

Project Update: October 2015

The project has successfully started and making progress. Interviews and focal group discussions have been conducted with experienced fishers, to determine their level of know about sea turtles. Education programmes have been conducted in four schools and two communities to educate them on sea turtle issues. Four radio programmes have also been carried out. Thirty fishermen have been trained in sea turtle rescue and release techniques. Trained fishermen were given support items to help in their fishing operation and incentivize them in sea turtle data collection during the major nesting season (November 2015 to February 2016).

The next phase is assessment of sea turtle capture rate. Fishermen will use knowledge gained from training to record basic information about sea turtles captured in their nets during fishing operations. Skills from training will also be used to properly handle and release sea turtles in a way that reduces mortality at sea.

