





BOINAIRE BEACHKEEPERS

Home and Schedule

Dear STCB Beachkeepers,

As promised here is your link to the new Beachkeeper's site... <https://sites.google.com/site/boinairebeachkeepers/home> with many thanks to Nat for his help in setting it up for us. Here you will find the most up-to-date schedule, contact lists and resources including the training presentation from the Beachkeeper Workshop (click on 'useful resources' and scroll down). We have also included some video and photos of sea turtle crawls, nests and eggs.

This will also be where you can file your reports and, if you are a whiz with computing, feel free to try out the reporting section, but we will look at this together at our next meeting on **Thursday 14th June, 8am-8pm at the DCNA Office**, so your emailed reports will be just fine for now.

We hope you like the new site and find it useful. Please bear with us as it is still being developed and please let us know if there are things that you'd like to see there.

The meeting on the 14th June will:

- allow us to review how the first few weeks of the Beachkeeper pilot project have been for everyone
- be an opportunity for you to give us feedback to help us develop the new site
- show you how the reporting form works

We do hope you can come along!

Looking forwards to seeing you all soon,
Best wishes,
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ITS HATCHED!!!! After many days and nights waiting expectantly, over 200 people witnessed the hawksbill sea turtle nest hatching on Te Amo beach at around 6:40 pm this evening. In the end it happened very quickly, and so there was no time to see more.

Successes/Strengths	Weaknesses
Increased capacity	High-maintenance volunteers
Increased monitoring reveals more nests	How do we reconcile the results of closer monitoring with previous years' results?
Beaches are regularly cleared of litter	
Strong volunteer leader (Janice)	If we can't recruit a strong volunteer next year, staff will have to pick up the slack
	Lack of Bonaireans joining BK's
Big crowds at nest openings	
Increased awareness	
Opportunities	Threats
Some BK's may graduate to other volunteer positions – including Board	
	Is our threats data useful?
	Big crowds at nest openings
	Lack of ongoing funding

