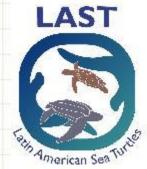
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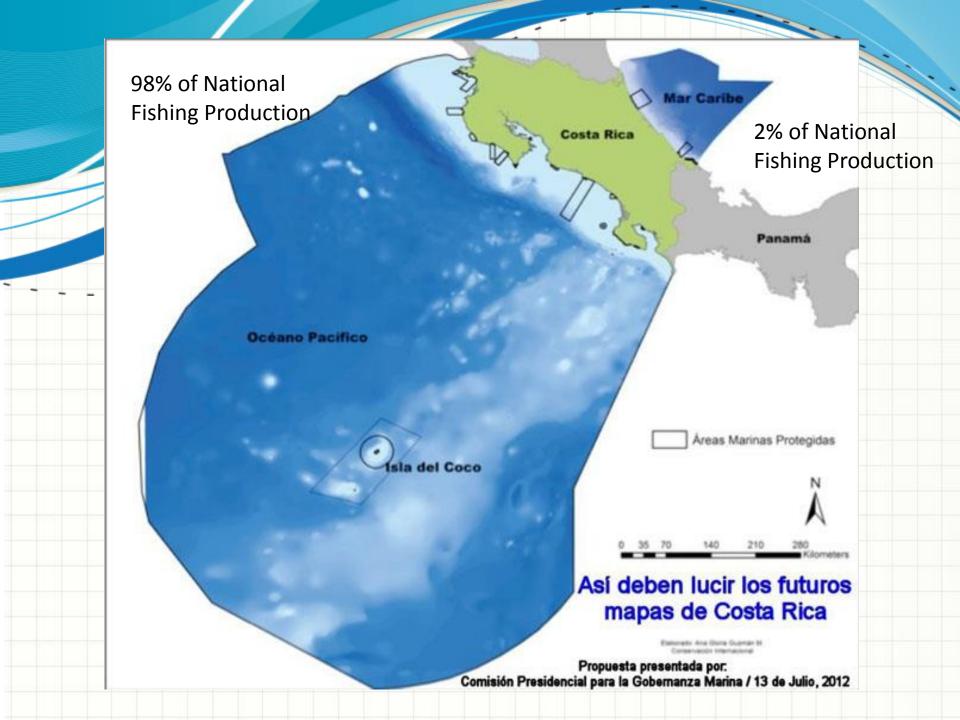
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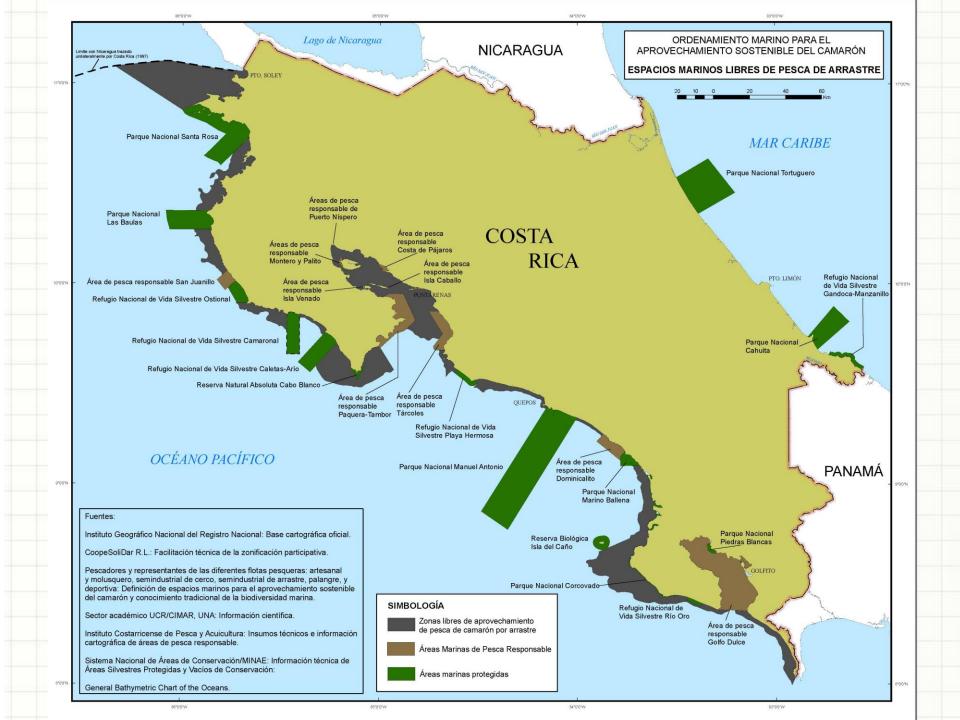


