



Argostoli Field Station

Sample Volunteer Schedules



Harbour Patrols



Beach Profile and Clean



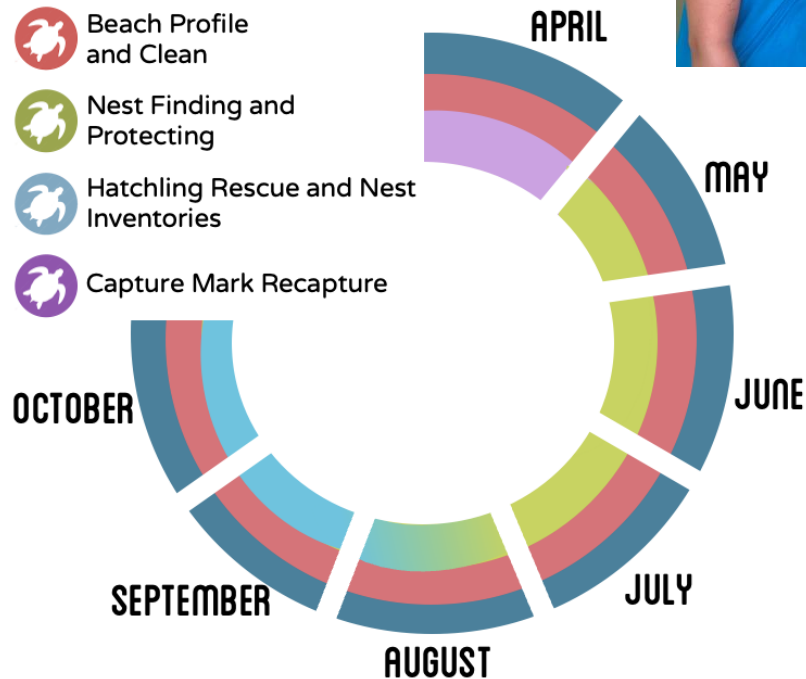
Nest Finding and Protecting



Hatchling Rescue and Nest Inventories



Capture Mark Recapture



These sample rotas illustrate the possible schedules and activity rotations you may experience during your two-week volunteer programme. Please note that the rotas vary depending on the Field Station location and seasonal differences, as shown in the chart below.

Your days off may differ from those shown in the sample rotas. Typically, you will have one day off during your first week and two days off per week thereafter, unless you plan to travel early on your departure date.

If you would like to take part in a shift on one of your days off, please let us know as early as possible so we can try to accommodate your request within the rota.



Argostoli Nesting Season



Late May to Early August
(dependent on nesting and hatching activity)

Harbour

You will observe turtles and record information regarding their foraging and social behaviours. You will also take photos that will be used in our photo-ID catalogue to aid in the identification of individual turtles and in the understanding of the size and dynamics of the local population. If a turtle under risk is spotted, usually due to fishing hooks and lines or plastics, you will help our team capture the turtle and treat it or transport it for further examination and treatment.

Beach Clean

Record and collect litter, identifying the material type, submitting the data to the NOAA database

Public Awareness

Our public awareness shift engages tourists in learning about sea turtles, from their life cycle and nesting habits to the importance of our local population. We highlight the key threats they face, including pollution, habitat disturbance, and human activity. Visitors are encouraged to take simple, responsible actions such as keeping beaches clean and respecting nesting areas to help reduce these impacts.

Optional Activities

We like to have evenings together, whether it's a souvlaki night, organise a pizza takeaway or run a volleyball tournament. It's a great time for you to socialize outside of sea turtle activities and get to know the rest of the team.

Beach Profile

Beach morphology is an important factor for sea turtle nesting. We regularly organise teams that go to all the nesting beaches and record the beach width and slope. This information is used to understand seasonal alterations of the coastal environment in Kefalonia.

Evening Harbour

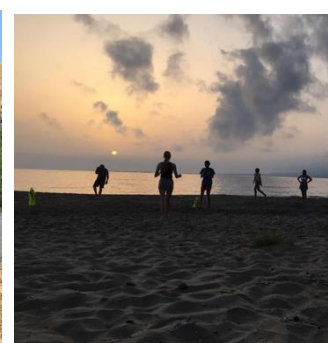
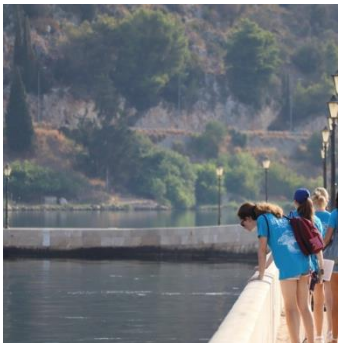
Patrol the harbour to see what turtles can be spotted during the evenings and where exactly they like to spend their time. We know the regions they frequent in the mornings but now it's time to explore the evening.

Morning Survey

We survey the beaches of Kefalonia to find and protect sea turtle nests. You will cycle to the beaches in the early morning, walk along the beach looking for fresh turtle tracks, then locate, mark, measure, and protect all nests that were laid during the previous night.

Training

To make sure everyone is prepared to conduct research. A certain amount of training is provided. This will bring everyone to the same starting point in their sea turtle conservation adventure.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MORNING (~05:00-12:00)		10:45-13:16:00 TRAINING: - Ice breaker - Harbour Talk - Morning Survey	05:40-10:30 Morning Survey	DAY OFF	7:30-09:00 Harbour	10:30-12:00 Harbour	05:40-10:30 Morning Survey
AFTERNOON (~12:01-16:00)					14:00-15:00 Data Entry		
EVENING (~16:01-20:00)	18:30-19:30 TRAINING: - Orientation (if you do not arrive in time for this, don't worry, you'll be caught up later in the day or Monday)	16:30-18:00 TRAINING: - Bike safety - Beach profile and clean - GPS Talk/Game - Beach Demos	18:30-19:30 TRAINING: - Sea turtle biology and conservation in the Mediterranean		18:00-19:00 Beach Clean	18:00-19:30 Evening Harbour	18:30– 20:00 Beach Profile
NIGHT (~20:01-05:00)	~Optional~ Pizza	~Optional~ Beach Rounders	~Optional~ Quiz Night		~Optional~ Movie Night	~Optional~ Beach Yoga	~Optional~ Souvlaki Night

WEEK 1

Argostoli Nesting

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
MORNING (~05:00-12:00)	07:30-09:00 Harbour	05:40-10:30 Morning Survey	DAY OFF	10:00-11:30 Harbour	05:40-10:30 Morning Survey	DAY OFF	05:40-10:30 Morning Survey	DEPART
AFTERNOON (~12:01-16:00)		~Optional Presentation~ Drone technology and photo ID use in conservation		~Optional Presentation~ WS Statistics Presentation	~Optional Presentation~ The role of <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> in the Mediterranean		~Optional Presentation~ Kefalonian Bird & Seal Presentation	
EVENING (~16:01-20:00)	18:30-20:00 Beach Clean			18:00-19:00 Public Awareness	18:00-19:30 Evening Harbour		16:30-18:00 Beach Clean	
NIGHT (~20:01-05:00)	~Optional~ Music Quiz	~Optional~ Volleyball Tournament		~Optional~ Henna Night	~Optional~ Scavenger Hunt		~Optional~ Turtle Bingo	

WEEK 2

Argostoli Nesting