

Regional Park of Maremma

- The Maremma Park is a territory rich in ecosystems where natural and wild environments are connected with landscapes where there is the human presence since ancient periods, in a dynamic accurate equilibrium to the conservation of its biodiversity.
- The forest vegetation is rather diffferent, from oaks that are the dominant species, to the typical Mediterranean vegetation, with a dense bush rich in different species.
- The territory of the park has about 700
 hectares of wetlands, which show a
 past where ponds, swamps and marshes
 were the dominant landscape of Maremma.
 The marshy areas are located near the
 Ombrone river mouth and the Trappola
 marsh, a wetland of international
 importance, is close to its right bank.
- The Maremma Park coastline extends for 25 km from Principina a Mare to Talamone and it includes the Ombrone river mouth, in the north of Marina di Alberese. It 'a very different type of coastline, characterized by sandy beaches with large dunes as Collelungo and Principina, bays as Cala di Forno and cliffs as the coast in Talamone.

- The Maremma Park manages, in Talamone, an Aquarium and a Sea Turtles Rescue Centre (Tartanet). The Centre is an info point of the Tuscany Biodiversity Observatory too.
- Inside the Sea Turtles Rescue Centre sea turtles which are in difficult, are attended and hosted. Once the turtles are fine they are released in the nature. The veterinary first aid is available 24/24.
- The aquarium reproduces in a very accurate and correct way the typical Mediterranean sea environment, very interesting for the ecology of region. Inside, the different types of sea bed, the species of Fauna and Flora, have been fine represented. There is a shells collection, a photographic exhibit and didactic interactive itineraries. The aquarium is managed by a team of biologists and it's possible during the summer too, to organise didactic laboratories with the Park rangers and guides, on booking.
- As info point of the Tuscany Biodiversity
 Observatory, the Talamone Aquarium is the point to have any informations about the activities done by Tuscany for the safeguard of cetaceans ad sea turtles.





The Centre for Recovery of Sea Turtles of Talamone: a summary of activities





CENTRE FOR RECOVERY OF SEA TURTLES (CRTM) OF TALAMONE

Funded in 2006 (Life Natura 2004 Tartanet)

Aims

- Conservation of sea turtles Caretta caretta
- Recovery and rehabilitation
- Monitoring of breeding sites
- ▼Testing of low-impact fishery systems
- Education of fishers, students and tourists