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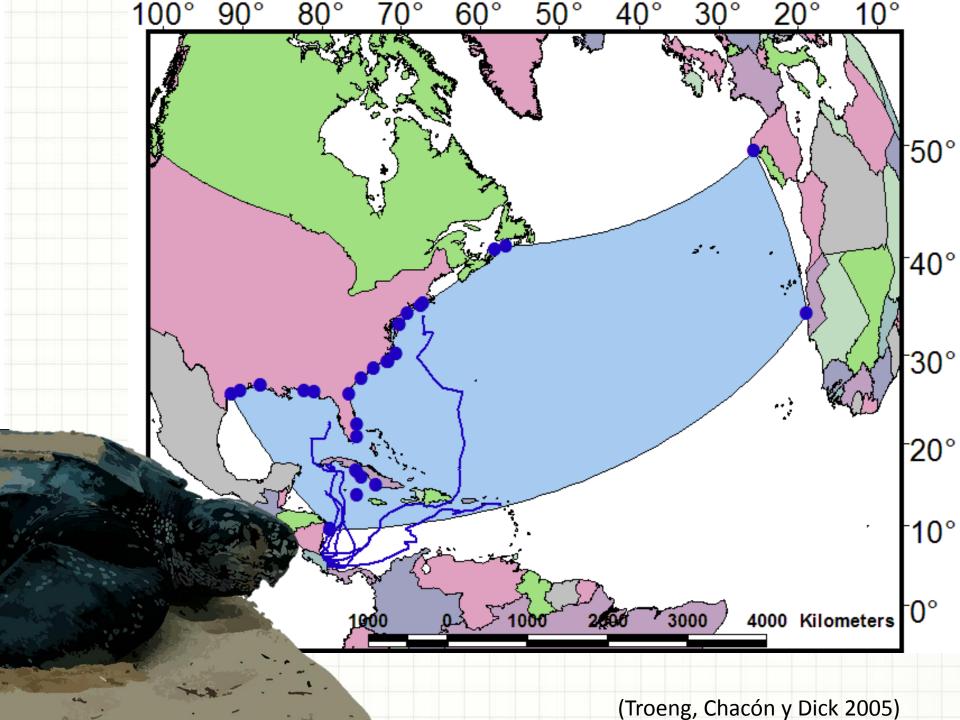


