

## Project Update: December 2012

During the 2012 phase, four Local Conservation Groups from three Colombian and one Peruvian community participated in the monitoring, totalling 48 men and women of all ages. Turtle guardians monitored three main nesting beaches of the area during the reproductive season until hatching. This season yielded unprecedented results, being by far the most successful since the start of the programme. Guardians reached 60 protected nests (95% of the total) of the three species (maximum 18 in previous years), including 34 protected nests of *P. sextuberculata* (maximum eight previously) and two of *P. expansa* (maximum one previously). In total, 1247 hatchlings (84% of the total eggs, max. 559 previously) arrived safely to the river, including 410 of *P. sextuberculata* (maximum 64 previously) and 215 of *P. expansa* (maximum 50 previously). In total, 63 females (100% of the nesting females) were protected from hunters on the protected beaches, due to the presence of the guardians.

