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**OCEAN FUND GIVES NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, SEVEN OTHERS
\$770,000 IN NEW GRANTS FROM ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.**

MIAMI – May 7, 2001 – The Ocean Fund of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. has awarded a three-year, \$450,000 grant to the National Audubon Society, plus grants to seven other marine conservation organizations, Chairman and CEO Richard D. Fain announced today.

In 4½ years since the launch of the Ocean Fund, the global vacation company has donated \$4.9 million on behalf of Royal Caribbean International and Celebrity Cruises to 34 organizations working to protect the marine environment.

The latest grants, totaling \$770,000, range from \$20,000 to \$150,000 annually. These funds will underwrite projects related to coral disease research, marine animal rescue, manatee protection, and the purchase of land in Alaska.

The major grant to Audubon supports two programs – Living Oceans, which protects endangered fish populations, and Coastal Islands Sanctuaries, which monitors wading birds and restores habitats in Florida. The Ocean Fund also continued support of education programs at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro, California, and MAST Academy in Miami.

New grantees include the Washington-based Conservation Fund and four Florida organizations – Florida International University Foundation, Tampa BayWatch, the Ocean Research and Education Foundation, and Mote Marine Laboratory’s Tropical Research Center.

“We consider it a privilege to be associated with the outstanding work done by organizations receiving support from the Ocean Fund,” Fain said. “It is doubly exciting to welcome five new partners. By working together, we can accomplish great things for the marine environment.”

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