

Project Update February 2025

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Project Title: Advancing Marine Turtle Conservation: A Comprehensive Study of Nesting Habitats and Effective Protection Measures for *Caretta caretta* in Albania

Update: We were unable to complete the second phase application within the short time frame due to the fact that not only did the small turtles hatch during this period, but also my own baby was born, which required me to dedicate some time and attention to him. We will send it this month. In the first phase of the project, we also wrote histological studies with Andrej Gajic, which we have started to examine bit by bit, with the great help of SharkLabAdria. Just a few days ago, we had the opportunity to examine a large turtle at the SharkLabAdria laboratory in Albania. A female individual of the species *Caretta caretta*, which had been brought in by fishermen, was found dead. I am sending you some pictures linked to this email. I am still in discussions with Professor Yakup in Turkey to explore the possibility of acquiring temperature loggers so that we can gather more data to further support the success of nest relocation, with the aim of including this in the project.