

TURTLE'S NEST DIARY (*CARETTA CARETTA*)



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8 JULY 2023 - A NEST OF BOBA TURTLE NEST APPEARS

10 JULY 2023 - VOLUNTEERING DAY

CUSTODY AND SURVEILLANCE OF TURTLE NEST 2023

¡WE NEED YOU and URGE YOU TO TAKE PART as a Volunteer in looking after and ensuring the safety of the nest where a Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*) has laid 69 Eggs. The nest can be found on the Mistral beach, in front of the Hotel Guadalpín-Puerto Banús and Mistral Chiringuito.

ProDunas Marbella is part of this custody and surveillance program. We have received the appropriate Authorisation from the Junta de Andalucía. As an essential rule, we must observe good practices at all times and comply with the guidelines of the Junta de Andalucía. Volunteers are coming forward enthusiastically but we still need more registrations.

Thank you in advance for taking part!

CALL FOR THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF VOLUNTEERS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE SEA TURTLE NEST IN MARBELLA

WE NEED YOU AND YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE!

Link to the Registration form:
<https://produnas.org/tortuga-marina-custodia>

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PROTEGE A NUESTRAS TORTUGAS

AYUDA A PROTEGER EL NUEVO NIDO DE TORTUGA BOBA MARINA QUE HA ELEGIDO MARBELLA PARA DESOVAR EN LA PLAYA MISTRAL > HOTEL GUADALPÍN JUNTO A PUERTO BANÚS.

✦ Necesitamos voluntarios comprometidos y amantes de la naturaleza que quieran colaborar en la **vigilancia del nido**.

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PROTECTING THE TREASURE ON THE MISTRAL BEACH IN NUEVA ANDALUCÍA

In the middle of the hot summer, a treasure is being guarded night and day, thanks to the valiant volunteers, on Playa Mistral: the sea turtle nest (*Caretta caretta*). Despite the high temperatures, these dedicated caretakers have decided to do their best to ensure the safety of these beautiful sea creatures.

From dawn to dusk these brave volunteers stand firm, guarding and monitoring the nest, ready to act if there is any danger. Their commitment is admirable, and their love of nature and wildlife is truly inspiring.

Each egg in that nest represents a promise of life, a future for the turtles yet to be born. By protecting the nest our efforts ensure the preservation of this endangered marine species, helping to maintain the ecological balance of our beloved ecosystem.

Do you want to be part of this wonderful work? Join up as a volunteer. Our website:

