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In Ivory Coast, poachers are the main threat to sea turtles. Without protecting activities, 50-60 % of nesting turtles are killed and 90-100 % of sea turtle eggs are poached.

Thanks to the project, 629 nesting sea turtles and their eggs have been protected since October 2014 by local populations of the village of Mani and the nearby villages.

Three local protection committees have been created. Their members received training in the tasks of biomonitoring and protection of the sea turtles. These committees are integrated by 13 young inhabitants of the villages of Mani, Pitiké and Kablaké. These protection committees realize at least 234 hours per week of night-patrols during the nesting season to locate and protect all nesting turtles and their nests.

As result, only three turtles have been killed and 12 nests poached. This is a very good result.

The ecotourism activities are developing well.

