

Community-Based Sea Turtle Conservation Project 2023



FMB International Volunteer Program

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Participants Guide



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INTRODUCTION

This guide has been created by FMB to inform international and national volunteers, interns, students and researchers interested in collaborating with FMB in the conservation of the endangered loggerhead sea turtle. It provides information on our community-based sea turtle conservation project, including the functioning of the program and the conservation work, participation costs and life in the local communities. For any other information or further questions, please contact us by email: volunteer@fmb-maio.org or Andreia.adriao@fmb-maio.org.

FMB'S COMMUNITY-BASED SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROJECT

Maio Biodiversity Foundation

Maio Biodiversity Foundation (FMB) was established in 2010 when the need for conservation efforts became evident in Maio, Cape Verde. The goal of the foundation is to protect the unique fauna and flora of the island, and at the same time create opportunities and long-term benefits for the people of Maio.

Sea turtles in Cabo Verde and in Maio

Cabo Verde is home to one of the largest populations of loggerhead turtles in the world (possibly the first). The island of Maio is considered a globally important refuge for the conservation of this species, as its pristine beaches successfully incubate a large number of nests every year, around 10000 females coming ashore to nest every year.

The loggerheads in Maio are threatened mainly by poaching of females on nesting beaches, captures at sea and egg collection by humans for consumption. Additionally, loss of nests by natural (tides, storms and crab predation) and anthropogenic (sand extraction for construction, vehicles on nesting beaches) factors and marine debris on the nesting beaches and in the sea, can negatively affect the survival of this species. In contrast with the other important islands for sea turtle nesting, Maio has not yet been affected by touristic development and its beautiful coast remains practically untouched.



Figure 1 Carapace of a loggerhead female.

Consumption of turtle meat and eggs is part of Cape Verdean history and it is still perceived as a tradition by a portion of the population. Since 1987, a national decree forbids the capture of turtles during the nesting season, and their complete legal protection was established in 2002 and extended in 2015. However, enforcement is barely existent, and the Cape Verdean government relies on NGOs to ensure the protection of sea turtles in the archipelago. FMB is authorized by the government to monitor and protect all turtle nesting beaches in Maio.

Community-based conservation

Currently Maio is an international model for its innovative community-based conservation strategy, engaging local communities in the cause of turtle protection and conservation. FMB runs this project during the nesting season of the loggerheads, which runs from June to October every year. This year will be the eleventh year that FMB runs the project, covering 100% of Maio's beaches and placing teams in all the main villages in the island.

The project aims to protect the sea turtles with active participation of the local community. The strategy is to establish conservation teams in all 12 main villages around the island and involve each community by, amongst other activities: generating turtle-friendly jobs (turtle guards, guides for turtle tours, host families for volunteers); volunteer opportunities for local youth; educational programs specifically developed for the different community groups; awareness campaigns around the island; establishing partnerships with local associations and groups.



Figure 2 Grassroots Conservation Award – 35th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, Turkey

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Join our protection teams in one of the 12 coastal villages of Maio!

Season officially starts 29th June and runs until 30th September

For our strategy to succeed, the participation of international volunteers is extremely important. In addition to the extra hands for the direct protection of nesting turtles on the beaches, the presence of volunteers from outside the community brings more respect for turtle protection and especially for the job of the local guards. International volunteers usually stimulate the curiosity and increase the interest of local youth in volunteering in the project. Additionally, it generates jobs for the local host families. By hosting volunteers, families receive income for providing food and accommodation – an alternative to the consumption and trade of turtle meat and eggs. The community as a whole gets the chance to experience new cultures and ideas and most importantly, to see turtle conservation from a different perspective.



Figure 3 - Portuguese volunteers in 2017



Figure 4 – Brazilian volunteers in 2018



Figure 5 – French volunteers in 2019



Figure 6 - Awareness and painting activity with students from Queen Mary university of London - 2019



Figure 7 – Spanish team leader in 2019



Figure 8 – Treasure hunt activity organised by a Portuguese Volunteer in 2021



Figure 9 – Portuguese volunteers - 2021



Figure 10 Monitoring of endemic reptiles, Portuguese volunteers, in 2022



Figure 11 – Painting activity with children from Pilão cães, organised by Portuguese volunteers, in 2022

The project

Project coordination

FMB Office is located in Vila do Maio, the island’s capital, also known as Porto Inglês City. The project coordination supervises and gives support to the teams on every aspect of the work. However, it is expected that all participants will be able to work independently and under low supervision. Group meetings and community activities will be promoted to exchange experiences and integrate the team members, while regular visits of the project coordinator and/or volunteers’ coordinator to the villages and their participation on the night patrols will keep both sides in close communication.



