

Project Update: June 2015

The project work started with the regular training of local beach and bycatch monitors with financial support from the Rufford Small Grants Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Save Our Species (SOS). Although the outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus delayed the implementation of some of our project activities, this did not discourage the team from carrying out the project. The project team continued to spread the news about the need for local communities to protect endangered sea turtles in Liberia. This year, the project initiated a radio promo on two of the local radio stations in both Grand Bassa and Rivercess (where the Save My Future Foundation is carrying out monitoring activities).

Also, the project launched a sea turtle fact booklet at the Compound number #1 public school in District 1 and distributed 450 copies of the booklets to four local schools in the Little Bassa Community. School children are particularly enthusiastic about learning more about nature conservation. It is hoped that the local school nature club members will take advantage of the new learning guide to build their own capacity.

Throughout the project implementation, the project team has been working in partnership with the Save My Future (SAMFU) Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to protect endangered sea turtles in Liberia.



Left: Bycatch monitor Kofi Annan Measuring a leatherback to be released – ©Reuben Chinney.
Right: Monitor Moses Wee being taught by fellow monitor Reuben Chinney on Excavation techniques - ©Reuben Chinney.



Left: George Free Lecturing school children about nature - ©Andrew Tokpa. Right: Members of Nature Club post - ©Trokon Saykpa