

Brazil's Sea Turtle are Worth More Alive: TAMAR'S Social Production Chain

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Comprehensive 2-year survey of 8,000 km of coastline was carried out between 1980 and 1982.



Eretmochelys imbricata

Lepidochelys olivacea

Dermochelys coriacea

Chelonia mydas

Caretta caretta





Tamar in Brazil

25 localities1100 km monitoredStandardized data collection

<u>Monitoring & protection</u> *In situ - >* 85% of the nests

<u>Open-air Hatcheries</u> Only when extremely necessary

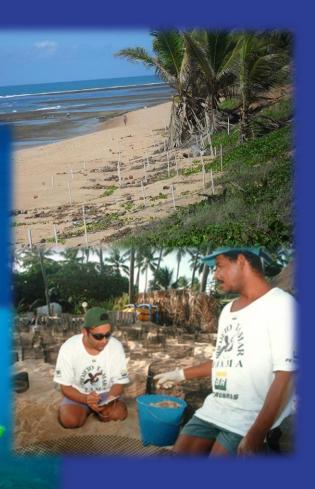
Night Patrols

Monitoring of stranded turtles

Capture-mark-recapture

Sand temperature monitoring at main nesting beaches

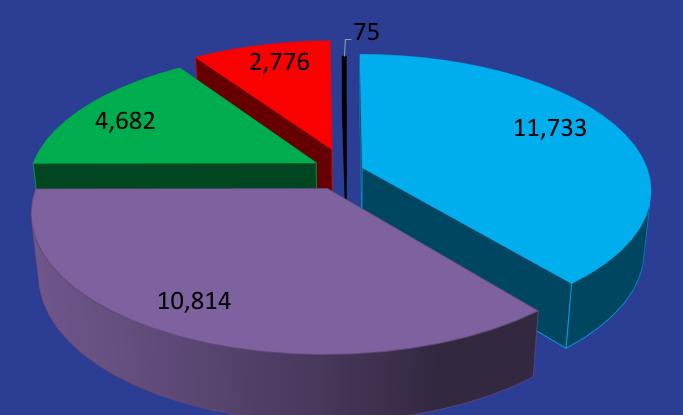




- Tagging
 Biometrics
 Tissue same
 - Tissue sampling
- Demographic parameters
- Residency
- Site fidelity

- Satellite telemetry
- Genetics
- Stable isotopes
- Dataloggers

Number of nests /species - 2016/2017



Caretta caretta
 Chelonia mydas
 Dermochelys coriacea

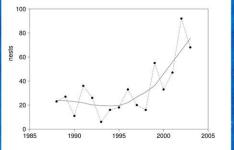
Lepidochelys olivacea
Eretmochelys imbricata

Total number of nests protected = 30.083

Populations are recovering

Leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea)

The only area in Brazil where there is known ongoing leatherback nesting is the northern coast of the state of Espirito Santho, around 19% latitude. Between 1988/1989 and 2003/2004 the annual number of nests varied from 6 (in 1993/1994) to 92 (in 2002/2003). Between 1995/1996 and 2003/2004, the annual number of nests increased about 20.4% per year on average.



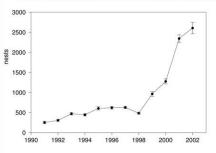
Number of leatherback nests per season, in the state of Espirito Santo, Brazil, from 1988/1989 to 2003/2004 (n = 527). The first year of each season is shown on the horizontal axis, e.g., 1995 = 1995/1996. The dots show the actual data; the solid curve, a loss regression, indicates the trend in the number of nests.

Тном*É*, et al. (2007)



Olive ridley (Lepidochelys olivacea)

In Brazil, olive ridley nesting occurs almost completely in the state of Sergipe and the northern section of the state of Bahia. The estimated number of olive ridley nests in this region ranged from 252 in 1991/1992 to 2,606 in 2002/2003, an approximately 10-fold increase in 11 years (Da Silva et al. 2007). This increase is of local as well as regional significance.



Number of estimated olive ridley nests in the states of Sergipe and Bahia, 1991/1992 to 2002/2003 (n = 10.975). Error bars indicate 95% pointwise confidence intervals. The first year of each season is shown, e.g. 1992 = 1992/1993. See Da Silva et al. (2007) for details on the

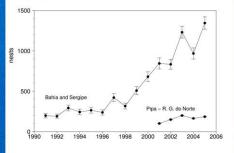
Main olive ridley nesting areas.

BAHIA * 227 people work on sea turtle conservation in Bahia and 96 in Sergipe

Hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata)

In Brazil, hawksbills nest mainly on the northern coast of the state of Bahia and in the neighboring state of Sergipe (Fig. 1). Another important area has recently been recognized in the eastern part of the state of Rio Grande do Norte (Fig. 1). There are also other relatively minor hawksbill nesting sites in the country (see Macrovalit et al. 2007).

In northern Bahia and Sergipe, the estimated number of hawksbill nests laid each year increased from 199 in the 1991/1992 season to 1,345 in the 2005/2006 season, a nearly 7-fold increase. In Rio Grande do Norte, the estimated number of nests laid in the 2005/2006 season was in the range of 156-475 (see Marcovald et al. 2007 for untodological details). Adding these results, we estimate that the number of hawksbill nests laid at the two main Brazillan nesting grounds in 2005/2006 was between 1,550 and 1,820. These results place the Brazillan hawksbill nesting population among the largest populations in the Vestern Atlantic.



