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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
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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<th>Year</th>
<th>Registered # nests</th>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>11 Cm / Cc / Ei</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>60 Cm / Ei</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>88 Cm / Ei</td>
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<td>2017</td>
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<th>Capture/Mark/Recapture</th>
<th>Sept 2015</th>
<th>Feb 2017</th>
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<td>Ascencion</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>6 (1 recapture ’17) Poaching case Veeris</td>
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<td>Wacawa</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Wacawa – Boka Grandi</td>
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<td>6</td>
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<td>Klein Curacao</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3 (1 recapture ’15) 7,6 cm / 5,8 kg</td>
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<td>Santa Cruz</td>
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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!