

Project Update: May 2019

Sea turtle workshop in Varela, Guinea-Bissau

On March 28th 2019, the MARE – ISPA, Instituto Universitário and the Institute of Biodiversity and Protected Areas of Guinea-Bissau (IBAP), along with the association for the marine turtles of Varela, held a sea turtle workshop in the school of Varela, Guinea-Bissau.

A total of 36 participants attended the workshop; 28 collaborators that worked on the monitoring of sea turtle activities in the seven nesting beaches of the region during the 2018 nesting season, three members of the national coast guard, two representatives of the fishers of the region, one representative of the local villages committee, the school director and a local nurse.

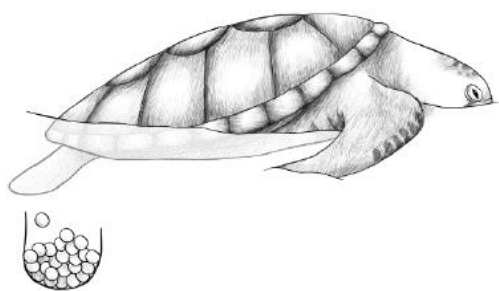
The themes presented were: 1. Importance of sea turtles, 2. Sea turtles of Guinea-Bissau and their conservation status, 3. Importance of research for conservation, 4. Results of the Varela monitoring activities, 5. Plans for the 2019 nesting season.



In the evening all the local students and families gathered for an outdoor cinema and debate session, on the lifecycle, ecology and threats of sea turtles in their local beaches and sea.



In the upcoming season the IBAP and the association for the marine turtles of Varela will be more engaged in awareness and education sessions and it will integrate women in their team of collaborators. The monitoring and protection activities prevented the poaching of sea turtles in 2018 and it will continue in 2019, under the coordination of the IBAP.



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