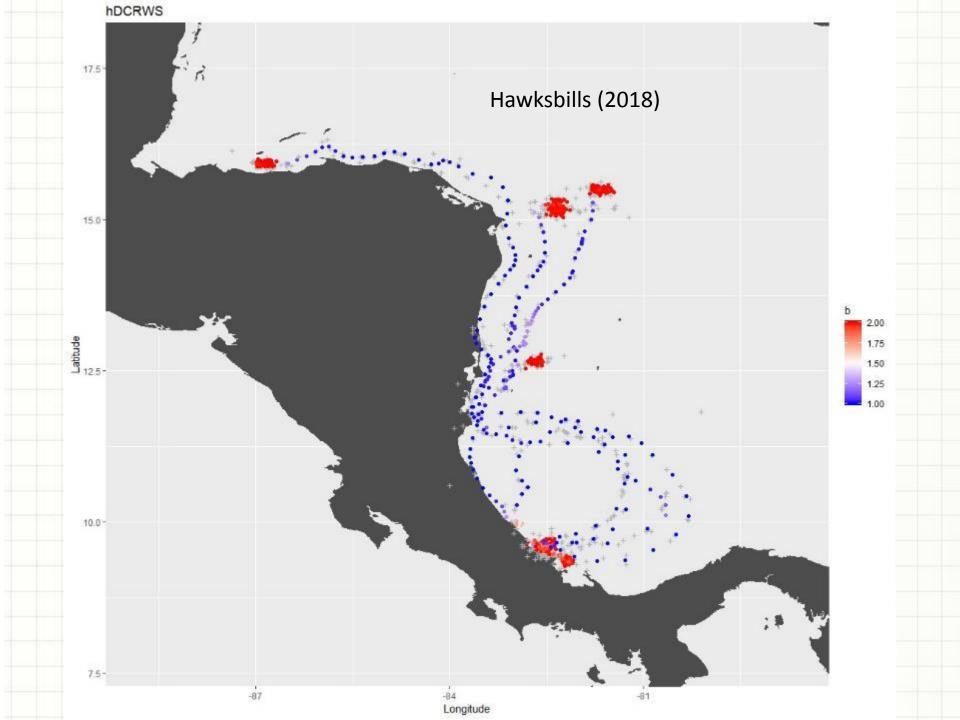


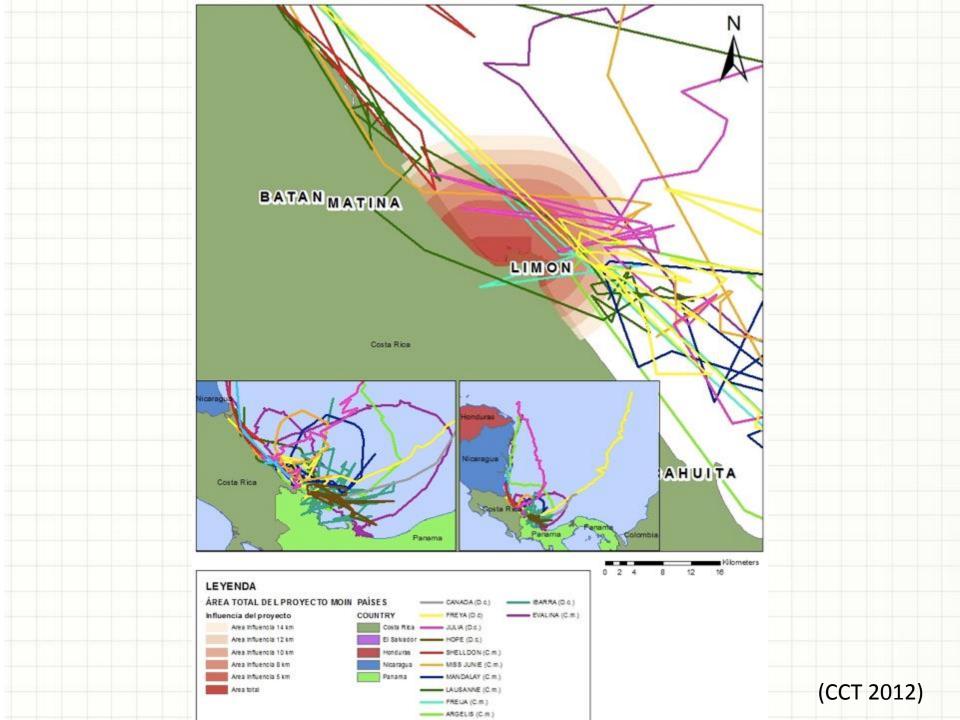




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- Leatherback (pelagic waters)
- Olive Ridley
- Loggerhead

