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A FOUNDING FELLOW OF the International League of Conservation Photographers, Tui De Roy is a world-renown, award-winning wildlife photographer and writer, as well as an acclaimed conservationist. Her work has been published in over 30 countries, with seven large-format books on Galápagos, plus others on the Andes, Antarctica, New Zealand and on the world's albatrosses.

A self-taught naturalist, she has spent most of her life in the Galápagos Islands, and is intimately familiar with its least known facets, from the depth of Fernandina's active caldera, where land iguana females migrate to lay their eggs, to offshore waters where sperm whales breed and silky sharks gather in spectacular feeding frenzies. As a child she spent endless hours observing the ways of wildlife, sharing her secrets with visiting scientists while learning from their work in equal measures, later going on to co-author research papers, notably about erupting volcanoes.

She is an active member of the Charles Darwin Foundation general assembly, and served on its board of directors for four years. Although now living in New Zealand and travelling widely in pursuit of images of rare species and faraway places, she returns to Galápagos often, working tirelessly to promote their preservation and continuing her photo documentation in close association with the Galápagos National Park.



Galápagos is a unique collection of essays creating an evocative, authoritative anthology to nurture the curious mind and to stretch our imagination. Above all, it is a glorious celebration of what we have learned about Darwin's famed 'natural laboratory of evolution', and what it will take to preserve it.



This book is recognized by the Galápagos National Park and the Charles Darwin Foundation as an official publication celebrating their joint 50th anniversary year.



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PRESERVING DARWIN'S LEGACY

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THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS are a world flagship of scientific discovery and applied conservation. In the half-century since the establishment of the Galápagos National Park and Charles Darwin Foundation, rare endemic species have been bred back from the brink of extinction and ecosystem restoration applied to a growing number of islands. Ground-breaking research is casting new light on evolutionary processes, while genetic studies are redrawing the map of species arrival and diversification.

For the first time, this book provides the opportunity for highly respected experts and seasoned scientists to celebrate their findings in a language accessible to all. In candid, first-person essays, they discuss their most outstanding achievements and discoveries, illustrated with 600 spectacular photographs by the world's most celebrated Galápagos photographer, Tui De Roy. The reader is taken into the deep inner workings of 'hotspot' volcanoes and, through satellite tracking, follows the oceanic wanderings of hammerhead sharks and waved albatrosses. We learn of baffling extinctions, are enthralled by the discovery of a vast array of new species, or confront a harsh world of survival adaptations, from murderous competition among fur seal pups and booby chicks to marine iguana famine caused by El Niño. Above all, through these pages we come to appreciate and understand Galápagos — and life — like never before.