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Sea Turtle Conservation Curaçao

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Introduction

The goal of STCC is to protect sea turtles and their habitats.

- * Determine the current status
- * Monitor changes
- * Determine most important threats
- * Improve conservation & protection

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Population studies – main focus on data collection

- * Nest monitoring
- * In water surveys
 - Once a year: catch – mark – release
 - Continuously: photo identification
- * Active stranding and incident registration

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	Registered # nests
2014	11 Cm / Cc / Ei
2015	60 Cm / Ei
2016	88 Cm / Ei
2017	41 Cm / Cc / Ei

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LUCKY



ANGELO



WATERDROP



ANGRY



CROC



DOTTY



MARCELLO



ELLIS



FLOWER



GREY SPOT



JADE



PACMAN

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Capture/Mark/Recapture	Sept 2015	Feb 2017	Feb 2018
Ascencion	2	17	6 (1 recapture '17) Poaching case Veeris
Wacawa	19	12	52 (2 recaptures '17) 5cm vs 6 mm)
Wacawa – Boka Grandi	-	-	6
Klein Curacao	10	5	3 (1 recapture '15) 7,6 cm / 5,8 kg
Santa Cruz	-	-	0
Total	31	34	67



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The goal of STCC is to protect sea turtles and their habitats.

How should this situation be managed?

What research will be valuable for our goal?

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- * Regular clean up activities
- * Oil spill clean up
- * Emergency response
 - 2017 – 35 hookings
- * Active ghost gear removal
- * Nest relocations
- * Promotion of law enforcement
 - 10 poaching cases in 2017





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- * Presentations
- * Signage
- * Public involvement
- * Partnerships
- * Turtle tours
- * (Social) media
- * Use of different art forms
 - * Music video / photography / paintings
- * Volunteer training
- * Online book





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- * Broadly supported
- * Help create alternative livelihoods
- * Strong partnerships – boating companies / limpi
- * Adoption programs
- * Corporate support
- * Donations – Global giving

Thank you! / Masha Danki!

