

## Project Update: March 2018

As part of the raising awareness programme for freshwater turtle conservation in Tunisia, we had the chance to participate in an international event (Semaine du Grand Bleu) and to present our project to more than 10 NGOs and scientists coming from Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Spain. During this event, participants noticed the opportunities that Rufford Foundation offers to work on conservation topics and the importance of freshwater turtle conservation at national and international level.



Also, we conducted awareness workshops and talks aimed at increasing sensitisation of young children towards the importance of the study and the conservation of freshwater turtles.

In these awareness sessions, we talked to children about the world of freshwater turtles, and the different ways in which we project to conserve this species in the wild. We even discussed ways in which children can get involved and contribute to the conservation efforts and help make the world a little safer for animals.

The presentation was followed by games about freshwater turtles and a fun round of questions from the children, and we were pleasantly surprised to find how eager the children were to learn more about our work.



Other outdoor awareness programmes were developed to cultivate a sense of ownership for the environment, encourage and provide opportunities for children to participate in monitoring of freshwater turtles in Tunisia.

