

Project Update: January 2016

With a closure event with the participating communities, the 2014 and 2015 phase of the Program arrived to an end, with excellent results in terms of conservation, data gathering participation and outreach. Nest poaching passed from 89 nests in 2013 to 0 in 2014 for the first time in the project, and to 4 in 2015. There was also a significant egg survival rate and data gathering quality, which shows higher experience, training and organisation of the LCGs. The number of turtle guardians also increased from 50 in 2012 to 70 in 2015. Nowadays four experienced LCGs and two new ones are ready to continue their activities and some more new ones are willing to participate. In 2015, awareness-raising activities were carried out with six schools of the area. In relation to institutional alliances, a framework agreement was signed with the environmental authority to collectively look for funding for the program.



Release of a *P. expansa* on the conservation beach with presence of the Environmental Police. Photo by LCGs

Environmental education team after a workshop in the Nazaret Intern Highschool. Photo by LCGs



Presentation of season results to participating communities during closure event. Photo by Fernando Arbelaez