Estimated number of haveksbill nests by season. Upper curve estimated number of nests in the states of Bahan and Gargine. 1992 No. 1992 N

Marcovaldi et. al. (2007)

Loggerhead (Caretta caretta)

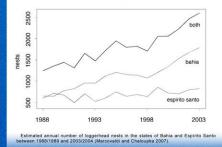
The loggerhead is the species most commonly found nesting along mainland Brazil. Loggerheads nest from the state of Sergipe to the northern part of the state of Rio de Janeiro . Marcovald and Chaloupka (2007) presented data obtained between 1988/1989 and 2003/2004 for two of the main loggerhead nesting areas: Espirito Santo and northern Bahia. These two states account for about 75% of the loggerhead nests in Brazil.

ESPIRITO SANTO

Main leatherback nesting area

conservation in Espírito Santo

In Bahia, the number of nests increased from approximately 700 in 1988/1989 to approximately 1.700 in 2003/2004, a 2.4-fold increase. In Espirito Santo, the number of nests increased at a slower pace, from about 650 in 1988/1989 to approximately 800 in 2003/2004



Marcovaldi & Chaloupka (2007)



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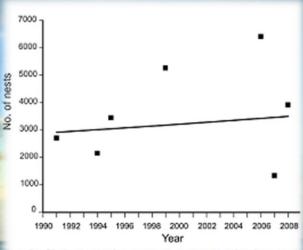
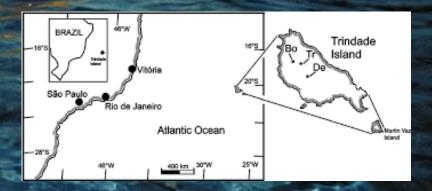


Fig. 3. Chelonia mydas. Annual estimates of green turtle nest numbers from all beaches on Trindade Island. Squares are annual estimates; line is the fit of the least squares regression model with a slope not significantly different from 0.

Almeida et al. (2011)







Brazilian National Plan to Reduce the Incidental Capture of Sea Turtle in the Fisheries

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Sea Turtles and Fishery Interactions in Brazil: Identifying and Mitigating Potential Conflicts

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Threats – spatial distribution

- **Longline** -> Leatherbacks (foraging) juv and adults
- **Longline ->** Loggerheads (foraging) juv and adults
- Trawl fishery in SE -> olive ridelys (breeding grounds) Trawl fishery in RG-> loggerheads (foraging)
- **Gillnets** throughout the coast -> greens (foraging))
- **Gillnets** in ES -> leatherbacks (breeding grounds)
- Coastal Development main nesting beaches along the SE/NE coast of Brazil -> Cc, Dc, Lo, Ei adults and hatchlings
- **Pollution** (marine litter/ garbage) -> greens juv



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INTERACCIÓN DE TORTUGAS MARINAS (Caretta caretta y Dermochelys coriacea) CON LA PESCA DE PALANGRE PELÁGICO EN EL ATLÁNTICO SUDOCCIDENTAL: UNA PERSPECTIVA REGIONAL PARA LA CONSERVACIÓN

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High-use areas, seasonal movements and dive patterns of juvenile loggerhead sea turtles in the Southwestern Atlantic Ocean

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DISTRIBUCIÓN Y COMPOSICIÓN DE TALLAS DE LAS TORTUGAS MARINAS

(CARETTA CARETTA Y DERMOCHELYS CORLACEA) QUE INTERACTUAN CON EL PALANGRE PELAGICO EN EL ATLANTICO SUR

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REVIEW OF ACTIONS BY BRAZIL IN MEETING THE BYC RECOMMENDATION 10-09 AND THE FAO GUIDELINES TO REDUCE SEA TURTLE MORTALITY IN FISHING OPERATIONS

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Job opportunities, capacity building and cultural valuation

SOCIAL PRODUCTIVE CHAIN



Local communities cultural valuation and development



Research and monitoring

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Enviromental educational programs

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Transfer of economic resources Maintenance and generation of employment opportunities.



Communities with lesser tourism potencial: cottage industries, hand crafts, paper recycling workshops, etc

Transfer of products

Communities with greater tourism potencial: visitor centers, shops, ecotourism tours, etc.

Special environmental education programs

Tamar at school and the school at Tamar

✓ Tamar at school







Special environmental education programs









Job opportunities, capacity building and cultural valuation

1884 people involved



- ✓ Tartarugueiros
- ✓ Productive groups
- ✓ Capacity building courses
- Internship and training program
- Permanent support to socio-educational institutions
- ✓ Support to events and cultural groups











Visitors Centers (9)



Promote environmental education and awareness, capacity building and rehabilitation of sea turtles; generate hundreds of jobs and revenue for the region where they operate and serve as a tool for raising funds for conservation

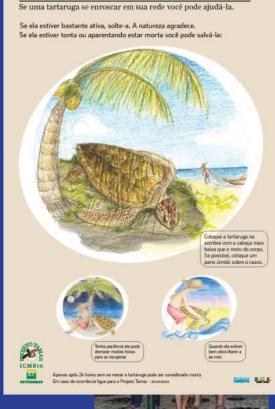
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Environmental awareness

"Not Everything Caught in the Net is Fish" Campaing Beach Campaign oriented to beach users



Nem tudo que cai na rede é peixe!





In 2010, we included the music as a strategy for environmental awareness ...



The initiative had a positive impact, various events spread the message, artists engaged, bands were formed at Tamar's cultural spaces and new lyrics were created for the conservation of turtles, seas and oceans



Metrics and demonstrated success

- All 5 sea turtle species recovering (increasing trends for 4 spp. and 1 stable)
- 100% coverage of main nesting beaches (1100 km)
- Around 30.000 nests protected each yr
- 1800 job opportunities created
- Standardized data collection for more than 35 yr (SITAMAR)
- Systematic and standardized data recording on community involvement (SIGRE)
- 15 million visitors at the Visitors Centers
- 50 60% of the total budget generated by sustainable activities

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Thank you all

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