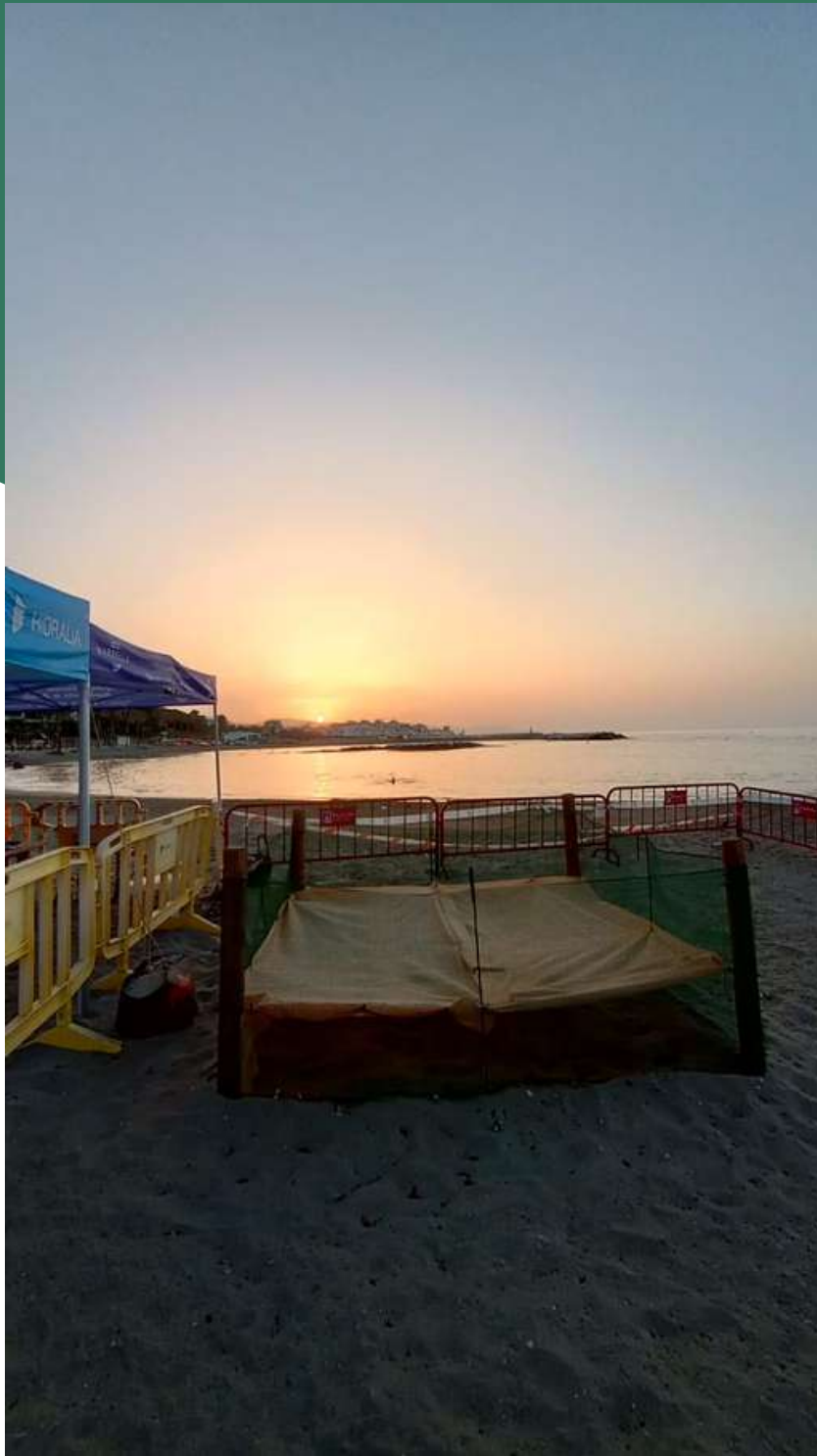
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Remember, every effort, no matter how small, counts and makes a difference. Together we can ensure a more hopeful future for sea turtles and all the wonders that nature has to offer. We intend to protect and take excellent care of the Playa Mistral nest. However, we still need more registrations, especially for the night shifts.

Why don't you try this unique experience?



JOIN AS A VOLUNTEER TO PROTECT SEA TURTLES!



ENJOY WATCHING THE DAWN ON
THE MISTRAL BEACH BESIDE THE SEA
TURTLE NEST

DIDACTIC WORKSHOP: A FASCINATING MEETING DEALING WITH THE PROTECTION OF OUR LITTLE SEA TURTLES



Last Thursday we had an enriching and educational experience in our educational workshop on the imposing sea turtles. More than 30 people came to this incredible lecture, listening carefully and sharing their concerns!

We don't want you to miss the next opportunity to learn about and connect with nature. So, on 17th August next at 18:00, we invite you to join us for another fascinating meeting. We can't wait to share more stories and knowledge about our friends from the sea.

Have you ever wondered about the species of turtles that live in the Mediterranean? Or about the fascinating peculiarities of the loggerhead sea turtle? In this workshop we explore these questions and many more. Additionally, we learned about the species of turtles we are caring for in the nest on the Mistral Beach and why the loggerhead turtle chooses to lay its eggs on the same beach where it was born.

