



Lixouri Field Station

Sample Volunteer Schedules



Harbour Patrols



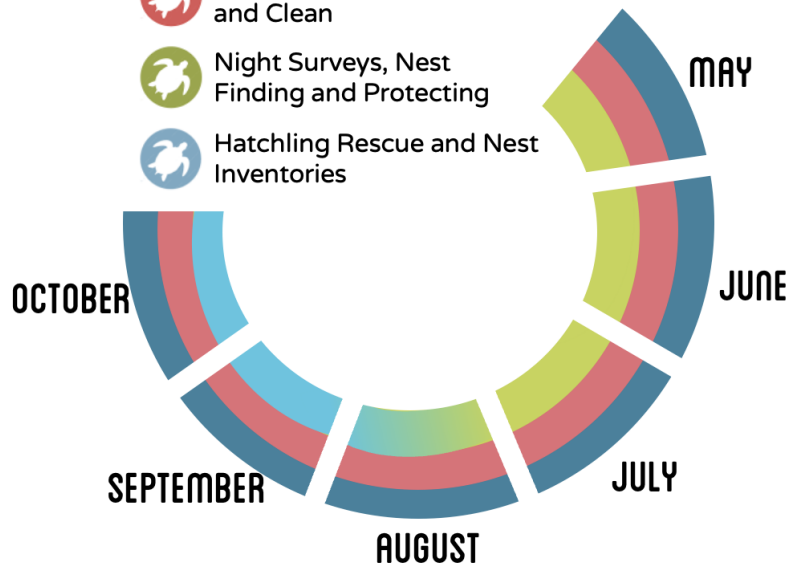
Beach Profile and Clean



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 Nesting Season



May to Early August

(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

Night Survey

The primary goal of this shift is to encounter nesting females which, once they have nested, will be measured and tagged. Furthermore, the nests will be marked so that the morning survey team, the following morning, can easily and rapidly protect the eggs.

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.



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.



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
MORNING (~05:01-12:00)		10:30-12:00 TRAINING: - Ice Breaker - Nesting Talk	05:40-10:30 Morning Survey	07:30-09:00 Harbour	DAY OFF	05:00-10:30 Morning Survey	20:30-05:00 Night 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				
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 Monday)	16:30-18:00 TRAINING: - Beach Profile Talk - Beach Demos		18:30-20:00 Beach Clean			14:00-15:00 Data Entry
NIGHT (~20:01-05:00)	~Optional~ Souvlaki Night	~Optional~ Beach Rounders	~Optional~ Turtle Bingo	~Optional~ Sunset Swim			20:30-05:00 Night Survey

WEEK 1

Lixouri Nesting

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
MORNING (~05:01-12:00)	20:30-05:00 Night Survey	DAY OFF	05:00-10:30 Morning Survey	05:00-10:30 Morning Survey	07:30-09:00 Harbour Survey	DAY OFF	05:00-10:30 Morning Survey	DAY OFF
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 Harbour		18:30-20:00 Beach Profile	18:30-20:00 Beach Clean	17:30-19:00 Harbour			
NIGHT (~20:01-05:00)	~Optional~ Quiz Night		~Optional~ Games Night	~Optional~ Pizza Night	~Optional~ Henna Night		~Optional~ Scavenger Hunt	

WEEK 2

Lixouri Nesting