



## Press Release

### **First Underwater NetCam™ is sending live images of Green Sea Turtles from the beautiful Cayman Islands to The World Wide Web.**

**Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands and Buena Park, California. May 28, 2002- Cayman Turtle Farm and StarDot Technologies** today announced the transmission of the first live images from an **Underwater NetCam™** to the Internet. The live images showing the activities of sea turtles in their most comfortable environment are sent to the Internet using the NetCam's™ built in network server. The Turtle Farm also has several NetCams™ positioned for viewing the other areas of turtle activity. Anyone interested in these fascinating creatures need only visit the Turtle Farm's award winning web site at [www.turtle.ky](http://www.turtle.ky).

“This is just the kind of application that our UnderwaterCam was designed for,” said Vance Kozik, Project Manager. “The high-quality of the NetCam™ image is essential in the underwater environment, where lighting and water clarity are always a challenge” he added.



Web site viewers will be able to see green sea turtles ranging from 10 months to one year old. Adult Green Sea Turtles average a massive 600 pounds.

“We chose StarDot because of the ability to operate the NetCams™ without a PC. It reduced our hardware cost by several thousands of dollars,” says Philip Greeson of Cayman Turtle Farm. “The cameras have performed beautifully and the quality of the image is exceptional,” added Mr. Greeson.

“Since 1980, Cayman Turtle Farm has released over 30,000 Green Sea Turtles into the waters surrounding the Cayman Islands. If it were not for the Turtle Farm producing turtle meat for local consumption, fishing pressure on our wild populations would be extremely high,” commented Philip Greeson.

Turtles trace their heritage from the middle of the Jurassic Period over 200 million years ago. They survived the age of the dinosaurs by going into the sea. Now they are threatened by creatures more dangerous than dinosaurs; mankind. In the Cayman Islands a group of scientists, naturalists, and



entrepreneurs at the Cayman Turtle Farm are helping to save the green sea turtle, *Chelonia mydas*, from extinction and yet honor the important place of the turtle in the Cayman culture.

### **About the Cayman Turtle Farm**

The farm, known now as Cayman Turtle Farm (1983) Ltd., was established in 1968 as Mariculture Ltd. and became a Cayman Islands Government owned operation in 1983. Cayman Turtle Farm is not only unique because it is the only one of its kind in the world, but also because conservation is achieved through utilization.

The people of the Cayman Islands have a history tied to the turtle. When Christopher Columbus first discovered the islands in 1503, he named them “Las Tortugas”, meaning The Turtles. In the 1600 and 1700’s the Cayman Islands became a provisioning stop for vessels sailing the Caribbean because of an abundance of green sea turtles. Over time the wild population of green sea turtles in the Cayman Islands dwindled.

The farm serves a tremendous conservation purpose by releasing many turtles each year to replenish the wild population and by providing the edible products for local consumption.

### **About StarDot Technologies**

Founded in 1989, StarDot built upon its impressive engineering talent to become the premier manufacturer of affordable high-resolution network cameras for the remote monitoring industry worldwide. This business sector includes tourism, security, construction, education, government and many other users who need high-resolution image capturing and processing. Its product line includes **NetCam™**, an integrated camera and web server, **Express 6 Video Server™**, a device that connects up to six video cameras to a network. In addition, it produces special NetCams™ combined with Weather stations, Gamma radiation monitors, and other special instruments to meet the remote monitoring needs of Industry and Government.

StarDot’s new **Wireless NetCams™** give users a choice of remote [global access](#) though the Iridium system, ground based [national access](#) through wireless data networks, and [local access](#) through 802.11b (WiFi) networks. Its products are sold through international distributors and through its direct sales staff. For more information, go to [www.stardot-tech.com](http://www.stardot-tech.com).

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