What do you know about the life cycle of these wonderful creatures? We discuss their stages and how this connection with their place of origin influences the future generations. But does this mean that we will see their descendants laying their eggs here? We also address the challenges and dangers these turtles face, and how we can work together to protect them. These and other questions were dealt with in the didactic workshop.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this workshop and to those who continue to support our marine conservation mission. Together, we are having a positive impact on our environment and the lives of these amazing turtles.

NIGHT WORK ON PLAYA MISTRAL - A RECORD FOR THE SEA TURTLES

We spent the night quite well and in good company, and we had agreed among some volunteers (Silvia and Vicenta) to spend the entire night together.

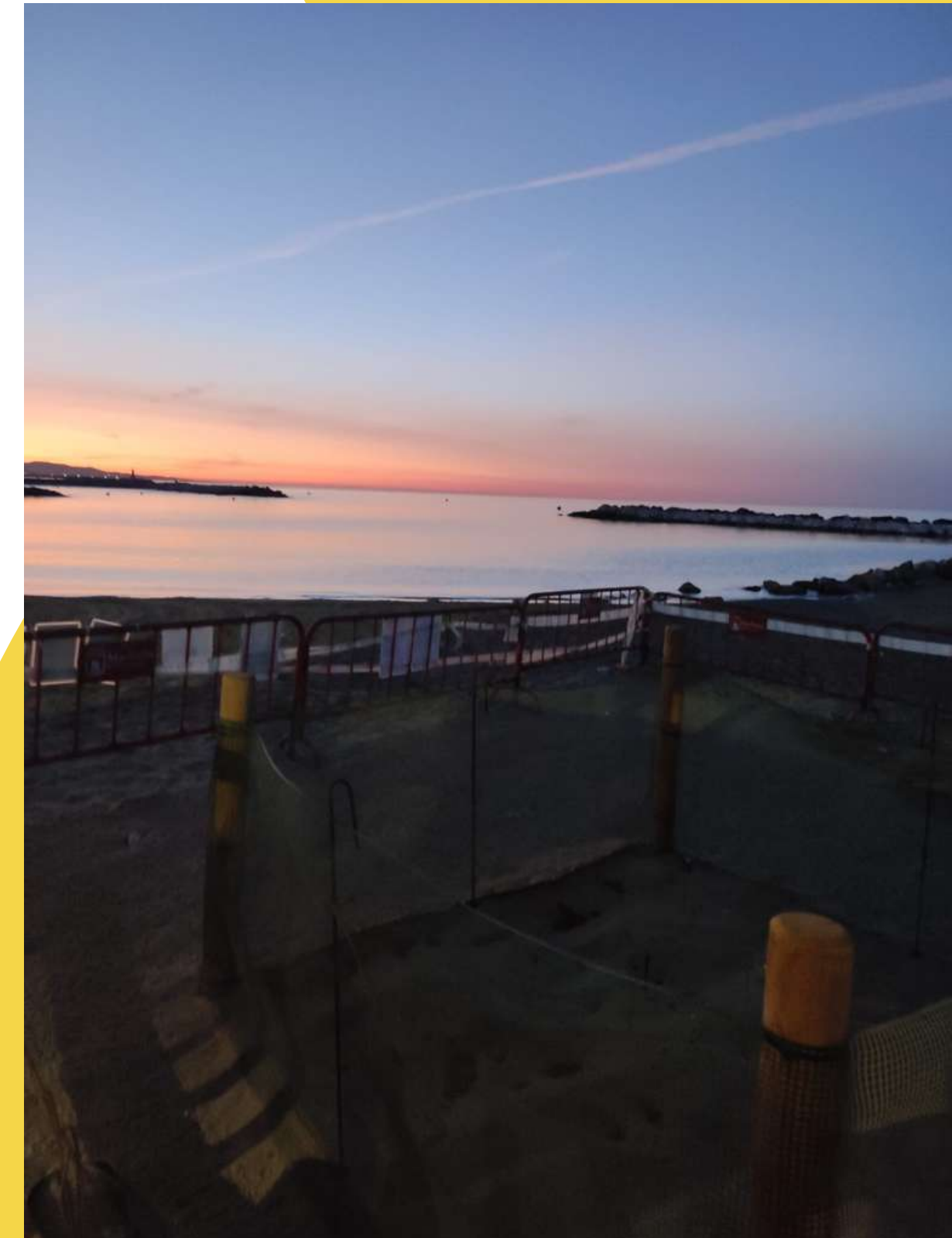
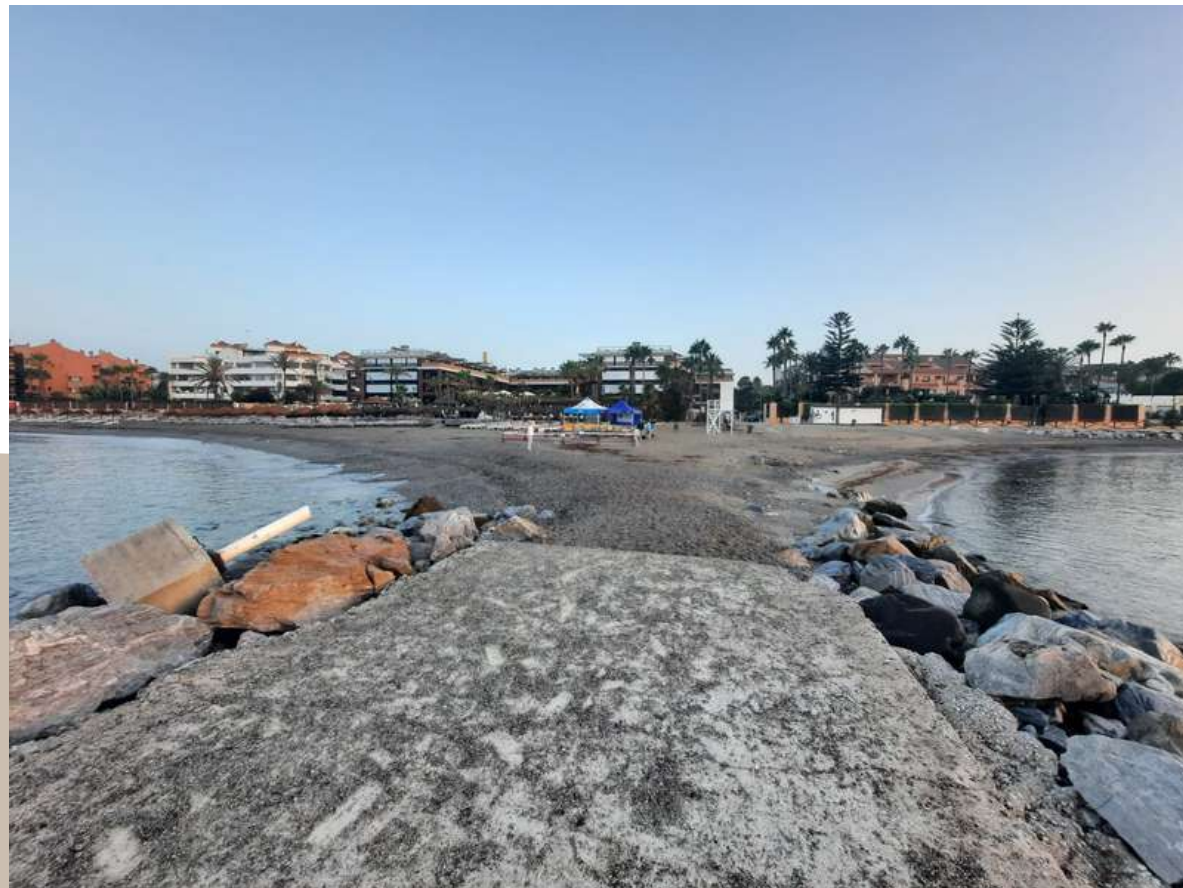
We were very fortunate with the weather; the temperature was very pleasant, and there was hardly any wind. We could see the stars and even had the opportunity to observe some of the Perseid meteor showers.

