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Hi George!

Thanks for sharing our exciting sea turtle news from Cayman.

I've attached the PDF version of the article as some may not be able to access it without a Cayman Compass account.

It's true that we have now recorded over 1000 nests (green, loggerhead and hawksbill combined) for the first time since monitoring began in 1998 (back when there were only 16 nests). (<https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cyx9gztt2M0/?igshid=MTc4MmM1Yml2Ng==>). We are still waiting for a number of nests to hatch and actually still recording the odd hawksbill nest here and there.

Our current 2023 nest numbers include 348 loggerhead nests, 647 green turtle nests and 7 hawksbill nests.

The green nest increase has been aided by the captive release programme from the Cayman Turtle Centre and the more steady loggerhead increase can be attributed to *in-situ* conservation efforts by the Dept. of Environment and stricter legislations which put an end to legal take of all sea turtle species in 2007.

You can read more about it here: https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fmars.2021.663856/full?fbclid=IwAR0XnV6j7MvRpNzeC7UKDi9A_hUm5Col9jU31PZQWQS3Bhh7cy8T7ukmP8k