Figure 12 – Turtle Protection Tea, in 2017 and 2022



Figure 13 - 2020 Maio Community Associations.

Communication

FMB is mainly composed of Cabo Verdeans, the majority from Maio, but also Portuguese, Brazilians, English and Spanish team members. Communication in the villages and with some colleagues will be limited if a participant doesn't have at least basic knowledge of Creole, Portuguese or Spanish – or if he/she is not keen to learn fast. Team leaders – usually Cabo Verdean young biologists/conservationists – often have a basic level of English or French, but families and guards usually don't. Training in English will be provided upon arrival at the project as well as regular visits of an English-speaking volunteer coordinator (which is available 24/7 by phone during the season). Participants are encouraged to learn the local language and to promote language exchange through organized classes or informal meetings – which will have our full support!

Couples and groups

Groups are welcome to join the project and we especially encourage younger participants (18-19) who do not speak Portuguese/Creole/Spanish to come together with a friend. Couples are also welcome.

Financial contribution: cost and payment

Confirmation

Your placement will only be confirmed after you have sent us the confirmation of your flights, you have agreed on the volunteering fees, you provide your health/travel insurance details and a copy of your passport and have read and acknowledged the participation agreements and guidelines.

Financial contribution

Volunteer's financial contribution towards the project are critical for the success of the project. As a non-profit NGO, FMB relies on donations and external funds to operate. Volunteer fees will contribute to cover your stay (food, accommodation, and related expenses); the expenses of the volunteer program; administrative costs plus a contribution that is 100% allocated to conservation activities. The longer the volunteer period, the smaller the contribution proportionally. Depending on the length of your stay and your position, the breakdown of your contribution is as follows:

- 50% covers the payment to the hosting family (including government tax).
- 15% covers the running costs of the volunteer program.
- 35% is used for conservation and community activities in Maio.

Volunteering fees

To join our sea turtle conservation project as a **Turtle Monitoring and Patrol Volunteer** the fees below are applied:

PARTICIPATION PERIOD*	1 person (EUR)
2 WEEKS	330
3 WEEKS	360
4 WEEKS	420
8 WEEKS	720
Additional days**	13
Additional week	50

** The minimum is 2 weeks, and the maximum participation period (for the whole season) is approximately 4 months (July to October). If you plan to stay in Maio for more than 20 weeks, please let us know to help you find adequate arrangements.*

*** Example: a person staying 16 days would pay: (2 weeks) + (13 EUR * 2 days) = 330 + 26 = 356 EUR*

**If a person wants to volunteer for less than 15 days, the amount to be paid will be the same as for 2 weeks (330 EUR)*

Payment

- a. Volunteers staying for 4 weeks or less must pay all their fees before starting the volunteer position;
- b. Volunteers staying more than 4 weeks must pay at least the first four weeks before starting the volunteer position;
- c. We recommend that volunteers should ideally make a bank transfer of at least 50% of their payments before coming to Maio (we recommend a transfer of the full amount; account details provided on request), if this is not possible it is important to speak to us as soon as possible;
- d. Volunteer fees can also be paid at the FMB office in Vila do Maio on arrival, once this is an option agreed with the coordination.
 - You can bring the whole amount needed for the entire stay in cash, preferably in euros (participation fee + pocket money for personal expenses and leisure time).
 - Cash machines (ATMs) are available, but with certain credit cards they do not work, and the maximum withdrawal is approximately 185 EUR/day. Important to check with your bank if your card will work here, and the costs when withdrawing. We recommend having a Revolut or Monzo card, they do not charge a fee for withdrawals up to EUR 200
 - FMB bank account information:

Bank name: Banco comercial do Atlântico Name: Fundação Maio Biodiversidade
NIB: 0003 0000 80115793101 76
IBAN: CV64 0003 0000 80115793101 76
SWIFT/BIC: BCATCVCV

Confirmation

Your placement will only be confirmed after you have **transferred 50% of the total amount for the volunteer fees or made arrangements to pay this in Maio**, sent us the confirmation of your flights, provided your health/travel insurance details and a copy of your passport, and you have read and acknowledged the participation agreements and guidelines.

