

## Project Update: November 2014

The project was initiated on 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 with field data collection. The idea is to obtain firsthand information about sea turtles sighting and poaching issues in the Cape Coast area and also introduce the concept of conservation to residents. As of November 11th 2014, 175 questionnaires had been administered to residents in the Cape Coast area. Participants mostly included fishermen, fish processors and other ordinary residents in the community. We have also conducted one focus group interviews with five fishermen, with four more of such group interviews scheduled for the next 5 weeks.

We have also made contact with other sea turtle conservationists and researchers near Cape Coast. Sea turtle researchers Phil Allman, from Florida Gulf Coast University and Andrews Agyekumhene, Wildlife Officer with the Ghana Forestry Commission, Winneba, have agreed to support the project with personnel support and training in sea turtle conservation.



F. Jonah interacting with a fisherman at Duakor in Cape Coast



Olive Ridley turtle that was captured when it got entangled in fishing net. Photo by F. Jonah