

I'm associated the NGO called Paraiba Institute of Sustainability (IPAS, in Portuguese), with has a program called Marine Observatory, that works with citizen science monitoring sea turtle in the municipality of Conde. All the activities that I did was in partnership with them. In September/2023 we organized the Clean up day, in Conde, area where the NGO works. The event also featured a local capoeira group, in addition to the community's involvement in the beach cleanup. In total, 121 kilograms of trash were collected. In September, I also participated in in the Biology week in the Federal University of Paraíba, with a stand to talk about sea turtle conservation.



In October/2023 occurs the RETAMANE reunion (Northeastern sea turtle network). This reunion occurs every year with all the organizations that works with sea turtle

in the Northeast of Brazil. The objective of the reunion is to know what everyone is doing and work together in the conservation of sea turtles in the area. There, I presented my project looking for partnerships to collect data.



Then, I started to travel to collect my data. I spent from November to April/2024 travelling around 4 states in Northeast of Brazil collecting data (some pictures below). Then, I received a breast cancer diagnosis and stopped my activities.



However, while I was undergoing treatment, people also associated with the NGO, mainly two undergraduate students in biological sciences from the same lab as me, continued with the participatory work I had planned to do.

A new beach cleanup was carried out, this time in a more restricted area, along with an open water swimming competition, collecting 32 kilograms of trash.

Lectures were also given in schools about the impacts of trash on marine animals and the importance of sea turtle conservation. These lectures were given on specific days, such as Environment Day, Environment Week, and Ocean Week, which we have here in Brazil, when schools host speakers to discuss various topics with students.