Cancellation and reimbursement

We hope that planning your stay goes smoothly, that you will love your time in Maio, and enjoy helping us to make a difference to sea turtle conservation on the island. However, should things not work out, our cancellation policy is as follows:

- If you cancel 15 days or more before the beginning of your stay, FMB will reimburse the whole amount minus an administration fee of 5% (this covers bank fees required for us to make transactions in EUR).
- If you cancel between 15 days and your proposed starting date, FMB will refund your fee minus the Homestay fee for the first 15 days of your stay (which is paid to the Homestay 15 days in advance) and an administration fee of 5%.
- During your volunteering, if you decide to end your participation for any reason (up to 15 days before the end of your stay) FMB will reimburse your fee minus: any Homestay fees already paid, a program running fee of 30%, and an administration fee of 5%.
- Your fee will not be reimbursed if you cancel within 15 days of the end of your stay.
- FMB reserves the right to cancel your stay if there is a threat to your or others health and safety. FMB may also require volunteers to leave the projects: if they exhibit inappropriate behaviours or attitudes that convey a negative image of FMB and / or share sensitive information on social media platforms or other types of publications. The use of drugs is prohibited and will result in immediate expulsion. Volunteers are not allowed to participate in activities under the influence of alcohol.

Days off

Remember, you will have to cover your expenses on days off if you decide to spend it out of the family house, including transport, food and accommodation in Vila do Maio or elsewhere. You can take public transport from the village to town. FMB will assist you with transport in case of emergencies.

Family payments

Volunteer fees are used to cover the payment to the host family. Host families receive the payment for hosting volunteers directly from FMB and are paid in advance at the beginning and middle of each month. Volunteers should never pay directly to the families, nor donate extra money. Should you have any issue with the host family regarding payment, contact FMB to clarify the situation with you and the family.

In case you want to express your gratitude towards your host family by donating something, we advise you to invite them for a dinner out, to buy some special treats or a present for a goodbye celebration. We strongly advise not to give money directly to the family. This can easily create misunderstandings with the families regarding their relationship with the project as a host family and their attitude and relationship with current and future volunteers. Bringing a present from your country of origin is also a nice gesture towards your host family.

Benefits

The payment of the fees will ensure your participation in the project activities and your stay with the host family, and includes:

- a. Assistance to organize, if needed, your stay in Praia and the trip to Maio*;
- b. Transportation to and from the airport/port in Maio;
- c. Introduction to FMB and to the community-based sea turtle conservation project;
- d. Guided tour around the island;
- e. Fieldwork training on sea turtle monitoring, tagging and sampling;
- f. Participation in educational community events during your stay;
- g. 24 hours phone assistance;
- h. FMB T-shirt;

i. Participation certificate.

* Assistance will be provided to all volunteers. However, purchase in advance of boat (and eventually plane) tickets and booking of accommodation will be only done if at least 50% of fees are paid in advance through a bank transfer.

Available dates

The arrival of volunteers is reserved for weekends, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with Tuesday as an extra. These are the available dates for volunteer arrival and departure, which should be taken into account when booking tickets. The table will be:

IMPORTANT: The table facilitating dates and transport, is not yet updated, because at the moment the Cabo Verde Government is yet to sign the new concession contract with the company responsible for maritime transport.

As soon as they publish the new timetables and days of connection with Maio Island we will update and resend the volunteer guide.

Shift	Maio arrival date	Work start date	End of work	Departure Date	Comments
1	02/07	03/07	15/07	16/07	Boat / plane
2	16/07	18/07	29/07	30/07	Plane
3	20/07	21/07	02/08	03/08	Boat (Tuesday)
4	30/07	31/07	12/08	13/08	Plane/ Boat (Friday)
5	03/08	04/08	16/08	17/08	Boat (Tuesday)
6	13/08	14/08	26/08	27/08	Plane/ Boat (Friday)
7	17/08	18/08	30/08	31/08	Boat (Tuesday)
8	27/08	28/08	09/09	10/09	Plane/ Boat (Friday)
9	31/08	01/09	13/09	14/09	Boat (Tuesday)
	10/09	11/09	23/09	24/09	Plane/ Boat (Friday)
	14/09	15/09	27/09	28/09	Boat (Tuesday)
	24/09	25/09	07/10	08/10	Plane/ Boat (Friday)
	28/09	29/09	11/10	12/10	Boat (Tuesday)
	08/10	09/10	21/10	22/10	Plane/ Boat (Friday)
	12/10	13/10	25/10	26/10	Boat (Tuesday)
	22/10	23/10	04/11	05/11	Plane/ Boat (Friday)

It is important to know and keep in mind that the boat connections are made every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday and that the boat returns the same day to the Praia city. The flight connections are every Tuesday and Friday. Attention, always confirm because there may be last minute changes.

