



Hedland Community Volunteer Turtle Monitoring Program

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Principal Partner

BHP

2004-2026

\$3.7
million

INVESTMENT
FROM PRIVATE
AND GOVERNMENT
SOURCES

in Flatback turtle conservation
and works.

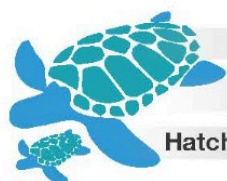
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AWARDS

Including 2025 WA Coastal Excellence
Champion, 2024 Winner WA Greyhound
Coastcare Award and 2024 Containers For
Change Social Impact Award.



TOTAL NUMBER OF TURTLE ACTIVITIES RECORDED



Nests 17,426

False Crawls 13,995

Hatchling Emergence Points 9,456

544

FLIPPER & PIT TAGGED

Flatback turtles have been flipper & PIT
tagged since 2012.

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DNA SAMPLES

Have been collected as part of
population & familial relationship studies
since 2015. DNA sampling has linked
the Port Hedland turtles genetically to
the North West Shelf population.

259

EXCAVATED NESTS

259 nests have been
excavated to determine nest
success.



64,900

EGGS SAVED FROM PREDATION

since the implementation of soft foothold Fox trapping
at Pretty Pool. Since 2008, an estimated 64,900 eggs
have been saved.

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SATELLITE TRACKED TURTLES

Six mature females have been Satellite
tagged and tracked. There was an
approximate 50/50 split between turtles
going south to around Barrow Island and
north to the WA/NT border area.



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FLIPPER TAGGED TURTLES NESTS
PER SEASON

From the flipper and PIT tagging each season
it is being observed and recorded that approx
6 -15 individuals have been nesting in other
nearby locations including Cowrie Beach
(Munda), Varanus Island and Barrow Island.



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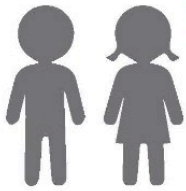
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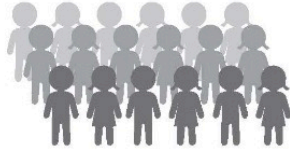
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

School students and youth have received turtle education presentations and workshops.

5,573



FREE GUIDED VIEWING EXPERIENCE

424 free tours have enabled around 42,232 local and visiting members of the public to have a free guided turtle viewing experience.



42,232

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CRUISE SHIP VISITOR TOURS

Cruise Ship company's have engaged Care for Hedland to conduct turtle tours and education presentations to interested passengers.

3,900

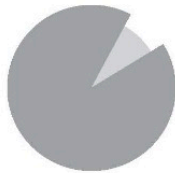
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



Care for Hedland's Turtle Program attracts supporters worldwide including Australia, the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Europe, India and Taiwan.

JOB CREATION AND VOLUNTEERS

2,687



VOLUNTEERS

2,687 volunteers including 293 (~ 11%) "out-of-town" volunteers. Out-of-town volunteers have come from every Australian State & Territory, as well as internationally from the United States, England, France, Iceland, Taiwan, New Zealand, Germany, Brazil, Scotland, Switzerland and French Guiana.

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DIRECT EMPLOYMENT

74 people have been provided direct paid employment.



32,167

32,167 volunteers hours have been expended on local beaches as part of the Program.



2,985

DAYS

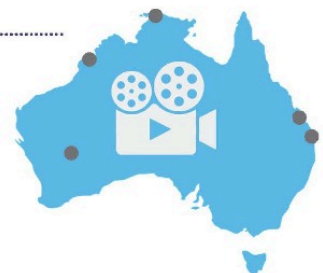
Collective days turtle activities has been monitored at Spoilbank, Cemetery Beach, and Pretty Pool Beach, Port Hedland.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

DOCUMENTARY AND FILMS

Award winning Saving the Turtles Of Port Hedland documentary released May 2014. Featured in the ABC TV Australian Story "Life In A Northern Town" February 2015. The Turtle Program was featured as part of the Our Town Port Hedland feature in 2022

Presentations delivered in Port Hedland, Perth, Darwin, Ballina, Brisbane, Bundaberg, Thailand, Fremantle and Townsville.



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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Twelve research projects/papers have been completed.