

Turtle Times

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CAMP SETUP

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the assembly of camps was only possible at the beginning of June. We were recommended by General Direction of the Environment some measures to be taken during, 2020 sea turtle season: The activities are subject to the recommendations of the National Health and Civil Protection authorities; Camp monitoring teams should be reduced as little as possible; Due to the closure of borders, it is proposed replacement of international volunteers by national ones; The turtle watch activity is temporarily suspended.



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TAGGING SEA TURTLES WITH A SATELITE TRANSMITTER

This scientific project carried out in conjunction with MarAlliance aims to tag the male sea turtles of the species *Caretta caretta*, to evaluate the overlap between the habitat of the male turtles and the fishing areas on the island of Boa Vista. The data from the satellite transmitter will allow the identification of potential poaching points, and also help us understand the movements of male turtles in Cape Verde and abroad.

2020 PROMISING SEASON

This season started with an incredible number of nests. Our previous years 2019 were registered 66 nests in June and the record year 2018, 96 nests were registered. The number of nests this year is incredibly high compared to previous years. According to our field supervisor, Airton Jesus, as of June 25th, 578 nests were registered on the beaches protected by Fundação Tartaruga, and a total of 4400 where registered in the entire island of Boa Vista.



Community Activities



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Beach clean up on protected areas of Boa Vista

Fundação Tartaruga, with funds from GEF-BIOTUR, developed a project for cleaning and rehabilitation of areas of special landscape and ecological interest in Boa Vista. Eleven Stars Futebol Club de Bafareira and Juventude Clube do Norte are the star partners of this project.

The first beach clean up was carried out on June 28th on the beaches of Antonia and Lancha. So far we have collected more than 1000 trash bags, the cleaning campaigns will go on until August 14th. We are grateful to our partners and the volunteers who joined in masse for this cause.

We also ask our team to continue helping with the upcoming ones.