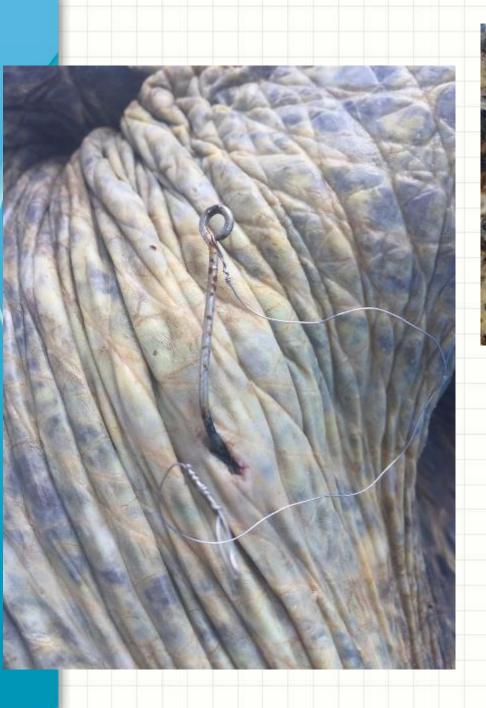






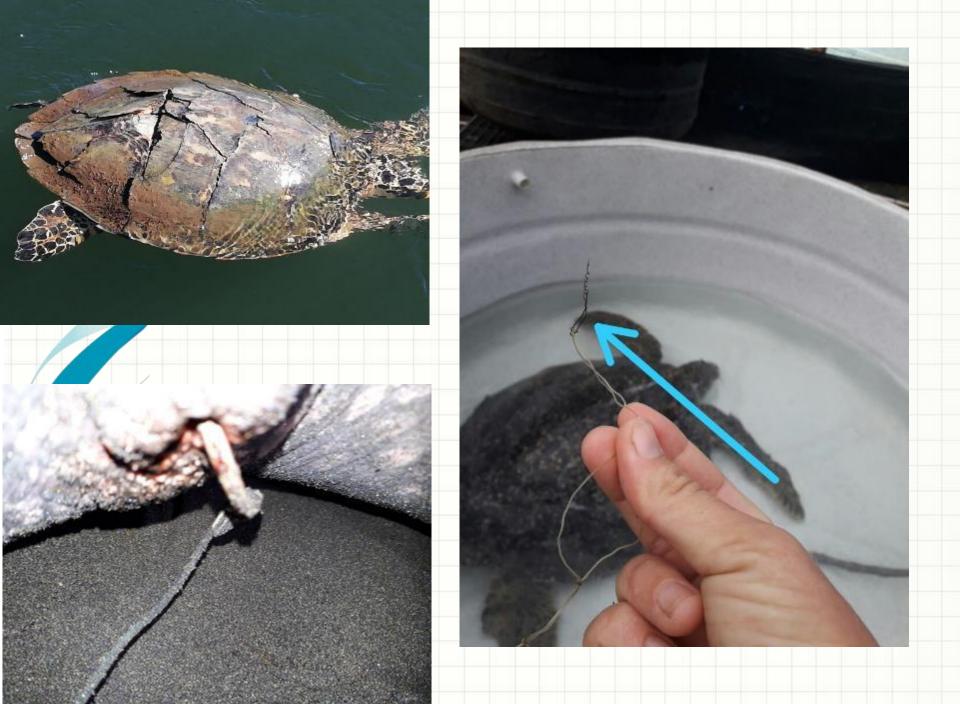




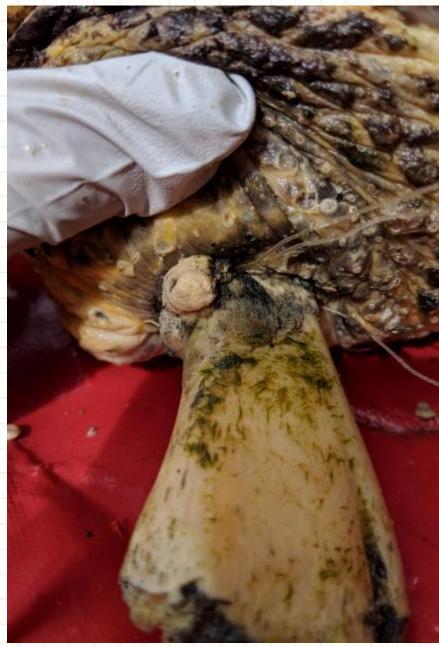


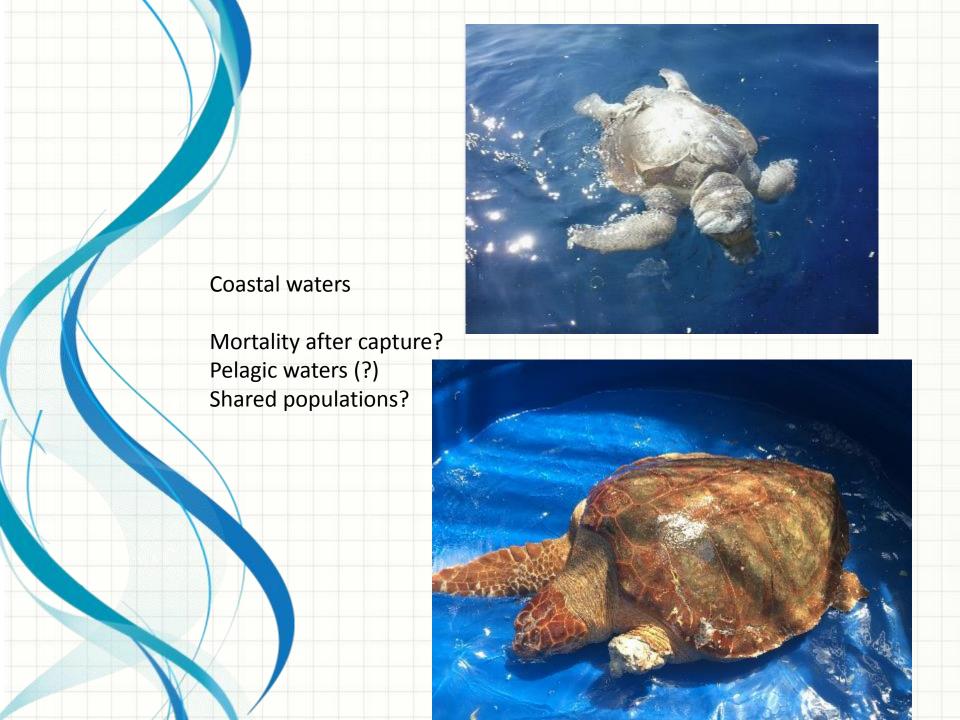












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No existe certeza sobre las causas de la muerte de al menos 280 tortugas marinas, pero podría estar asociada a la pesca ilegal, asegura ONG.



Organizaciones quieren respuestas por tortugas muertas

Alerta en Pacífico Sur

## Investigan muerte de 280 tortugas marinas en Costa Rica

Ministerio del Ambiente convoca a reunión urgente para determinar las causas y precisar si hubo o no acción humana en el hecho



Las autoridades costarricenses iniciaron hoy una investigación formal para determinar qué causó la muerte de unas 280 tortugas marinas en Golfo Dulce, en el Pacífico sur, y que fue denunciada por la organización ambientalista Widecast.

El ministerio de Ambiente informó hoy que ha abierto una investigación a cargo del viceministerio de Agua y Mares, cuyo titular, José Lino Chaves, ha convocado a una reunión urgente a autoridades del Servicio Nacional de Guardacostas, del Sistema Nacional de Áreas de Conservación y a varias organizaciones especializadas en temas marinos.

# 45 tortugas aparecen muertas en Guanacaste

Algunos de estos quelonios aún tenían los anzuelos pegados a sus cuerpos

Michelle Soto. 5 noviembre, 2013



Entre 1999 y 2010, 699.600 tortugas lora y 23.000 tortugas verde, como esta, fueron capturadas, supuestamente de

