



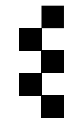
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Volunteering opportunities



**THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING
ABROAD INCLUDE:
IMMERSION IN A NEW CULTURE.
A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE
THAT YOU CAN ADD TO
YOUR CV.
A CHANCE TO TRAVEL WHILST
ALSO GIVING BACK.
NEW SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES AND A
CHANCE TO MEET OTHERS FROM ALL OVER
THE WORLD.
THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING
DIFFERENT OUTSIDE OF YOUR DEGREE.**



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES...



**Sea turtle
conservation
project in
Kefalonia,
Greece**

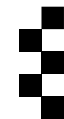
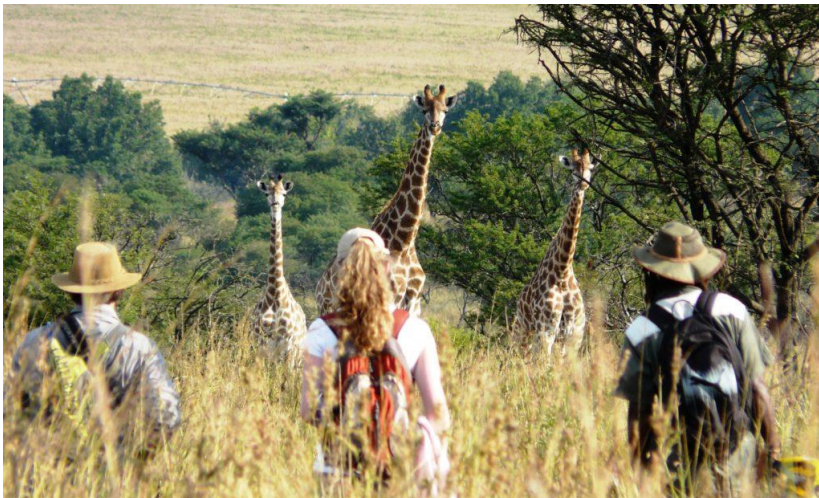


CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES...



UMPHAF A
Private Nature Reserve

**Internship in
South Africa on
a private
nature reserve**



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CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES...



**Psychology and
mental health
projects in
India, Bali and
Europe**

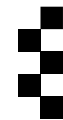


**Community
development in
Africa and Asia**



HOPES FROM THE HUB

- **TO SHARE INFORMATION MORE EASILY WITH STUDENTS**
- **TO INCREASE OUR NUMBERS OF STUDENTS VOLUNTEERING ABROAD**
- **TO MAKE THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP AND MANAGING A NEW PARTNERSHIP MORE STREAMLINED**

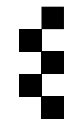
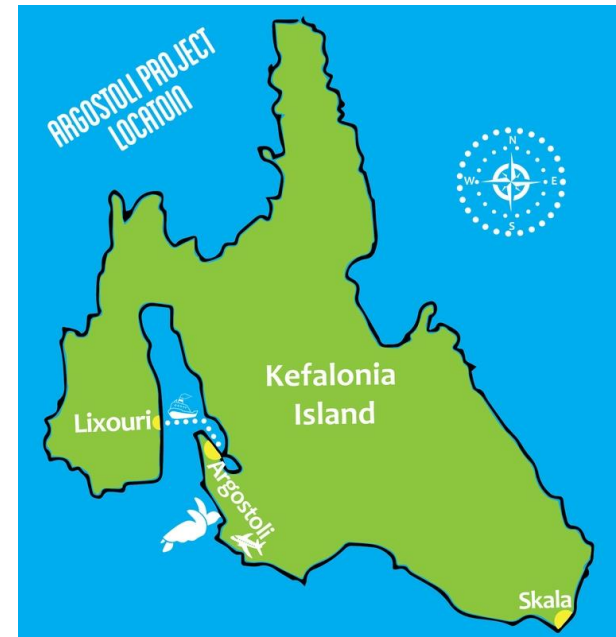


WILDLIFE SENSE

Where is it based?

KEFALONIA, GREECE

Lixouri or Argostoli



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RESEARCH & CONSERVATION

Daily beach monitoring to find fresh nesting activity.



Tracks found



Carefully dig



Find eggs



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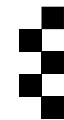
RESEARCH & CONSERVATION CONT



Take important measurements to ensure the nest is safe



Protect the nest and leave note for public not to disturb

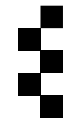


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RELOCATION

If a nest that is in a vulnerable position we will relocate the nest to a safer place.

- 1. Too close to the water**
- 2. High footfall – eggs can be crushed**



RELOCATION CONT



In this specific nest was a whopping 112 eggs!

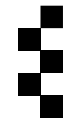


Each egg has to be carefully extracted one by one and held in a certain position, the same rule applies when relocating to the new nest.

