



Organization for Tropical Studies

Donor Privacy Policy

The Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) is committed to respecting the privacy of our donors. We have developed this privacy policy to ensure our donors that donor information will not be shared with any third party.

Awareness OTS provides this Donor Privacy Policy to make you aware of our privacy policy, and to inform you of the way your information is used. We also provide you with the opportunity to remove your name from our mailing list, if you desire to do so.

Information Collected Here are the types of donor information that we collect and maintain:

- contact information: name, phone number, email address; work information
- payment information: credit card number, expiration date, CVC, and billing information* (*Note: credit card information is only used to process a transaction and never saved*).
- information you wish to share: questions, comments, suggestions and updates
- your request to receive periodic updates; e.g., to individuals who request it, we will send periodic mailings related to organizational updates, travel opportunities and job announcements.

How Information is Used OTS uses your information to understand your needs and provide you with better service. Specifically, we use your information to help you complete a transaction, communicate back to you, and update you on programs and activities. Credit card numbers are used only for donation or payment processing and are not retained for other purposes. We use the comments you offer to provide you with information requested, and we take seriously each recommendation as to how we might improve communication.

No Sharing of Personal Information OTS will not sell, rent, or lease your personal information to other organizations. We assure you that the identity of all our donors will be kept confidential. Use of donor information will be limited to the internal purposes of OTS and only to further the activities and mission of OTS.

Removing Your Name From Our Mailing List It is our desire to not send unwanted mail to our donors. Please contact us if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.

Contacting Us If you have comments or questions about our donor privacy policy, please send us an email at info@tropicalstudies.org or call us at (919) 684-5774.

