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The project is on-going and we continued with the ecological monitoring activities at the beaches to ensure protection of the marine turtle species. The community volunteers were trained in turtle monitoring so as to enable them identify the various species and their tracks on the sandy beach.

A community volunteer was involved in rescuing an Olive Ridley turtle in Mankoadze beach back to sea after nesting and missed its way.

Communal beach cleaning exercises were organized in the project areas so as to help institutionalize and promote sanitation improvement at the coast to prevent the pollution of the beaches and the breeding sites.

The conservation education is also on-going and focuses on the protection of the marine turtles. The possible ecological linkages and sustainability of their livelihoods security has been emphasized to give more insight and understanding on the socio-ecological significance of the marine turtles.

