



Lixouri Field Station

Sample Volunteer Schedules



Harbour Patrols



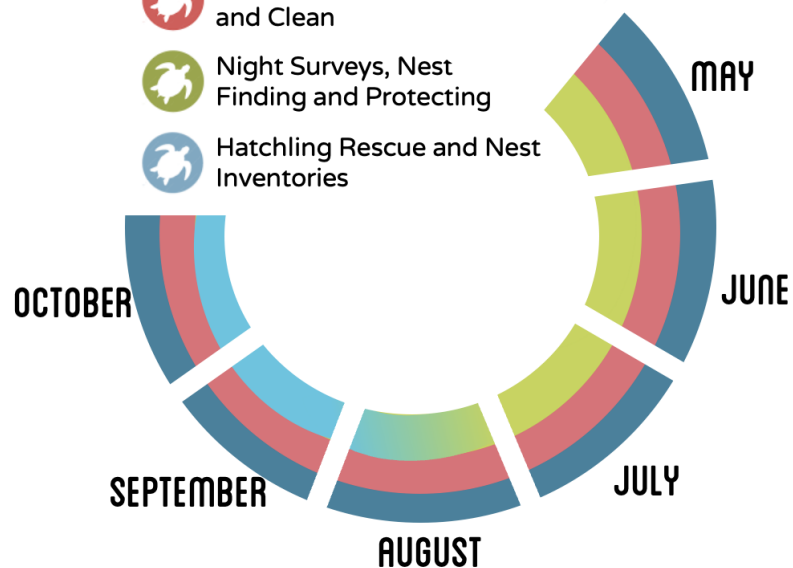
Beach Profile
and Clean



Night Surveys, Nest
Finding and Protecting



Hatchling Rescue and Nest
Inventories



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.



Lixouri Hatching Season



August through October
(dependent on nesting and hatching activity)

Harbour

You will observe turtles and record information regarding their location. 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

Nest Inventories

We conduct nest inventories to assess the fate of every egg and the hatching success of each nest.

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.

Hatchling Rescue

The team will place a box around the nests and check them every hour throughout the night to see if any hatchlings have emerged. If hatchlings are present during a check, they are carried to a dark part of the beach where the team will let them crawl to the sea and swim away on their own.

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.

Light Pollution

Overnight survey conducted during moonless hours, collecting data on artificial light pollution that is present on sea turtle nesting beaches at night. Understanding the level of light pollution can help us use mitigating measures to reduce artificial light at night.

Morning Survey

You will check the beach for hatchling tracks and record their origin and orientation. Occasionally, in the early mornings, you will come across newly emerged hatchlings crawling to the sea, which you will observe until they make it safely to the sea. After a nest has hatched completely, you will conduct nest inventories to assess its hatching success and other parameters.

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.



	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
MORNING (~06:00-12:00)		10:30-12:00 TRAINING: - Ice Breaker - Nesting Talk	07:30-09:30 Harbour	20:00-07:30 Hatchling Rescue	20:00-07:30 Hatchling Rescue	DAY OFF	06:00—10:30 Morning Survey
AFTERNOON (~12:01-16:00)		12:30-16:00 TRAINING: - Night Survey Talk - GPS Training - Bike Safety talk - Sand sifting talk	12:00-13:00 TRAINING: - Sea turtle biology and conservation in the Mediterranean	14:00-15:00 Data Entry			
EVENING (~16:01-20:00)	16:30-17:15 TRAINING: - Orientation (if you do not arrive in time for this, don't worry, you'll be caught up later in the day or Wednesday)	16:30-18:00 TRAINING: - Beach Profile Talk - Beach Demos			16:30-18:00 Beach Clean		
NIGHT (~20:01-05:00)	~Optional~ Beach Rounders	~Optional~ Quiz	20:00-07:30 Hatchling Rescue	20:30-07:30 Hatchling Rescue			~Optional~ Movie Night

WEEK 1

Lixouri Hatchling

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
MORNING (~06:00-12:00)	06:00-10:30 Morning Survey	DAY OFF	06:00-10:30 Morning Survey	06:00-10:30 Morning Survey	07:30-09:30 Harbour	DAY OFF	06:00-10:30 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		18:30-20:00 Beach Profile	14:00-15:00 Data Entry	18:30-20:00 Beach Profile		16:30-18:00 Beach Clean	
NIGHT (~20:01-05:00)	~Optional~ Souvlaki Night		~Optional~ Photo Scavenger Hunt	~Optional~ Ice Cream Night	~Optional~ Henna Night		~Optional~ Meal Out	

WEEK 2

Lixouri Hatchling