

Project Update: June 2005

Ecology Project International's 4th Student Sea Turtle Symposium in Costa Rica is just around the corner! The Symposium is scheduled from 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, June 18. EARTH University has generously donated the use of an auditorium and audiovisual equipment. Twenty Costa Rican high schools are expected to attend, including 14 schools they have participated in our Sea Turtle Ecology Program this year, and six that hope to participate next season. Six guest speakers are confirmed, including representatives from Costa Rican NGOs, universities and government agencies. The program will also include artistic presentations by students and a poster contest based on the research projects students completed during their EPI's course.

We are pleased to confirm a talk by students and scientists from ANAI, a non-profit that involves local communities in sea turtle research and conservation in Gandoca-Manzanillo, a coastal community at the southern end of Costa Rica's Atlantic coast. Generous support from the Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation has allowed us to assist this group with travel expenses so that they can share their exciting project, which includes tagging and tracking leatherbacks with satellite transmitters.