LIFE AS A TURTLE PROTECTION VOLUNTEER

Timeline	June	July	August	September	October
Turtle season	29 June - 30 October				
Night patrols	29 June - 10 October				
Daily census					10-30 October
Baby turtles			Approx. 15 August - 30 October		

Duties

Every night, the team goes to the nesting beaches to ensure the protection and monitoring of nesting sea turtles. During the night patrols, the teams also protect and monitor nests and eggs and collect important data. Volunteers will join the teams in the village and help in all aspects of the conservation work. Duties may vary according to the different villages and will generally include - but are not limited to:

- a. Patrol the nesting beaches every night from 8 pm to 6 am (minimum);
- b. Monitoring of nests, studies of hatchlings and their release;
- c. Camouflage freshly laid nests to prevent egg predation;
- d. Collect daily data of all nesting events in all covered beaches: number of tracks, nests, attempts, poached nests, predated nests, killed turtles and hatched nests (counting and georeferencing) and other events. Identification of nesting turtles with metal tags and/or a microchip and collection of biological data such as: measurements, pre-existing identification tags/microchips, general state, presence of wounds and parasites, deformations, DNA sampling, etc. FMB is developing a strong scientific program and team members will be trained for collecting specific data if necessary;
- e. Identification of nesting turtles with metal tags and/or microchips and collection of biological data such as: measurements, pre-existing identification tags/microchips, general condition, presence of wounds and parasites, deformations, DNA sampling, etc. FMB is developing a strong scientific programme and team members will be trained to collect specific data if required;
- f. Data entry, assist in team management, maintenance and organisation of patrol materials / equipment;
- g. Conduct turtle walks for the community members and visitors;
- h. Promote educational activities especially developed for children, youth and fishermen (games, competitions, workshops);
- i. Organise beach clean-ups, theatre or cinema nights in the communities;
- j. To participate in all awareness raising, environmental education and other activities developed by the other programmes of the FMB;
- k. Recruit local volunteers to help patrol the beaches, give talks and presentations at schools and community centres about subjects related to biodiversity conservation, and share experiences of being part of the conservation program and the work performed every night on the beaches with the sea turtles;
- l. Design, implement and participate in community awareness activities, clean-up campaigns and environmental education carried out by the FMB.



Figure 14 - Some of the protection teams' duties: educational and awareness activities, morning census and nesting beach clean-up, and nest adoption.

Protection teams cover the distance between village and beaches by foot. They spend the night at the beaches and come back to the villages only early in the morning. Turtle protection work is mainly a night-time position, as the loggerhead turtles normally nest at night (exceptions are not rare though!). Team members spend the entire night at the beach and should be comfortable in taking a nap (on the sand, in sleeping bags) during the patrol breaks and in turns, in order to handle the long patrol hours, every night, for several weeks.

The minimum number of team members to deliver the protection work properly is 4, but we work to have the ideal number of 5-15 team members, depending on the village. Team size fluctuates throughout the season, according to the amount of work and availability of volunteers. Please note, the teams are divided in a way that there is always two people patrolling together, no-one ever patrols alone.

Encounters with poachers

There may be occasions where project participants will encounter people on the beach during the hot summer nights: fishermen looking for crabs, couples in search of romance under the stars, friends chilling out or tourists searching for the famous turtles. Encounters with poachers occur but are very unusual. FMB's teams are authorized by the government to patrol the beaches and to ensure the safety of any sea turtle found there. Detailed protocols will be provided upon your arrival.

Life in the communities

Allocation to communities and family

Your allocation in the local communities will be according to the project needs, and whenever is possible, FMB will also consider the preferences of the volunteers and/or their specific needs. But don't worry, we are always open to discuss alternatives if any change in the program is necessary – from our side or yours. Please keep in mind that FMB, together with several partners, is running community development programs targeting households receiving volunteers.

Therefore, your stay not only benefits them financially, it also works towards several objectives in terms of building capacity with host families and assessing the conditions of houses and families.

