

Project Update: May 2018

From March to May 2018, we carried out six new surveys of sea turtles, in which we collected the respective samples and analysed them in the laboratory.

During this time, we generated and established a less invasive methodology for the health assessments of these organisms and was validated by specialists in veterinary studies; we also implemented the use of tools to improve the management of turtles and minimise stress.

We continue with the laboratory analyses and generate the baseline of information on vital signs values, haematology, bacteriology and viral infectious threats, fortunately, we do not find any suspicion of infectious threats or the presence of active infections.

We established monthly monitoring with the participation of community members, government agencies, tourists and fishermen.

Based on the laboratory studies, we diagnosed a total of 80 sea turtles "clinically healthy", what indicates that the ecosystem provides the optimal conditions for sea turtles to be present in their different stages of life, juvenile, sub adult and adult.

This information was delivered and validated by local government institutions and as a result we were invited to create management plans for these species in the area.

Additionally, we inform our results in the local radio and visit the schools to continue with the information about the project and continue with talks about conservation.

Our new interest is to continue with this project monitoring the turtles, continue with the talks about conservation in the schools and generate the relevant strategies of conservation of the species and an ecosystem level together with the local authorities and institutions responsible for the natural areas in Baja California Sur.





