's interest in sea turtles over the past decade, which has led to an explosion in sea turtle conservation efforts worldwide. The Loreto Community in Baja, Mexico served as hosts to over 1,000 sea turtle researchers and conservationist who gathered from 70 countries to share the latest news and report their progress on sea turtle research and conservation. There are seven recognized species of sea turtles in the world's oceans today. Six are endangered and one is threatened. Many of the reasons sea turtles are endangered have to do with how we as humans treat and use both marine and coastal environments.