There are 12 villages around Maio and therefore, 12 protection teams distributed between them. The villages can be quite different from each other, and a description of each one can be found in the document: "Teams and Communities". Volunteers will live and work in the villages together with the protection team. You should bear in mind that to be a volunteer in Maio, you will need to be very flexible in your housing and living expectations in local communities, as there are no guarantees of regular transportation or internet in the local communities. Housing varies, depending on what each community has to offer and the conditions of the house and host family.



Figure 15 - Landscapes of Maio – Dunes and mountain

Volunteers will have the unique opportunity of closely experiencing the Cabo Verdean lifestyle and culture, while spending the nights walking along stunning beaches under the stars in company of a great team of nature lovers. It is a great chance to learn about sea turtles and see for yourself all the details of the nesting phases under the moon light (or red head torch!). Despite the intense night work, there will be enough free time to rest during the day. You can also walk around and visit villages and beaches, read a book (don't forget to bring them along!), climb mountains, go for a swim in the turquoise sea, listen to music and play football with your neighbours – or just chill at the beach or under the fresh shade of a tree.

Life with families



Volunteers will be hosted by a local family, together with other team members. All participants of the homestay system will be briefed on the agreements FMB has with the hosting families upon their arrival. They are expected to participate in the maintenance and cleaning of the room. Volunteers are also responsible for washing their clothes (hand wash, as washing machines are not common in the villages).

The host family will provide a room (sometimes shared with 1 or 2 volunteers) with a bed, pillow and bed sheets, but you must bring your own towels and we strongly advise you to also bring a mosquito net. Pay attention to the rules of the house regarding receiving visits in the living room (guests are not allowed in the volunteer's room), locking doors, water and electricity use (always with moderation, both are expensive), TV time, etc. Potable water is available in all the houses

but if you have a sensitive stomach, we recommend you buy bottled water throughout the whole period or at least during the first week to allow your body to adjust to it. Organic waste is valuable and always reused, for animal feeding or for soil enrichment. All the trash that is not reused is incinerated, as recycling is non-existent in Cabo Verde. Please keep waste production at the minimum possible level.

We recommend care and discretion when using electronic devices or other equipment that are not commonly seen in Maio, as they may bring attention from curious children. Cabo Verdeans are very generous regarding sharing and lending personal belongings. Make sure your rules are clear enough to avoid problems. Cabo Verdeans get up early in the morning and are loud people. Music is always very loud. If you sleep lightly, bring some earplugs just in case – although families make an effort to respect your sleeping time during the day as you will be working at night, neighbours and kids may not.

What to bring to Maio – materials and equipment

(Items in **red** are mandatory)

Clothing and work equipment

- Summer clothing and swimming suit (white ones are fresh and comfortable to wear under the hot sun, but they will turn brown the first time you use them...)
- Jumper for windy nights at the beach and long-sleeved tops and trousers (mosquito protection). During nocturnal patrols you should wear **dark clothing**
- Sandals as well as **sturdy shoes**, which will be needed to walk on rocky areas between village and beach and during patrols (old shoes/trainers/walking boots are the best, that you don't mind getting muddy/dirty/ruined during work)
- **Rain jacket/windbreaker** (especially useful during the rainy season, August-September)
- **Headlamp and flashlight** (preferably with red filter) + **batteries** (we highly recommend rechargeable batteries)
- Day backpack
- Water bottle
- Writing material (pen, pencil, notebooks)
- Waterproof watch
- Alarm clock (travel clock/mobile phone)
- Camping mat (you will be sleeping a couple of hours every night at the beach during the patrol breaks, but on soft sand, so usually a sleeping bag is enough, unless you have back problems)
- **Sleeping bag** or blanket (bed sheet)
- Pillow
- Mosquito net
- Small light tent, if you have space and want to have your own for patrol breaks. Depending on the project site, small tents (2P) will be provided to be used and shared by the team according to patrol shifts.

Sanitary articles and medicines

- **Sun lotion** (consider a high factor especially if you have fair skin)
- Mosquito repellent
- Bio-degradable shampoo and soap if possible, but otherwise usual brands may be purchased in Maio
- Tampons and pads are difficult to find and of low quality, consider bringing these
- **Towel**
- **Personal medication** (including diarrhoea tablets, allergy pills, eye drops, contact lenses liquid if needed. Note that Maio is very windy and extremely dusty, volunteers with asthma, allergies and wearing contact lenses WILL have problems, and should bring their own medication/prevention)
- Dietary supplements if needed. Please note that the food will be very basic and prepared with locally available ingredients only

Free time

- Sunglasses
- Books/magazines/music-players
- Snorkeling equipment/swimming goggles
- Beach games
- Binoculars
- Camera
- Deck of cards
- Tablet/Laptop

LEARN MORE ABOUT SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Throughout its 13 years of existence, FMB has made a great contribution to science and to a better understanding of the ecology and behaviour of the loggerhead turtle, in Cabo Verde and worldwide.