I was surprised by the nighttime activity on the beach—the bustling cleanup of the Mistral Beach sun lounge area. The workers were active practically all night, and we could see their movements thanks to the light from the torches they wore on their foreheads.

Throughout the night, machines for cleaning sand and collecting rubbish passed by repeatedly. The beach cleaning and beach bar staff were very kind to us.

Before leaving, we watched the sunrise with the 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock shifts.

It was a truly magical and unforgettable experience, and we wholeheartedly invite volunteers to share in this experience.



EARLY MORNING OF 29 AUGUST 2023 - 31 LOGGERHEAD TURTLES



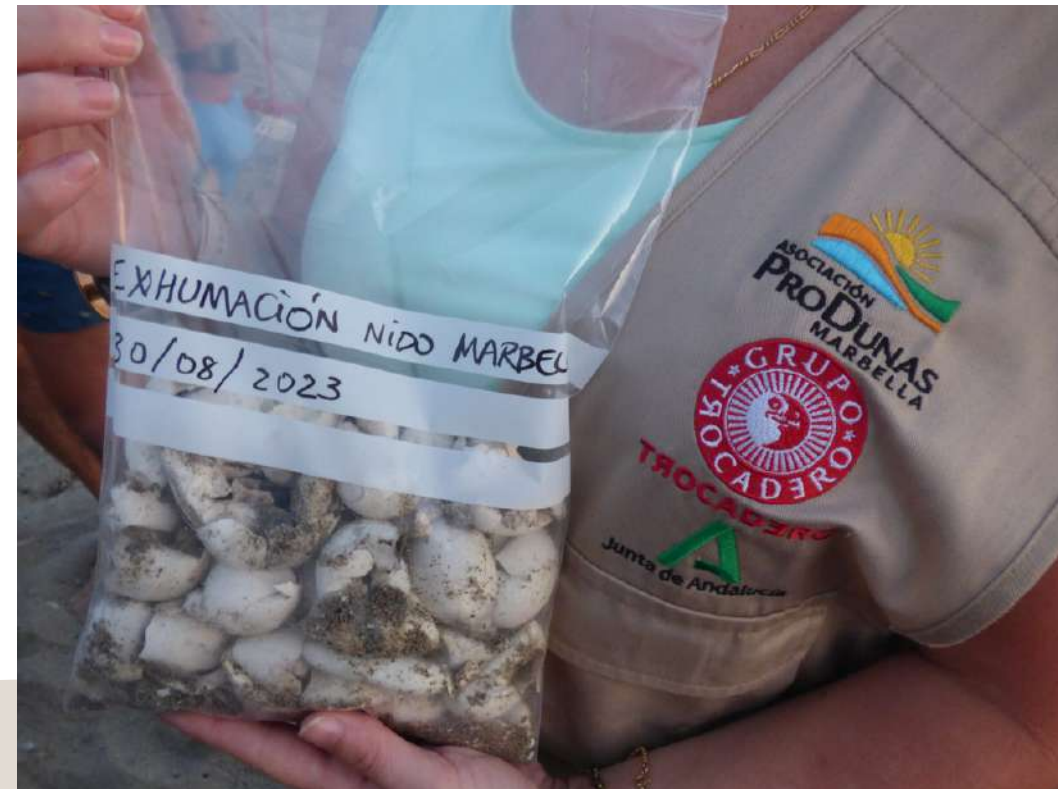
EVENING OF 29 AUGUST 2023 - 2 BOBA TURTLES

