## Project Update: June 2017

We have conducted three beach cleanups on the first Saturday in March, April and May 2017. I am in discussions with two tourist facilities to develop strategies to effectively collect plastic wastes along their facilities. So far, I have achieved the most success at Ekon, a community located on the eastern-most section of Cape Coast. I have formed a community conservation group with eight key opinion leaders, including assemblyman and chief fisherman, in addition to the formation of a volunteer group who report on observed sea turtle nesting and by-catch. They have helped release four olive ridley's that were captured during fishing expeditions by local fishermen. On two occasions, I was rang to go secure the release of two nesting olive ridley that had been collected by some residents. The community conservation group are leading the community conservation education and sea turtle by-catch training which will commence in July 2017.



Left: Fredrick Jonah with members of the Ekon community conservation group and some community volunteers at Ekon, Cape Coast - Photo by Fredrick Jonah. Right: Watching the release of a captured olive Ridley by at Ekon in Cape Coast - Photo by Mac Razak Abubakar