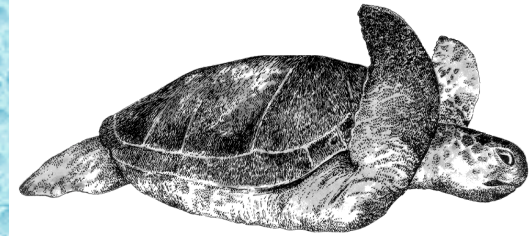


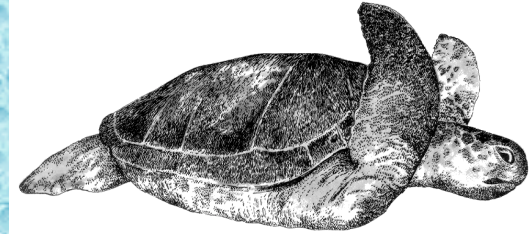
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## Background

- FM P : sustainable use ; self sufficiency , food security through appropriate management
- Integrated and collaborative management
- Policy : manage turtle resources sustainably to permit its long-term availability and benefits for Saint Lucians
- 4 species : hawksbill, green , leatherback , and reports of loggerhead

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### Management Plan for Turtles -

#### Objectives:

- restoration of populations
- sustainable use of the resource
- equitable sharing of benefits



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- Used for eat, eggs, shells
- Eggs, nesting females, undersized protected by law since 1976
- 1996: moratorium on capture initiated; replaces March-Sept close season
- external issues include habitat decline, illegal harvest of eggs, nesting females and foraging adults, enforcement limitations

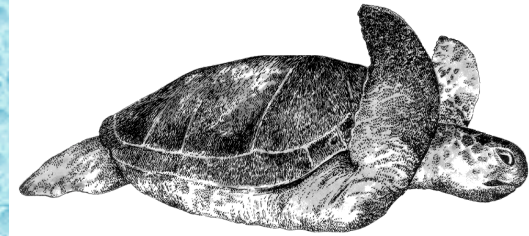


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### Key Initiatives:

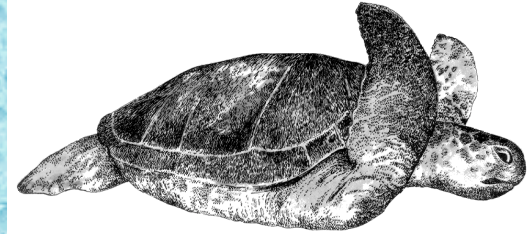
- enforcement training and collaborative ventures (police, coast guard, Marine Management Areas and fisheries)
- CITES sensitization workshop
- nature-heritage project (US\$13,000) for community-based turtle watch programme for tourists and locals

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- Marine Management Areas (MMAs) as collaborative means for sustainable resource use and conflict resolution
- Limited entry/gear authorisation systems being put in place for coastal fisheries
- Sensitization of hotels re: measures to minimise disturbance factors
- Participation in regional fora and training

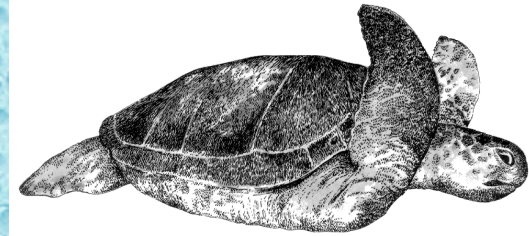
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### Hawksbill

- mainly nests along the west and south east coasts
- shell was traded and more recently sold to tourists
- hotel / urban development on west coast impacts on nesting : government establishing stricter development laws and a coastal zone unit to better control nearshore development

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- Fishers/coastal boaters reporting increased occurrence over past years
- Traditional turtle fishers frustrated by moratorium and open season which neighbouring fishers enjoy
- Curbing illegal egg removal/killing of nesting females critical for resource recovery efforts
- national turtle project developed and funding being sought