EARLY MORNING OF 30 AUGUST 2023 - 18 LOGGERHEAD TURTLES



30 AUGUST 2023 - NEST EXHUMATION

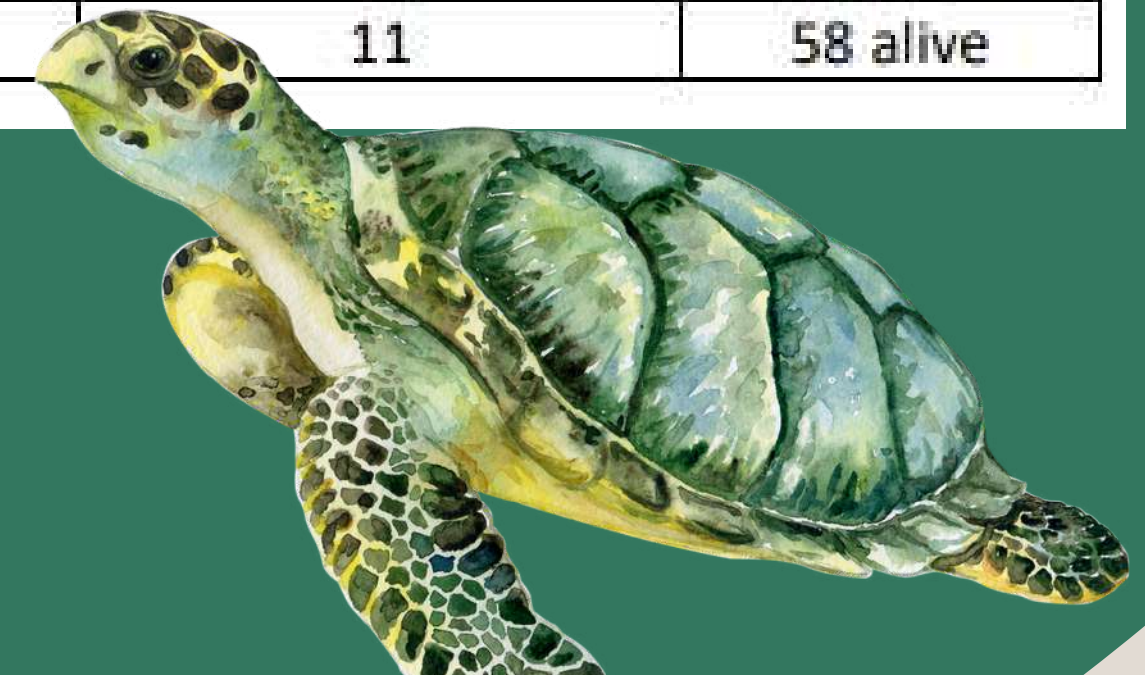
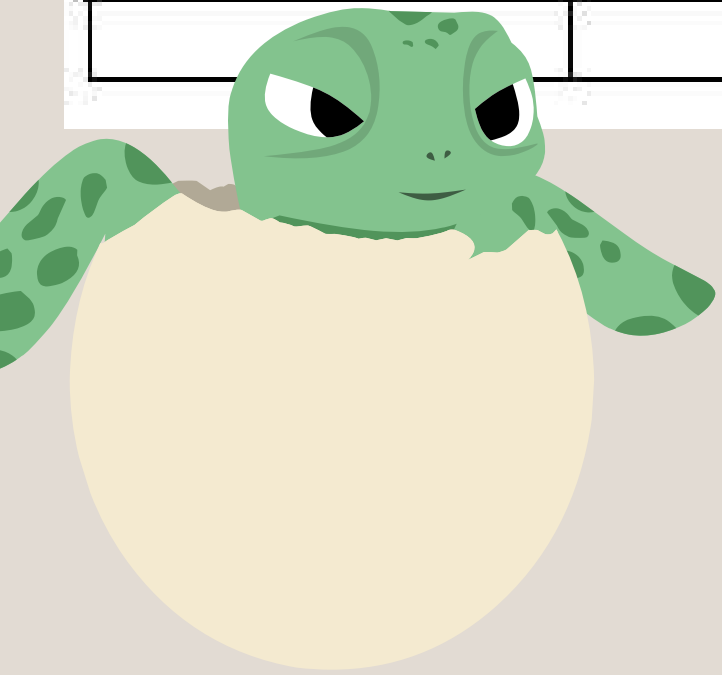
9 TURTLES DEAD OR INFERTILISED



