

TURTLE COMMITMENT

Report 2023–2025

@ Micol Montagna

225 NEW TURTLES REGISTERED



146 Green turtles
77 Hawksbill turtles
2 Loggerhead turtle

146 ADULT MALE TURTLES (total)



82 Green turtles
64 Hawksbill turtles

137

SURVEYS



2465 SIGHTINGS



79 MONITORED INJURED TURTLES

EUDI SHOW 2025



We were glad to take part, sponsored by DiveVerse diving center, in the EUDI Show to promote the importance of eco-sustainable dive tourism

43rd Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation

Oral Presentation "Turtle Watch Egypt: a citizen science initiative for sea turtle conservation in the Egyptian Red Sea" during the In-water biology session

Poster session: "From Harm to Hope: Promoting Awareness to Combat Mutilations of Sea Turtles in the Egyptian Red Sea."

TurtleWatch Egypt successfully presented at the ISTS Video Night

Sponsors

MAIN DONOR:



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In 14 years:
TURTLES REGISTERED

886

SIGHTINGS

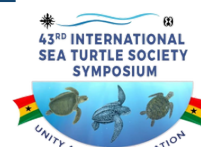
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Workshops

2

Regional Meeting

1



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TURTLEWATCH EGYPT

TURTLEWATCH 2.0
EGYPT



Community Engagement

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805

Youth Engagement
28 workshops
9 clean-ups



FOLLOWERS

4878 FACEBOOK

2001 INSTAGRAM

440 LINKEDIN

4175 YOUTUBE VIEWS

21 TIKTOK

9



Beach Clean-ups



52

Turtle Talks and Webinars

1265 people attending



10 Turtle Trunk Activities



Learning rate

+ 20% for Turtle Talks

+ 26% for Turtle Trunks activities

+ 10% for Speedboat Captains training



Special Projects

Podcast | Protecting Egypt's Turtles: Micol Montagna on Marine Conservation and Citizen Science



Marine Life Online Courses

Collaborations with:

The Turtle Watch Egypt project has garnered global support from enthusiasts across the UK, Australia, Poland, Italy, USA, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Mexico, and beyond.

Local organizations



International organizations

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Special Projects

Radio interview



Collaborations with:

Diving centers and Resorts



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