

Project Update: September 2015

On February 28th 2015, we completed our target 45 early morning field patrols aimed at identifying and recording sea turtle nesting activities. Following the completion of the field surveys aspect of the project, we invited journalists from Ghana's national broadcaster, GTV, to Cape Coast, where I introduced them to the challenges faced by sea turtles including poaching and environmental degradation. Some fishermen and residents were interviewed as part of the coverage. The resultant 7 minute exposé about sea turtles in the project area was shown several times in March 2015 and during early August 2015 as a 'headline news', as a short documentary and as a topic for talk show discussion on GTV (link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Uu4PRX_TJs). From 1st June and 15th August 2015, we held six community dialogue sessions with fishermen and female fish processors on sea turtle conservation and protection and developed a conservation action plan for the Cape Coast area.



Left: A member of the project team interacting with fish processors in Cape Coast. Photo © Fredrick Jonah. Right: Developing sea turtle action plan for the Cape Coast area with community members. Photo © Fredrick Jonah.