



Turtle Times

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Beach clean up project completed

After 2 months of hard work, the beach cleanup project has been completed. Where together with Juventude club do Norte and Onze Estrelas club Bofareira and all the people who volunteered, 25% of the beaches on the island of Boa Vista were cleaned. Which was 26.6 kilometers of beaches. about 4584 plastic bags and 1800 plastic bottles were collected. Fundação Tartaruga want to thank everyone that was part of this amazing cause, the nature is thankful.



Camp with biogas toilets

Biogas toilet is a project financed by the Fundo do Ambiente to Fundação Tartaruga. 7 toilets was purchased in Germany and shipped to Boa Vista , which the first was installed in January at the Eco farm in the community of Norte, which the biogas toilet started to produce gas a couple weeks later The others were installed in the camp in July and are also producing gas now.

Thank You Carla

Leading the community development component of the Projeto Tartaruga since 2018, Carla Corsino has left the project in the end of August. She has given an important contribution to engage the communities implementing such good project as Tamba Mulheres do Norte, Beach Clean up and many others which contribute to, on the one hand to local development of the communities and on the other hand to strengthen the engagement of communities with conservation work. We thank her for all her commitment and dedication to the project.

This newsletter is dedicated to Carla Corsino



2020 Camp updates

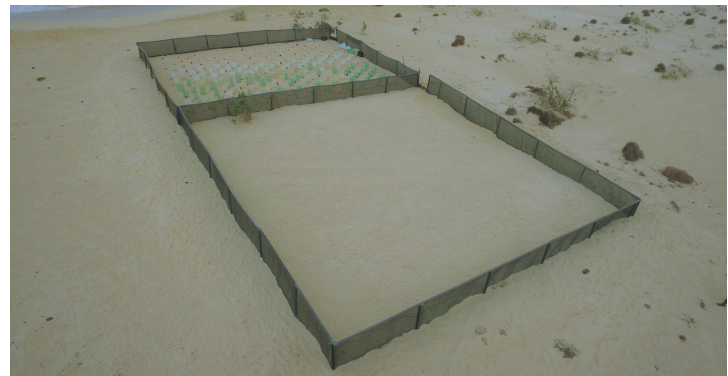


Increase of rangers

This year to ensure the continuity of the sea turtle protection work, due to the lack of international volunteers and because of the increase in sea turtles nesting we have contracted a higher number of ranger, which by now in total we have about 40 rangers, 3 cooks and 12 national volunteers. Even though we still live in the context of a pandemic, we consider carefully that it would be better to give the rangers an opportunity to work ,since the island most part of the population work in the tourism sector and do to the pandemic it cause many person to lose their jobs. This work opportunity was given to the local community to work on the camps as ranger however, by following the hygiene recommendations by the health authorities, to ensure safety for all field staff and volunteers.

Hatchery update

At the beginning of June, we set up our annual hatchery at Ponta Pesqueira beach. This season due to a large number of nests, we had to setup another hatchery near by. The hatchery offers nests greater protection against predators, flooding, human activities, erosion, and light pollution.



First baby sea turtles are born

This year has been a fantastic year for sea turtles, we have never had such a large number of nests in previous years. As of July 30, 7703 nests were recorded on the beaches protected by the Fundacao Tartaruga. In August 25th , the first baby turtles were born at Boa Esperanca beach.

Green Sea turtle nest

On August 17th, a rare event occurred, a green turtle was found by our rangers nesting at Curral Velho beach. In Cape Verde we usually encounter only the juvenil of this species which when they reach reproductive age they migrate to somewhere else. This turtle was 105 cm long and 91 cm wide, she laid 170 eggs. This eggs were transported by the guards to the hachery, and are expect to hatch in october 17.



Community work



Small Grant Project

Small grant project is an initiative that aims to promote and support community actions with a positive impact on sustainable development, organized by Projeto Tartaruga in which the Fundacao Tartaruga leads the community development area. Being MAVA foundation the main donor. The following projects were financed:

-Associação de Agricultores da Ribeira de Rabil: With the project removal of the invasive acácia and production of charcoal.

-Associação para o desenvolvimento da agricultura e Pecuária da zona Norte da BV: with the project feed preserve and preserve.

-Agrupamento competitivo do queijo de Cabra da Boa Vista: With the Project Pilot in production animal fodder of Boa Vista.

-Associação Curral Velho nos Riqueza: With the project: Cabeça dos tarafes sewing atelier

- Juventude Club do Norte: with garbage, Art & life project.

All project proposal was approved in July and is scheduled to be fully implemented in November.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Nature in its grandeur gives us joys as well as sadness. The sea, that looked like an oil raft, was treacherous and took a young girl, friend, daughter, sister. This incident happened In the course of a beach cleanup on Boa Vista some volunteers were on site and supported us. After the activity, a tragic accident happened in the nearby ocean. Some of the volunteers went swimming and a 16-year old girl from Joao Galego died. A large search operation was launched to find the girl. Her dead body was found the next day. There are no words to describe such sadness. To the family and friends, Juventudeclubdonorte and the community of Joao Galego our most heartfelt condolences.

