

Project Update: March 2013

Integrating community development with the conservation of culture and traditions: the FANO project is delighted to report on the successful implementation of the traditional social agreement (dina) for the 13 communities of the Bay of Ranobe. This has been accomplished through the hard work of FANO project staff and FI.PA.MI.FA association members. Over the next few months, the FANO project will be assessing the long-term motivation of communities to conserve their common marine turtle resources.

Turtles without borders: the FANO project has been working together with RAKOTONIRINA Bertin, marine turtle specialist and lecturer at the local marine university, Institut Halieutique et des Sciences Marines (IHSM), and international marine turtle specialist Stephane Ciccione, director of the marine turtle centre of excellence, Kelonia, based in Reunion. Through the exchange of information and knowledge, we aim to build a platform with the aim of developing the capacity of marine turtle research in southwest Madagascar. One of the first programmes planned by this union is the implementation of a turtle tagging programme for marine turtles rescued through the traditional social agreement (dina).

