

Project Update: March 2014

Research activities:

- Intentional capture of green turtles in the Marine Protected Area of Cerro Verde and Islas de La Coronilla to collect samples. During January and February 40 turtles were captured in this MPA.



- We performed 18 beach surveys during these 2 months. In these surveys we recorded 56 stranded marine turtles (green and loggerhead turtles), 18 living turtles (rehab) and 38 dead turtles.

Education and outreach:

- In January 2014, we collaborated on the creation of management plans for the MPA of Cerro Verde, giving technical advice for the stakeholders and workers of the MPAs.
- We started to design the posters about green turtle feeding habits and threats in the area in collaboration with SNAP (Sistema Nacional de Areas Protegida
- In February 2014, we participated in the monthly meeting of the Specific Commission of Cerro Verde MPA to work on the implementation of the management plan of the area.



- First training course with rangers and MPA workers in Cabo Polonio National Park.

- During January and February 2014, we performed green turtle releases with tourists in the tourist towns close to the MPAs (La Coronilla, Punta del Diablo, Valizas and Cabo Polonio). We spoke with tourists to encourage responsible tourism, increasing awareness of the principal threats to



marine turtles and how they can help.