3 DAYS OF NERVES AND EXCITEMENT AUGUST 2023

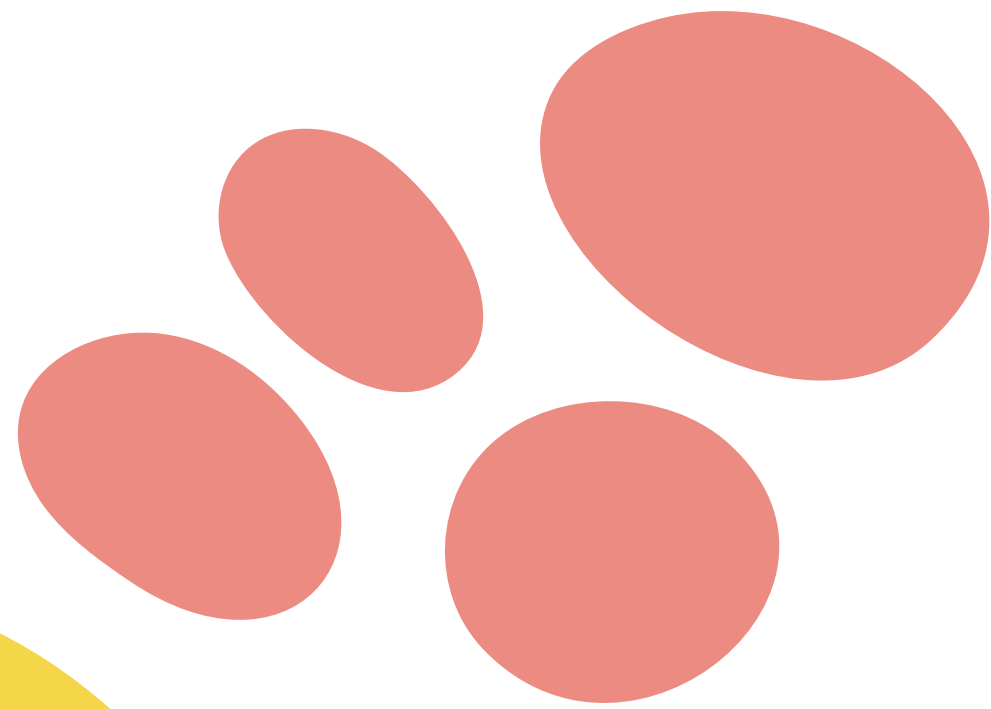
Secuence – Monitoring and live and dead births
IN THE NEST OF SEA TURTLES (*Caretta caretta*) – Playa Mistral (Nueva Andalucía), Marbella

	Secuence		Muertas o no fertilizadas	Alive
8.7.2023	Nesting in the nest: 69			
8.7.2023	To Biopark, Fuengirola for incubation		1	8
29.8.2023	31 sea turtles are born	noche-madrugada	---	31
29.8.2023	2 sea turtles are born	17:00	1	1
30.8.2023	18 sea turtles are born > 1:15 hours	During the night	---	18
30.8.2023	Exhumation at 20 hours	9 dead or infertile	9	--
8.7 - 30.8.2023	53 days of incubation: Volunteers perform monitoring and custody of: 60 eggs			
	Total		11	58 alive



8 SEPTEMBER 2023 - APERITIF END POINT VOLUNTEERING





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