

Project Update: August 2018

The activities of conservation of the spawning beaches of chelonians in the Middle Solimoes River, Amazonas, began August 2018. In all, eight beaches are protected by the residents of the area, and on one of them, a study on the reproductive ecology of the three species of the genus *Podocnemis* was carried out. To date, about 70 nests of sex-tubercled (*P. sextuberculata*), 50 nests of yellow-spotted (*P. unifilis*) and one nest of giant South American (*P. expansa*) have been marked. This last species usually spawns in October, in this region.

As they are sources of food and income in this area, there is a lot of human predation, so all awareness and awareness work is being done with local communities.

The activities will continue until January 2019, the final period of the birth of the clutches.



Weighing of *P. sextuberculata*. ©Munis Torga



Marking of *P. sextuberculata*. ©Munis Torga



P. unifilis (back) and *P. sextuberculata* (front). ©Marina Secco



P. unifilis being released after its morphometry. ©Marina Secco