



2007 Honu Nesting Season Waiehu, Maui

Thanks to a phone call to Maui's Turtle Stranding Program about a nesting turtle, this "new to us" nesting beach was discovered!

Four nests were laid by presumably the same female green turtle (~14 days apart) from June to July. After nearly 2 months of incubation, each nest hatched successfully from August to September. During nest watch campouts, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund volunteers were lucky enough to see many of these tiny hatchlings, and ensured that they crawled to the ocean safely.

After each major emergence of hatchlings, the nests were carefully excavated to rescue any trapped hatchlings still left in the nest. A total of 61 live hatchlings were unburied from these 4 nests. Each nest contained an average of 97 eggs (ranging from 92 to 101). Overall, the nests yielded 365 live hatchlings out of 386 eggs, a 95% success!



Mahalo nui loa to the Waiehu community and all of the volunteers that made this such a fun and productive season!

Hope to see you all next year!