Get to know the articles published in 2022:

- Patino-Martinez J. Et al. 2022 Globally important refuge for the loggerhead sea turtle: Maio Island, Cabo Verde Oryx 56(1):1-9;
- Patino-Martinez J. Et al. 2022 Strategic nest site selection in one of the world's largest loggerhead turtle nesting colonies, Maio Island, Cabo Verde Oryx 57(2):1-8;
- Casal-Ribeiro M. Et al. 2022 Exploring a Comprehensive Behavioural Model to Investigate Illegal Sea Turtle Trade in Cabo Verde. Conservation and Society 20(4);
- Ratão S. Et al 2022 Records of the West African torpedo in Cabo Verde Archipelago, eastern Atlantic Oryx 56 2172-173;
- Patino-Martinez et al. 2022 Light Sandy Beaches Favour Hatching Success and Best Hatchling Phenotype of Loggerhead Turtles Front. Ecol. Evol. 10:823118;
- Martins R. Et al. 2022 Ghost crab predation of loggerhead turtle eggs across thermal habitats JEMBE 551(1):151735;
- Martins S. Et al. 2022 Potential impacts of sea level rise and beach flooding on reproduction of sea turtles. Climate Change Ecology 3 100053;
- Veiga J. Et al. 2022. Nest site competition between birds of prey on Maio Island, Cabo Verde. Zoologia Caboverdiana, 10
- Patricio R. Et al. 2022 Conservation of sea turtles in West Africa. Capitalization of research efforts Lessons learned and future directions. International Booklet;
- Taxonera A. Et al. 2022 Cabo Verde: Sea Turtles "In Abundance" SWOT XVII 6-9;
- Mota I. Master Thesis 2022. Loggerhead (Caretta caretta) in the Northwest coast of Africa. Universidade de Aveiro;

Scientific studies are still in progress:

- 1- Spatial ecology of breeding females, using GPS, between nesting intervals and overlapping with fishing boats;
- 2 - Evaluation of the use of drones as a tool for monitoring nesting activities on the beach;

3 - Estimates of primary sex ratio in a global warming context

TESTIMONIES

Testimonies of two Portuguese volunteers, Mariana and Inês, who participated in our conservation project in 2015. Mariana helped us with the hatchery and Inês came to Maio as office volunteer <http://paraonde.org/blog>

Read the experience of Noemie and Romy in Maio, two students from the University of Bath <http://blogs.bath.ac.uk/milner-centre-for-evolution/2017/02/13/cape-verde-placement/>

Testimonies Portuguese volunteers, Rita Torrão, who participated in our conservation project in 2019. Rita helped us with the day censuses, night patrols and turtle monitoring <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXHrokyxyg>

Testimonies Portuguese volunteers, Rafaela Martins, who participated in our conservation project in 2019. Rafaela helped us with the day censuses, night patrols and turtle monitoring: <https://www.facebook.com/maioconservation/photos/a.264114076963385/2892702507437849/?type=3&theater>

Video about FMB's sea turtle conservation project 2013, filmed by Boris Dieval, a young French film-maker <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lo9S42npW3U>

A video by Boris Dieval, his personal memory of his time on the island in the summer of 2013: <http://vimeo.com/71692726>

A video about Maio Island: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1VeixEaz0&t=5s

Blog of Wanjiku Mungai, where she writes about her two months in Maio as FMB intern. She is originally from Kenya and studies English literature with minor in Environmental Science and Public Policy at Harvard University: <http://fmbintern.wordpress.com>

FURTHER INFORMATION

FMB is also on Facebook: [Maio Biodiversity Foundation](#). We invite you to join our page ('Like' it) to receive updates and access photos and videos of the project; for testimonies from former volunteers and interns; and for other adventures on Maio Island.

If after reading this guide you still have questions, please contact: volunteer@fmb-maio.org

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Thank you for helping us in the conservation of sea turtles in Maio! Looking forward to meeting you!

