



## **WINGS WorldQuest Awards Flag Carrier Grant to Sefra Alexandra**

### **The “Seed Huntress” Will Support a Seed Bank in Haiti**

New York, NY (July 2, 2018) – Sefra Alexandra, also known as the "Seed Huntress," will spend one month in Haiti foraging for seeds in fields and forests alongside agronomists and ecologists. She'll be supporting a seed bank managed by the Organization for the Rehabilitation of the Environment.

Together the team will identify species that are the most viable, resilient and productive, which will serve as vital resources for food security, self-sufficiency and resiliency against changing climates.

Ultimately, the goal is to preserve the unique biodiversity that exists in the region and ensure that local people have access to food during times of crisis.

#### **About Sefra Alexandra**

Sefra Alexandra holds her Teaching Masters in Agroecological Education from Cornell University and is trained in the tradition of seed saving by the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance. As a wilderness skills instructor and permaculture educator of the perennial polycultural guild, she believes solutions must move beyond sustainability and promote regenerative succession-fostered through hands-on, place-based engagement.

#### **About WINGS WorldQuest’s Flag Carrier Program**

WINGS WorldQuest Flag Carriers are women leading original field research or documentation that focuses on investigating questions about the nature of our world and advancing conservation efforts on land, air and water through science and advocacy. As part of their expeditions, all accepted Flag Carriers plan to write reports, make films, or otherwise formally share information about the findings and discoveries with the scientific community and the

public. WINGS WorldQuest Flag Carriers are not associated with tourist trips or paying participants on tours. WINGS Flag Carriers publish an expedition report with WINGS so that the expedition findings can be shared with the greater public. Since 2005, more than 50 women have flown the WINGS WorldQuest flag during expeditions across over 35 countries and all of the world's continents as they pursue groundbreaking discoveries. The WINGS WorldQuest flag is recognized as a symbol of excellence in discovery and knowledge, and certifies the significance of its carriers' endeavors.

### **About WINGS WorldQuest™**

WINGS WorldQuest™ is a registered nonprofit organization founded in 2003 to recognize and support extraordinary women in science and exploration. It is the only organization of its kind, awarding unrestricted funding to women in scientific field endeavors. WINGS' support knows no boundaries—women of all races, nationalities, ages, and cultures who show initiative, passion, and promise toward future scientific advancement have been granted funds that are often critical to seeing their ambitious ideas through. In return, they have become part of the WINGS community, and strengthen the organization's mission to inspire the next generation of intrepid explorers and global problem-solvers through various outreach programs. For more information, visit [www.wingsworldquest.org](http://www.wingsworldquest.org).

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