

Project Update: March 2014

Our project has undergone some administrative changes. Ms Carla Sanchez has resigned officially from ASUPMATOMA and Saúl Paredes has assumed the paid position of Director. Blanca Lopez has accepted the paid position of Sub Director. Stephanie Rousso has accepted the volunteer position of International Scientific Coordinator. Ms Rousso is inviting university students and tourists to join the biologists at the marine turtle field station in 2014 for night patrols and to undertake thesis studies with their respected university. Ms Rousso will also continue to seek international funding to cover scientific research and operation costs and will continue as the liaison between ASUPMATOMA and University of Baja California Sur.



Left: Stephanie and Silvia with Todos Santos Eco Adventures at the 2013 ASUPMATOMA Sea Turtle Festival recruiting tourists for overnight camping trips at camp. This activity is called, "voluntourism", a term coined in England to encourage tourism participation in conservation efforts. Right: Stephanie showing international and nation students how to record nest success data by separating into piles and then counting eggshells and unhatched eggs. This data is vital to compare the efficacy of relocation versus in-situ nest monitoring and to improve relocation hatching success.