

Project Update: September 2009

By mid-August 2009, we continued capturing turtles, the same species we had already recorded during July-August period. The environmental education workshops are going well, with a hands-on experience for the students. Also, the students answered a questionnaire in order to evaluate their knowledge and awareness about turtles, conservation and sustainable use (this activity will be done again by the end of the project). We could not find turtle nests yet. Maybe our difficulty in finding nests could be due to the high number of non indigenous fishermen in Azupizu River, increasing the pressure on the consume of turtles and their eggs and the use of illegal practices such as dynamite fishing. We will keep monitoring the river beaches close to the communities and we hope can find nests this month.

