

## Project Update: August 2013

We finally started our project at the end of September 2013! The team in collaboration with Grupo Tortuguero defeated adverse weather conditions (two tropical storms and the heavy rains that came with) and carried out the first training session for the fishermen of El Cardon on how to conduct marine turtle in-water monitoring. After a first part about how to collect data and fill the datasheet, the fishermen and their trainer (Don Chuy) deployed their new turtle net (a modified entanglement net commonly used to catch turtles and release them after) and caught 21 turtles in only few hours. At the same time, Yadira was conducting interviews with other community members including parents, children, school teachers on what they learnt from the activities held during previous years and what they would like to see this year.

For more info, you can follow our blog: <http://conservingsanignaciolagoon.wordpress.com/>



Figure 1. Don Chuy (ex-fisherman and now Grupo Tortuguero field coordinator) explaining Pancho (fisherman) how to measure turtles and fill the datasheet.



Figure 2. Yadira interviewing community members of the impact of previous environmental activities and investigating what the community is expecting from this year activities.