



Pacific Sea Turtle Conservation, Monitoring and Surveying




Pacific BioScapes Programme - Regional Activity

Since 2003, Pacific Islands countries and territories, have endorsed five-yearly iterations of the **Pacific Islands Regional Marine Species Programme and Action Plans** for whales and dolphins, marine turtles, seabirds, dugong and sharks and rays. To implement the current plan, support specifically identified to assist meeting critical needs for marine turtles is being provided through the Pacific BioScapes Programme.




Through BioScapes, turtle extinction risk assessments from the **Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP)** programme will be utilised to develop regional threat reduction activities for five species of marine turtles. National turtle monitoring coordinators will be established to improved national monitoring and awareness raising for turtle conservation. A network of long-term turtle nesting survey sites will be established in selected Pacific Island countries.

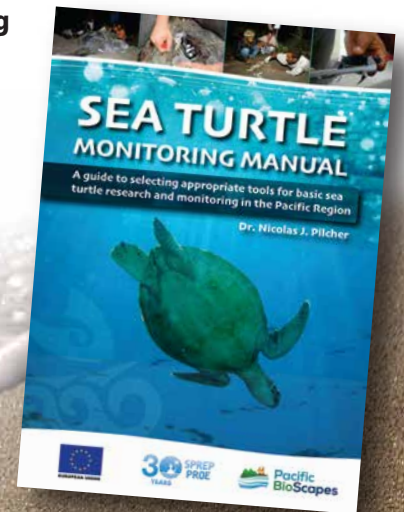
To build overall monitoring capacity, a region-specific **Sea Turtle Monitoring Manual** to support inputs into the Turtle Research and Monitoring Database System (TREDS) has been developed and distributed by the Programme for use across the Pacific region.

CENTRAL ISSUES:

-  Lack of identification of threats facing turtles and other marine species
-  Absence of long-term turtle research, survey and monitoring programmes
-  Limited turtle monitoring, control and surveillance capacity

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

-  Develop regional turtle threat reduction activities
-  Establish and train national marine turtle monitoring coordinators
-  Produce and distribute regional marine turtle monitoring manual



Scan this QR code to download the manual:

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