



Tortugueros Las Playitas A.C.
Presents:
Final Report of the 2011-12 Nesting Season

Two species of sea turtles nested on the shores of Todos Santos during the 2011-12 nesting season; the Olive Ridley categorized as “Vulnerable” by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the Leatherback, categorized as “Critically Endangered.”

Nesting Data as Reported to SWOT (State of the World's Sea Turtles)

Species	True Crawls	False Crawls
Olive Ridley	223	45
Leatherback	14	6
Total	237	51



Olive Ridley nest relocation patrols were run July-November from Las Playitas to El Carrizal protecting 18 km of nesting habitat. Olive Ridley nests were relocated to an open air corral in Las Playitas. Leatherback patrols were run from October- April from Punta Lobos to El Carrizal protecting 36 km of nesting habitat. To maximize the hatchling yeild, Leatherback nests are relocated to a temperature controlled Incubation Greenhouse.

Nest Protection Results:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Nests Protected</u>	<u>Eggs Protected</u>	<u>Hatchlings Released</u>	<u>Nests Insitu</u>
Olive Ridley	219	22,317	14,638	3
Leatherback	13	714	412	0
Total	232	23,031	15,050	3



<u>Species</u>	<u>Animal Depredation</u>	<u>Human Poaching</u>
Olive Ridley	1	0
Leatherback	0	1
Total	1	1

Environmental Education:

Our Junior Lifeguards and Junior Marine Biologists programs provided unique environmental experiences to 28 school aged children. The youngsters were trained in nest relocation, nest escavation, and hatchling care. They learned snorkeling, kayaking, surfing, beach safety, and how to identify dangerous marine currents. Another 739 youngsters participated in hatchling releases!

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