

## Project Update: June 2015

During the 2014-2015 nesting season, we implemented the sea turtle conservation activities on the beach between the villages of Mani and Kablaké (25 km).

The work of our teams allowed the nesting and the return at sea of about 700 sea turtles. Only three turtles were killed and 10 nests were poached this season.



It means that from now on the main problem it is the predation of nests by crabs.

Two hatcheries were built. 20 nests were moved there, and 679 nests were left in their natural state.

In hatcheries were born 1680 hatchlings (average of 84 by nest).

Concerning the nests left on the beach, it is impossible to follow them one by one, but if we consider 70 eggs hatched by nest, we find  $679 \text{ nests} \times 70 \text{ hatchlings} = 47\,530$  hatchlings released at sea this year. Nests have more eggs (until 130), but certain eggs do not manage to hatch, others are eaten by crabs.

We realise social actions to benefit of all the population of villages concerned by the project.

