

Project Update: June 2008

During April and May, the group monitored the beach from 20:00-04:00 hrs, and found that most females arrived at early morning. Several turtles had severe mutilations, and there were 3 dead females due to trammelled nets. Later, we identified the necessity of some interaction with the fishing community to fortify the conservation program in the region.

We located data-loggers in May to compare the temperature amongst natural and artificial nests.

We enthusiastically attended the first hatches on the 7th of May, and from this date hatch monitoring is carried out at the beginning of the night and at dawn. Up until now the fertility rate of females has been 68.2%.

Children from the Caleta School have learnt many things about turtles in our workshops. Also, we celebrated children's day with gifts and recreational activities, and did a field work with kids at Playona, but unfortunately they did not see any turtles.

