

Project Update: October 2010

Between October and November 2010, we caught 24 turtles using both fixed and encirclement nets. Of these, 17 turtles were tagged with the GPS/VHF tag and released immediately after. Tags lasted from 1 to 3 days maximum. We found out that the abundance of seagrass and algae in the water column represents a problem for the tags as these elements tend to get entangled in the line connecting the tag to the turtle and break it. Another major problem we found during these 2 months was the wind that generated strong currents and in some cases impeded our boat to go out. However, we still had some nice days during which some children from the local school could join us and help us catching, tagging and releasing turtles.