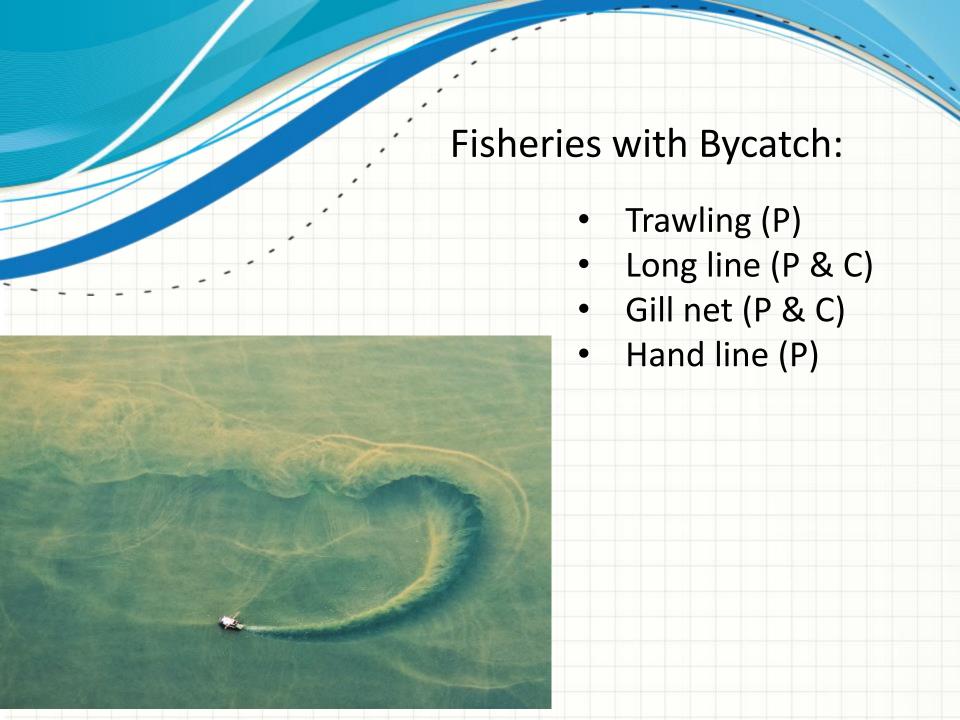


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#### MEDIO AMBIENTE

# Masiva muerte de tortugas en Centroamérica dispara alarmas de ambientalistas

Otro fenómeno que alarmó a los expertos en Nicaragua, fue que las tortugas lora arribaron a desovar en las playas del Pacífico a fines de septiembre con varias semanas de retraso.







# Long line fishing:

Dapp et al. (2013):

We used data collected by an observer program to assess the impact of the Costa Rican longline fishery on numbers, capture locations, seasonality and body sizes of silky sharks (Carcharhinus falciformis), pelagic thresher sharks (Alopias pelagicus), olive ridley turtles (Lepidochelys olivacea) and other bycatch species in the Central American Pacific. The longline fishery caught a large number of mahi-mahi (Coryphaena sp.) and silky sharks, but also caught a large number of olive ridley turtles and pelagic stingrays (Pteroplatytrygon violacea). We esti-mated that longline fisheries caught 699,600 olive ridleys, including 92,300 adult females, from 1999 to 2010. These captures were associated with a decline of nesting populations at nearby arribada beaches. There were sta-tistically significant size decreases from 1999 to 2010 in mature olive ridley turtles and from 2003 to 2010 in silky sharks. Average fork length of silky sharks in 2010 was 97.3 cm, which was far below observed fork length at maturity, 144 cm. Pelagic thresher sharks were small and fluctuated in size over the study period. Capture of large numbers of juvenile blacktip sharks (Carcharhinus limbatus) indicated a nursery area near the Osa Peninsula. Geospatial analysis indicated shifts in mahi-mahi abundance on a temporal scale but fishing efforts did not shift with the shift in mahi-mahi abundance. Yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares), Indo-Pacific blue marlin (Makaira mazara) and Indo-Pacific sailfish (Istiophorus platypterus) catches varied seasonally and were most abundant out to sea and south of Panama. Marine protected areas and/or time area closures are needed to reduce the impact of the Costa Rican longline fishery on sea turtles and sharks.

Dapp, D, Arauz, R, Spotila, JR, and O'Connor, MP. (2013) Impact of Costa Rican longline fishery on its bycatch of sharks, stingrays, bony fish and olive ridley turtles (Lepidochelys olivacea). Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and

Ecology, 20 August 2013.

# Instruments

- MPA (Marine Protected Areas)
- National Parks
- Marine Reserves
- Wildlife Refuges
- Marine Management Zone
- Responsible Fishing Zone
- AMUM
- Law (Wildlife Law, Sea Turtle Law (8325)
- Fishing Regulations (Zones, Closures, TED, etc)
- International agreements