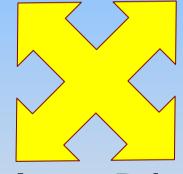


Recovery & hospitalisation



Medical examinations

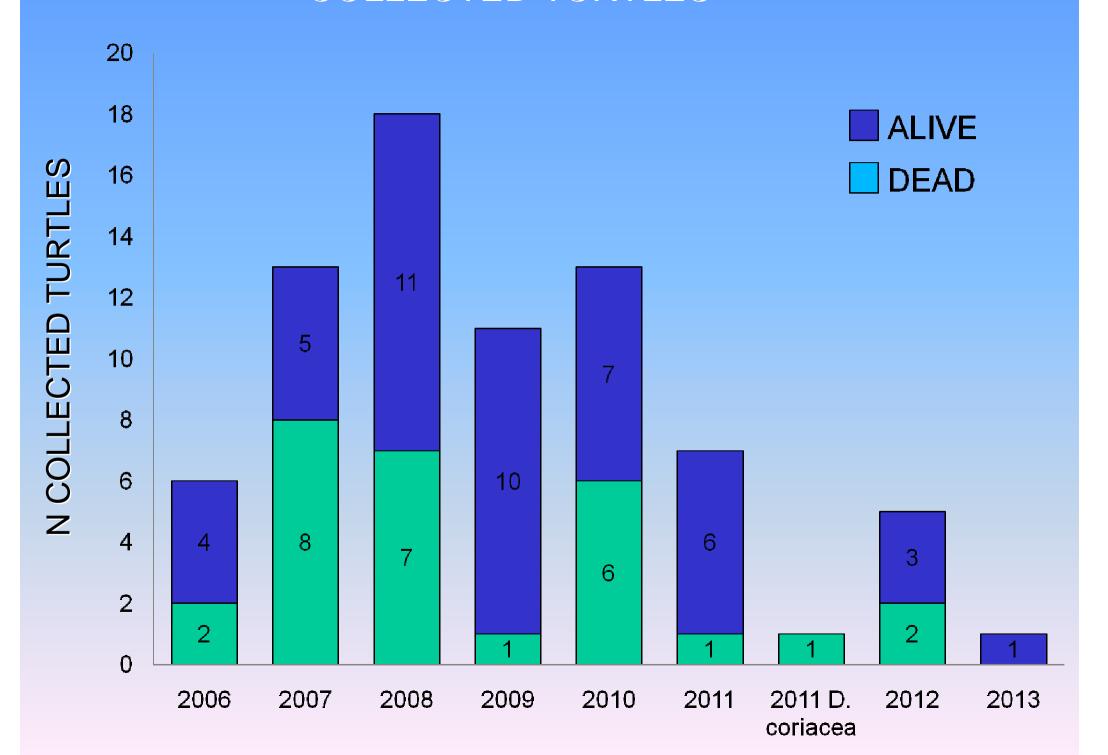




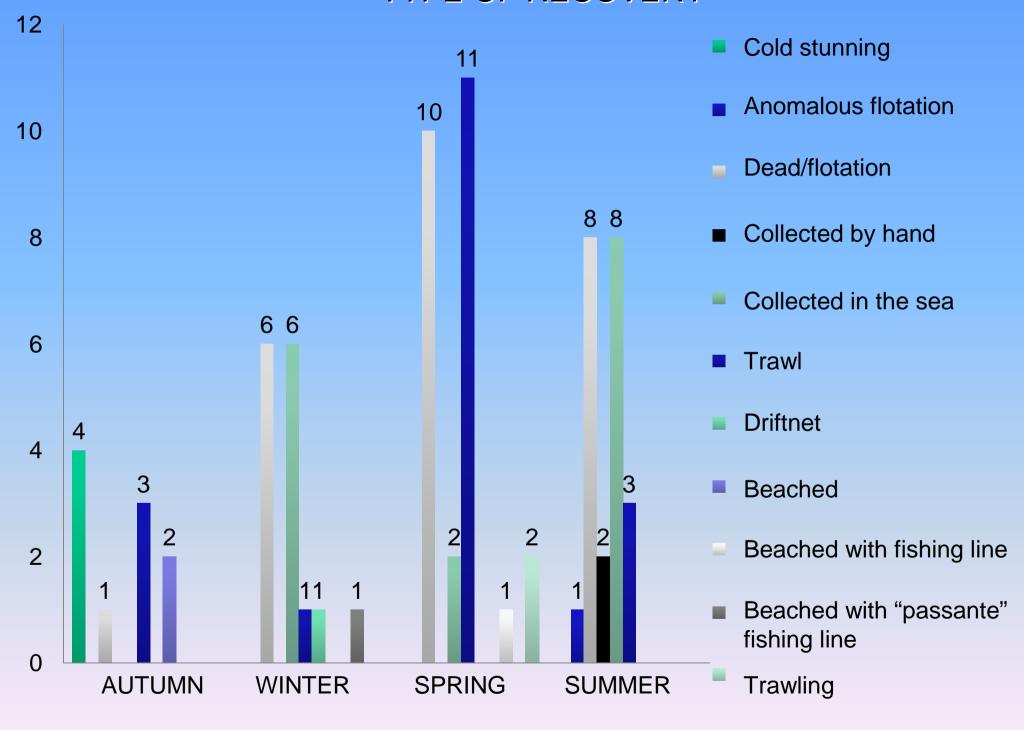
Rehabilitation Release



COLLECTED TURTLES



TYPE OF RECOVERY

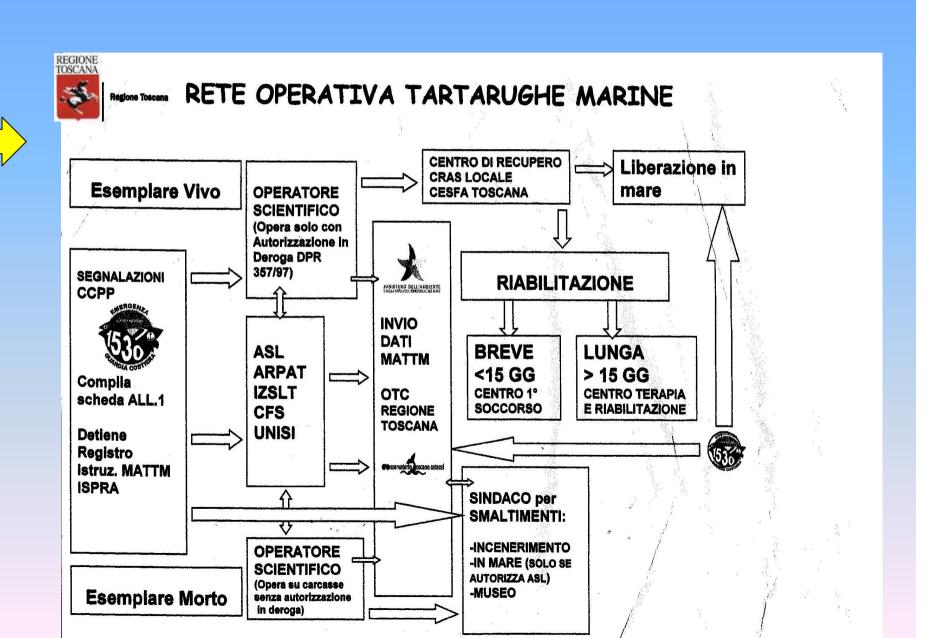


Year Name	ID Code	Date of recovery	Date of release	N days in the centre
2006 Aprile	-	01/04/06		
Buon Auspicio	IT1572	21/05/06	05/07/06	45
Lauretta	IT1574	20/07/06	22/03/07	245
Telamonio	IT1573	25/06/06	26/07/06	31
2007 Argento	IT1003	24/11/07	08/02/08	76
Ester	IT1575	29/01/07	02/06/07	124
Isabella	IT1001	22/04/07	13/08/07	113
Stella	IT1002	24/11/07	08/02/08	76
2008 -	IT1013	18/06/08	12/05/09	328
Fiumicino 1	IT1009	06/02/08	28/05/08	112
Fiumicino 2	IT1008	06/02/08	30/04/08	84
Giorgia	IT1005	18/01/08	12/03/08	54
Jamaica	IT1007	29/02/08	29/04/08	60
Paola	IT1006	25/01/08	12/03/08	47
Roma 2	IT1010	10/02/08	30/05/08	110
2009 Azzurra	IT1014	09/02/09	13/06/09	124
Smeraldo	IT1015	09/02/09	13/06/09	124
2010-	IT1028	26/12/10	10/05/11	135
Ercolina	IT1026	01/07/10	08/08/10	38
Marina	IT1021	23/05/10	11/06/10	19
2011 -	IT1032	04/07/11	09/07/11	5
	IT1034	21/08/11	27/10/11	67
Caracolla	IT1033	09/08/11	27/10/11	79
Palletta	IT1035	09/08/11	10/04/12	245
2012-	IT1037	29/03/12	07/06/12	70
	IT1038	28/01/12	29/06/12	153
2013 For More Years	FB1170-3518A	A 17/06/13	16/07/13	29
			Average	96

LENGTH OF CURVE SHELL (CCL)

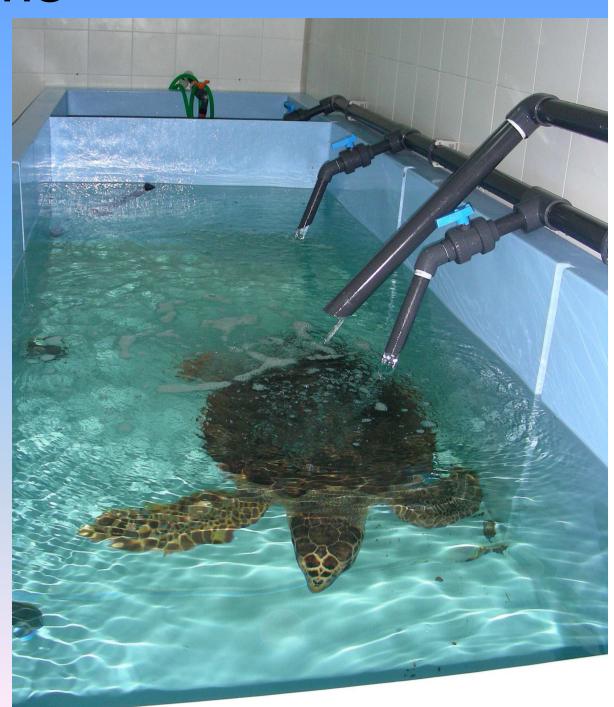
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57.5	IT1005	18/01/08	2008
39	IT1006	25/01/08	2008
40	IT1010	10/02/08	2008
45	IT1007	29/02/08	2008
60	IT1013	18/06/08	2008
39	IT1014	09/02/09	2009
46	IT1015	09/02/09	2009
57	IT1021	23/05/10	2010
37	IT1028	26/12/10	2010
51.5	IT1034	21/08/11	2011
47	IT1032	04/07/11	2011
62.5	IT1033	09/08/11	2011
