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1975

<u>Eggs found</u>	<u>Eggs Hatched</u>	<u>Turtles Released</u>
Jan. 489	-	-
Feb. -	236	442
March -	176	42
April 1280 ^{old nests?}	117	190
May 1498 "	645	507
June ^{ETC. ARRANGED} 504	865	684
July ^{over and not paid} -	254	102
August -	-	-
Sept. ^{FREIGHT} -	-	-
Oct. 312	-	149
Nov. 577	39	189
Dec. 499	128	5
5159	2460	2380

There are indications that the population of Hawksbill turtles is now increasing in Western Samoa. The turtles are marked before the release by taking off one of the nibs in the shell and several turtles thus marked has been found for sale in the Apia Market or caught in the fish traps at Aleipata.

6. STAFF

Luatua Toatasi Vesi, continued as an Acting Controlling Officer in 1975. Four new positions were created, two for leading fishermen and two for Assistant Mechanic. The leading fishermen positions were filled but only one of the Assistant Mechanic positions, Ueta Faasili Fisheries came back in October from a one year course in England and Fili Sunfoa went in May for a one year course in Coastal Fisheries in Japan.

Mr Bahas-

Sept. 13 1976

We left the turtle hatchery
in July ¹⁹⁷⁶ & William Matagi
took over. He worked with
Wayne Witzel & Alan Banner.
For the year of 75 eggs collected
amounted to:

<u>Nuulua</u>	<u>Namua</u>	<u>Mautele</u>
3321	1647	221

total 5189 47.4%

2460 of those hatched & 2350 were
released. We did not have a water
pump then, everything was done
by buckets - time not good enough
water turnover & more infections

from Jan 1 76 til June 25, 76

<u>Nuulua</u>	<u>Namua</u>	<u>Mautele</u>	4309
2916	1011	382	total 4309

hatched: 1713 (some of the eggs
found had not hatched before we left)

released - 2198 - the extra was from
previous year that had been kept
over.

for more information you can
write to William - % Fisheries

Talofa!



8/11/8
Hansen
711 H
C/O
9/1/8

Dept. Apia Western Samoa -
address it to Viliamu Matagi
Manager Turtle hatch

It might get there - mail is not
dependable. If you have any printed
material that you have not sent us -
I'd appreciate reading it. I'm doing
some extra credit projects at school
some involve turtles. Viliamu
would love to hear from you & I'm
sure will help you any way he can.
You mentioned a trip to Pago sometime.
Definitely try to get to Western Samoa -
It's the best island & Viliamu will
take care of you! Sincerely Janie
Hansen

From
Alepata - hawksbill turtle hatchery
WESTERN SAMOA

obtained
3/10/77

1 CLUTCH NUMBER _____

2 NUMBER OF EGGS _____

3 DATE EGGS BURIED _____

4 DATE EGGS HATCHED _____

5 NUMBER OF LIVE HATCHLINGS _____

6 NUMBER OF DEAD HATCHLINGS _____

NUMBER OF UNHATCHED EGGS _____

NUMBER OF MALFORMED EGGS _____

AVERAGE CARAPACE LENGTH OF HATCHLINGS(mm) _____

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF HATCHLINGS(grams) _____

7 DATE RELEASED _____

8 NUMBER RELEASED _____

AVERAGE CARAPACE LENGTH OF RELEASED TURTLES _____

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF RELEASED TURTLES _____

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REMARKS:

IN HARD BOOK

1975 total eggs - 5159 ¹⁵⁰²/₃₄

eggs hatched 2460

release 2350

1973

collected ~~2173~~ 4656 ¹⁰⁷/₃₁

released 3257

87 not released

1974

collected 7992

hatched ¹⁷5447

release 3491

1956

collected 6231 ¹⁰⁷/₄₂

4951

stable

1972 - released 3,200

Jamie

1976 -

collected

3709

hatched 2378