

Project Update: September 2013

Nest count as of 15th September 2013: El Suspiro (16 km) 683 relocated and 65 in-situ; San Cristobal (5km) 256 relocated and 34 in-situ.

This season, three tropical storms passed over, creating created 3-4 m high embankments, 25-40 m of erosion and temporary lagoons. (photo 1).

During patrol one night we witnessed a female turtle crawl 110 m from the high tide line. She might have continued into the dunes, however, was blocked by a fence built by the adjacent "Diamante" golf course. (photo 2).

University students began work on their thesis: factors affecting relocated nests (photo 3). Their project final will include an analysis of average hatchling success rate versus mortality rate of in-situ nests and relocated nests.

