

Project Update: December 2016

Our hatchery has been busy and over 5,200 hatchlings have been released! This is incredibly productive for this area. The teen education programme has taken off and all eight members have done multiple patrols and a couple of the older ones have expressed interest in being paid patrollers next season! In the last month we have really been able to focus on expanding our work from just turtles, and have started taking catch and by-catch data with the fisherman every morning to help the NGO CREMA with their data collection. We also had a shark expert, Elpis Joan, come in and talk to the fisherman and the community about the importance of sharks in the ecosystem. The locals really responded to her visit and want to collaborate to help her study the sharks in the Bejuco Estuary!



Over 5,200 hatchlings have been released and more hatch every night!! This nest hatched in the early morning and was released on a morning census.

The local kids all love to help out with excavations and releasing the hatchlings.



The community listens intently during the shark presentation given by Elpis Joan, and showed great interest in beginning work with shark conservation afterwards! We had a great turn out for this, and couldn't capture how many people showed up in a picture!