

Project Update: November 2013

Nesting activity has ended, however, the hatching season is very active. There were a total of 585 nests protected in San Cristobal and 1300 nests protected in El Suspiro. This was a record year for protected nests, both corral and in-situ, thanks to generous funding from Rufford Small Grants Programme and the new partnerships we made due in part to the grant funding.

We successfully realised a local internship programme for 12 university students in Marine Biology, two of which decided to complete their thesis at the field research station with us. In January 2014, we will begin reviewing data and creating a model for coastal conservation tourism. This mini course will bring together students from marine biology, alternative tourism, and tourism development to work together to realise a vision and protection for coastal dunes and beaches to safeguard nesting beaches.