

Project Update: September 2018

After two training and awareness meetings in July 2018, at Varela and Edjin, Guinea-Bissau, in August 2018 we started patrolling the nesting beaches of the region of Varela, Guinea-Bissau, with the participation of 28 community collaborators and two local field-coordinators.

During August 2018 we found 54 green turtle nests in the region of Varela. This equals to about 6,000 incubating eggs!

All nests have been marked with a unique label, enabling us to find the nest after hatching to examine its contents and estimate hatching success. Most importantly, this prevents nests from being stolen, because local communities respect the work of the turtle collaborators and when they see a nest with identification they assume it is not theirs to take.

We are optimistic that in time no more turtle eggs will be taken, and we will continue promoting environmental education meetings, but for now it is reassuring to know that monitored nests are safe nests!

Additionally a juvenile green turtle was freed from a fishing net by one of our collaborators and safely returned to the sea.

And the biggest reward: no turtle was captured at the nesting beach since we started the beach patrols in August 2018!



