



Tortugueros Las Playitas A.C.
Presents:
Final Report of the 2012-13 Nesting Season

The shores of Todos Santos, Mexico were host to two species of sea turtle during the 2012-13 winter nesting season, the “Vulnerable” Olive Ridley, and the “Critically Endangered” Leatherback.



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

Species	True Crawls	False Crawls
Olive Ridley	90	7
Leatherback	6	3
Total	96	10

Leatherback and Olive Ridley nest relocation patrols were run October through April from Punta Lobos to El Carrizal protecting 36 km (22 miles) of nesting habitat. To maximize the hatchling yeild, both Leatherback and Olive Ridley nests were relocated to our 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	84 (1 from La Paz)	8,875	7,628	5
Leatherback	5	456	265	1
Total	89	9,331	7,893	6

<u>Species</u>	<u>Animal Depredation</u>	<u>Human Poaching</u>
Olive Ridley	1.5	0
Leatherback	0	0
Total	1.5	0



Environmental Education:

Junior Lifeguards and Junior Marine Biologists students had positive, authentic experiences learning about their Marine Environment. The local children were integrated with tourists and immigrants from the United States and Canada and trained in nest identification, relocation, escavation, and hatchling releases. They learned snorkeling, kayaking, surfing, beach safety, and how the incubation greenhouse maintains a temperature perfect for sea turtle incubation and balances sex ratios!

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