

## Project Update: September 2013

### Community tagging project

ReefDoctor's FANO (marine turtle) project and the local marine turtle association FI.MPA.MI.FA has teamed up with the Western Indian Ocean specialists from the marine turtle observatory Kelonia, based in Reunion. The objective of the partnership is to implement a pioneering community turtle tagging project in the Bay of Ranobe, south-west Madagascar. The tagging project commenced in the beginning of September 2013 and is aimed at tagging and releasing the juvenile marine turtles captured in the fishery which are protected by the newly acquired local law (dina).

The first turtle, a female green (MG0601) was tagged and released this month with the full support of the community. This is an amazing achievement for the project and the first step in providing protection for these remarkable animals.



