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Haiti

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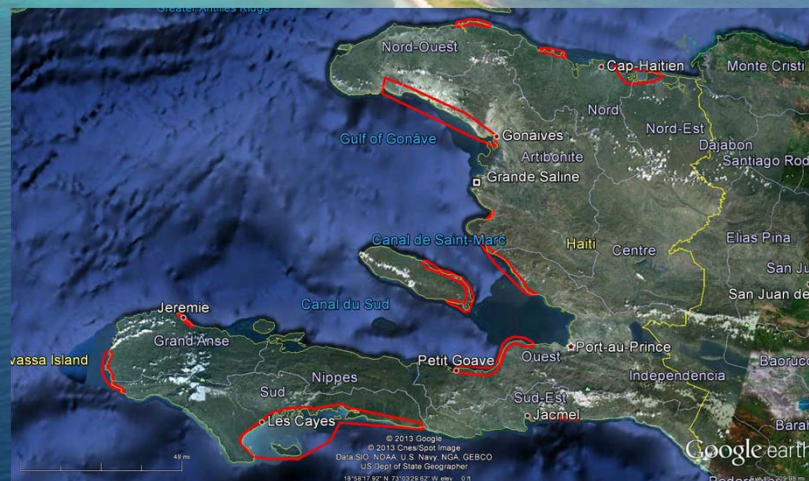
Situation in Haiti

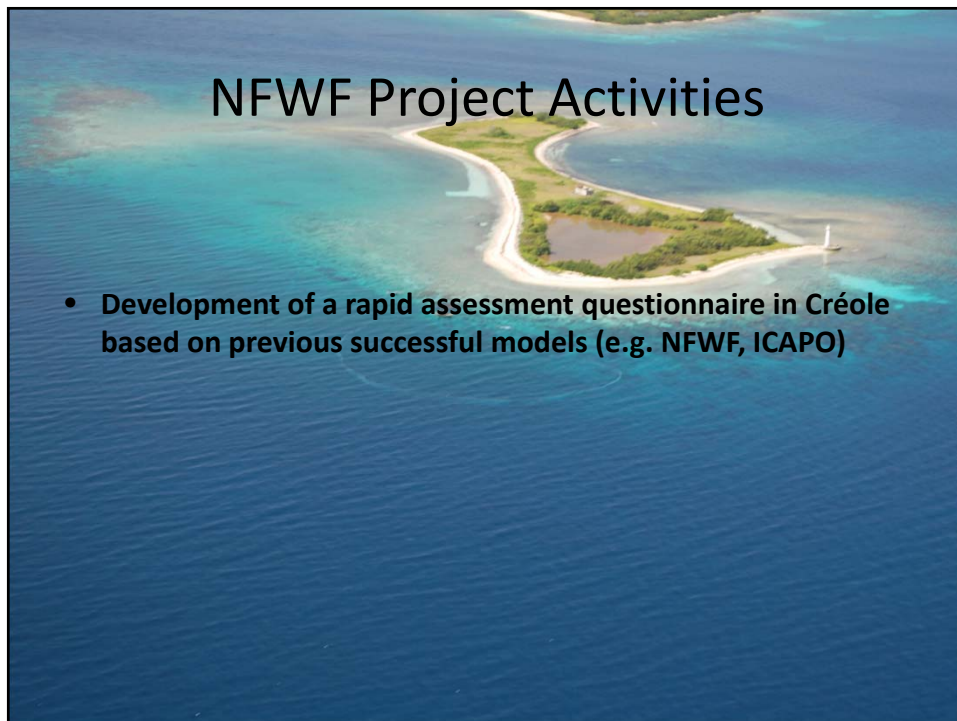
- What has been done so far:
 - Remarkably little
 - Ottenwalder/Woods overflight in 1982-83 (total of 29 hrs over 8 days) with an update in 1996(?)
 - Kavanaght (southern peninsula, 1983)
 - Some educational activities by FoProBiM with assistance from NFWF, USFWS, Whitley Fund for Nature over the past decade

Laws

- Current laws are woefully inadequate and presently totally unenforceable (no fines/penalties)
- Décret 27 Octobre 1978 sur la pêche
- Article 97.-Il est formellement interdit:
 - b) de pêcher la tortue, le caret durant les mois de Mai à Octobre (saison de la ponte)
 - c) de ramasser des œufs de tortue de toute espèce dans les eaux territoriales, spécialement ceux de caret et de Tortue.
 - d) de capturer des tortues de mer, des carets sur la plage;
- Article 122.- Il est interdit:
 - 2o) d'exporter la chair de caret, de tortue, et leur écailles, sans une autorisation du Service des Pêcheries;

Location of Activities for New FoProBiM NFWF Project 2013





NFWF Project Activities

- **The creation of a questionnaire (data collection) team consisting of a minimum of three individuals:** this will be the first sea turtle data collection team ever organized in Haiti

NFWF Project Activities

- **A training activity for the rapid assessment questionnaire (data collection) team on procedures:** the team will be provided with training (2-3 days) on how to properly collect the required project data. This will include a basic refresher course on sea turtle biology, how to measure sea turtle carapace length, how use the date/time stamped cameras, and how to correctly enter data in the collection forms. Our strategy of “pairing” with local stakeholders, preferably fishers, residing and based within the fishing communities for on-the-ground activities is key to not only being able to collect relevant data in a timely manner, but also developing local capacity in this regard and a sense of ownership within the local communities for future actions.

Opportunities for this project include: the first nation-wide Hawksbill survey (data will also be collected on other sea turtles), and the establishment of Haiti's first sea turtle monitoring unit (depending on funding).



NFWF Project Activities

- **Questionnaires (1,500) presented at 12 sites around the country (see map) targeted primarily at Hawksbill by-catch data collection on:**
 - catch/unit effort,
 - carapace sizes, and
 - fishing zones



NFWF Project Activities

- **The development/distribution of educational materials to assist in promoting by-catch reduction including:**
 - an abridged version of the Haitian fisheries laws which includes all laws relating to the exploitation or protection of sea turtles, and
 - a sea turtle identification guide in Creole

NFWF Project Activities

- 12 half-day classes/workshops on basic sea turtle science and BMPs including the promotion of by-catch reduction held for 240 stakeholders (20 in each target site)