43	IT1035	09/08/11	2011

We follow an operational protocol, according to Guidelines defined by the Italian Ministry of Environment



Some of our aims

- Direct recovery of sea turtles
- Collection and dissemination of data on accidental captures and beached individuals
- Environmental education



Some facilities recently added

- Improvement of housing conditions of individuals
- Lighting system with solar spectrum lamps above tanks
- Freezer for storage of samples and carcasses

What we wish to add

A fenced recovery area in the sea, to make turtles gain confidence with swimming before the release





What we do

Live individuals

- Registration of stranding and/or incidentally catched individuals
- Place and date of recovery
- Type of recovery
- **Biometrics**
- Evaluation of stress parameters
- Emato-biochemicals exams
- Tracheal and cloacal swabs
- Rx for foreign bodies
- Parasitological exams
- Recovery, rehabilitation, marking and release

Dead individuals

- Necropsy to identify cause of death
- Place and date of discovery
- **Biometrics**
- Biological samples for genetic analyses (muscle)
- *Bacteriological and histological exams of samples in good conditions
- Storage for museums



A case study: individual TAL1/14

"GO GO LUCE"



■DATE OF RECOVERY: 21/08/2014.

TYPE OF RECOVERY: anomalous flotation

- Rx for foreign bodies
- Emato-biochemical exams
- Tracheal and cloacal swabs





Foreign bodies collected from faeces



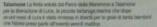




Luce torna a illuminare il mare











La plastica che seeva ingenito unche a "riposaria" sul fon-stale e lo staff del Centro Ra

PUBLIC EVENTS ARE ORGANISED FOR RELEASES TO **INCREASE AWARENESS OF** THE PUBLIC TO THE **CONSERVATION OF SEA** TURTLES - ALSO THROUGH

THE MEDIA!