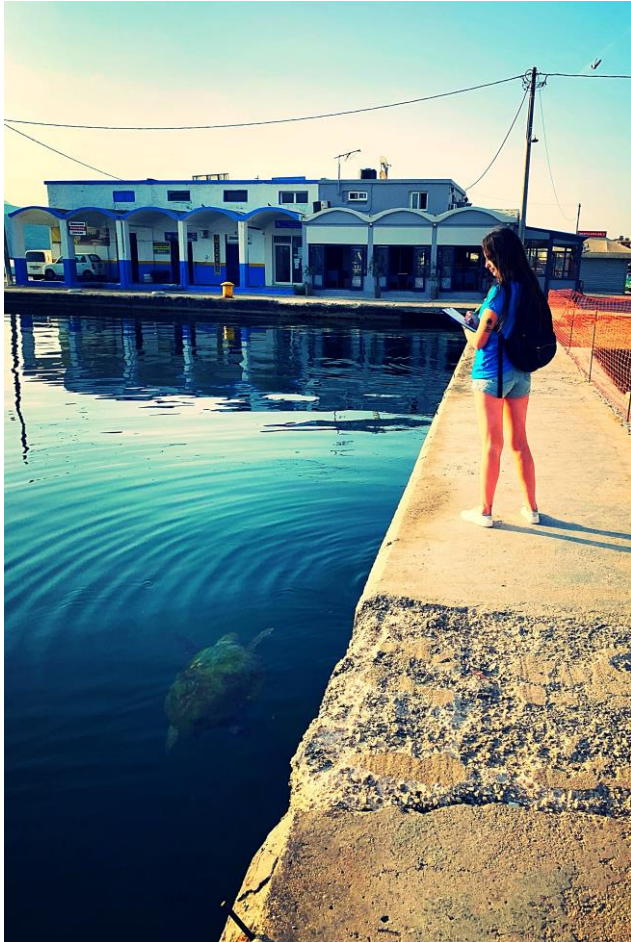
MORNING SURVEY

Very important task, allows us to monitor & observe

- 1. Number of sea turtles in the harbour at that specific time**
- 2. Interactions (biting, fighting, mating, etc.)**
- 3. Spot any injured turtles and call for help**
- 4. Fisherman activity (illegal)**



MORNING SURVEY CONT



THREATS TO SEATURTLES

Fisherman feeding them fish! NOT healthy (obesity)

Using them for tourism (picking them out of the water, dangerously at Argostoli Harbour)

Attempting to kill them if caught in nets (evidence at tagging event)



THREATS TO SEA TURTLES CONT

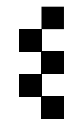
Boat strike accidents are on the rise.



Quinn, a young female had a propeller strike to her carapace.

This disabled her ability to swim for a few weeks.

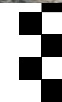
Wildlife sense fed her, gave her medicine and released her.



QUINNS RELEASE

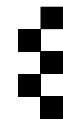
When Quinn was ready, Wildlife sense organised a release.

The general public were invited to educate them, it was a great turn out and very emotional (we got attached).

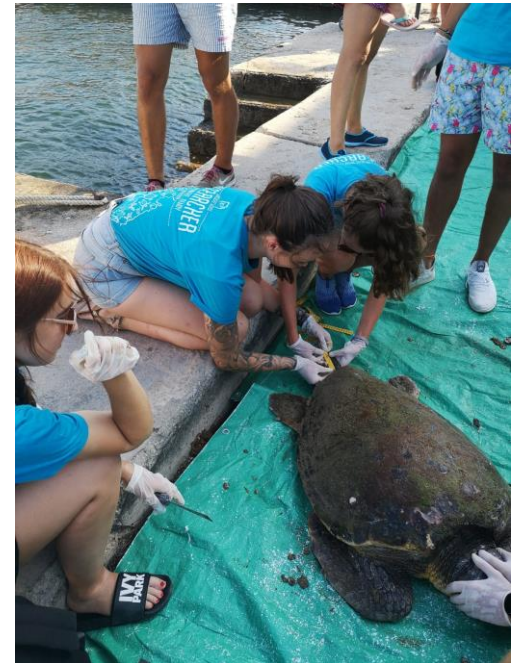


TAGGING EVENT

- 1. Allows us to health check the turtles**
- 2. Help with any injuries (boat strike, fishing nets, human attack)**
- 3. Apply or reapply ID numbers so we can monitor location**
- 4. Teach the public about what we do and why**



TAGGING EVENT CONT



Summary

The work that wildlife sense and their volunteers put in is vital to protecting the sea turtles of Kefalonia.

“Conservation, education and research has never been more fun”

BIG THANKS TO ESSEX ABROAD

I saw this opportunity thanks to the Essex Abroad weekly newsletter.

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