

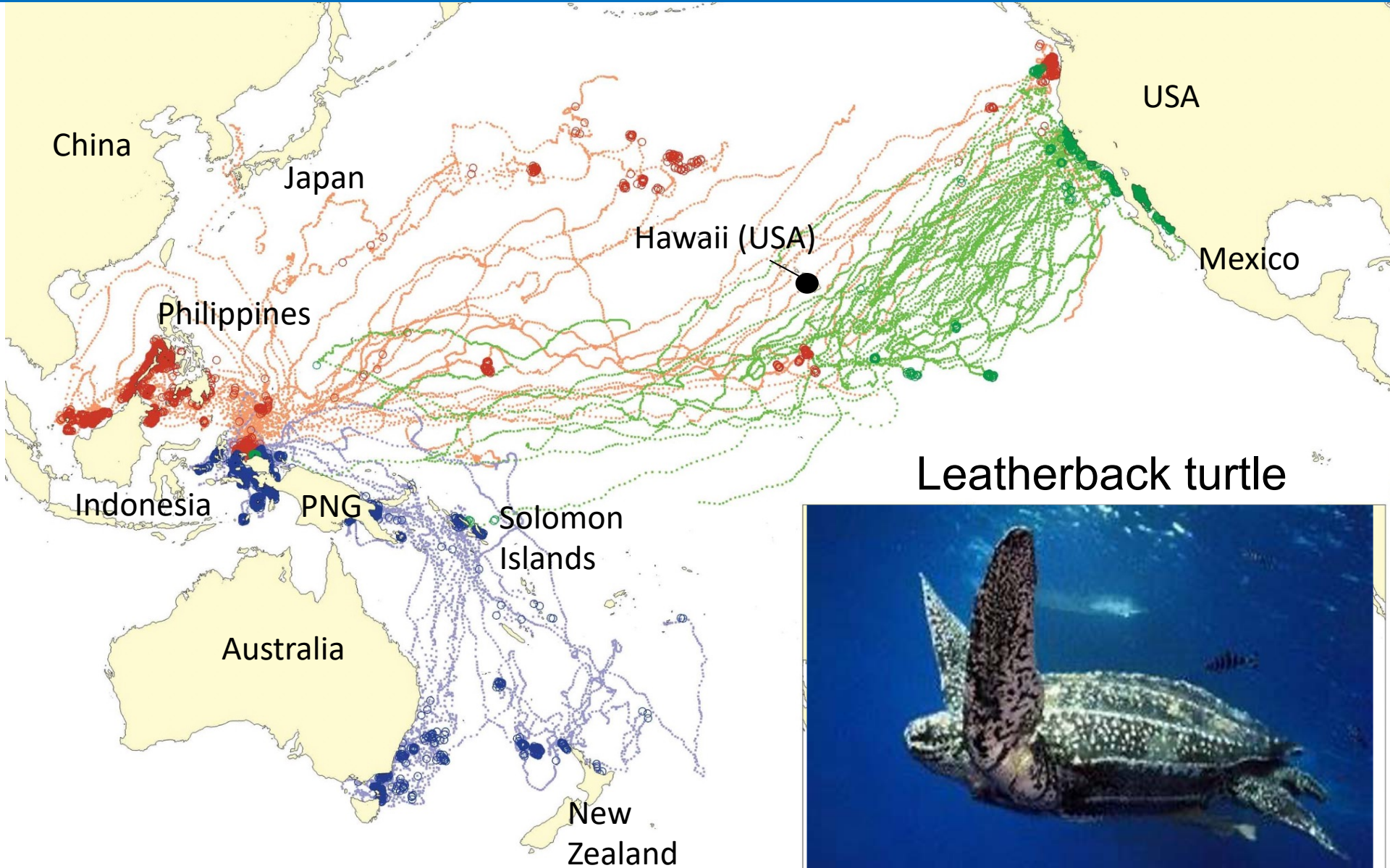
Marine turtles: the poster child for international collaboration in science



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Marine turtle: trans-national life histories



Leatherback turtle



Working with people = relationships



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- **Effective communication**
- **Respect and understanding**
- **Share – knowledge, expertise, funding**
- **Empower others**



Successful International collaborations

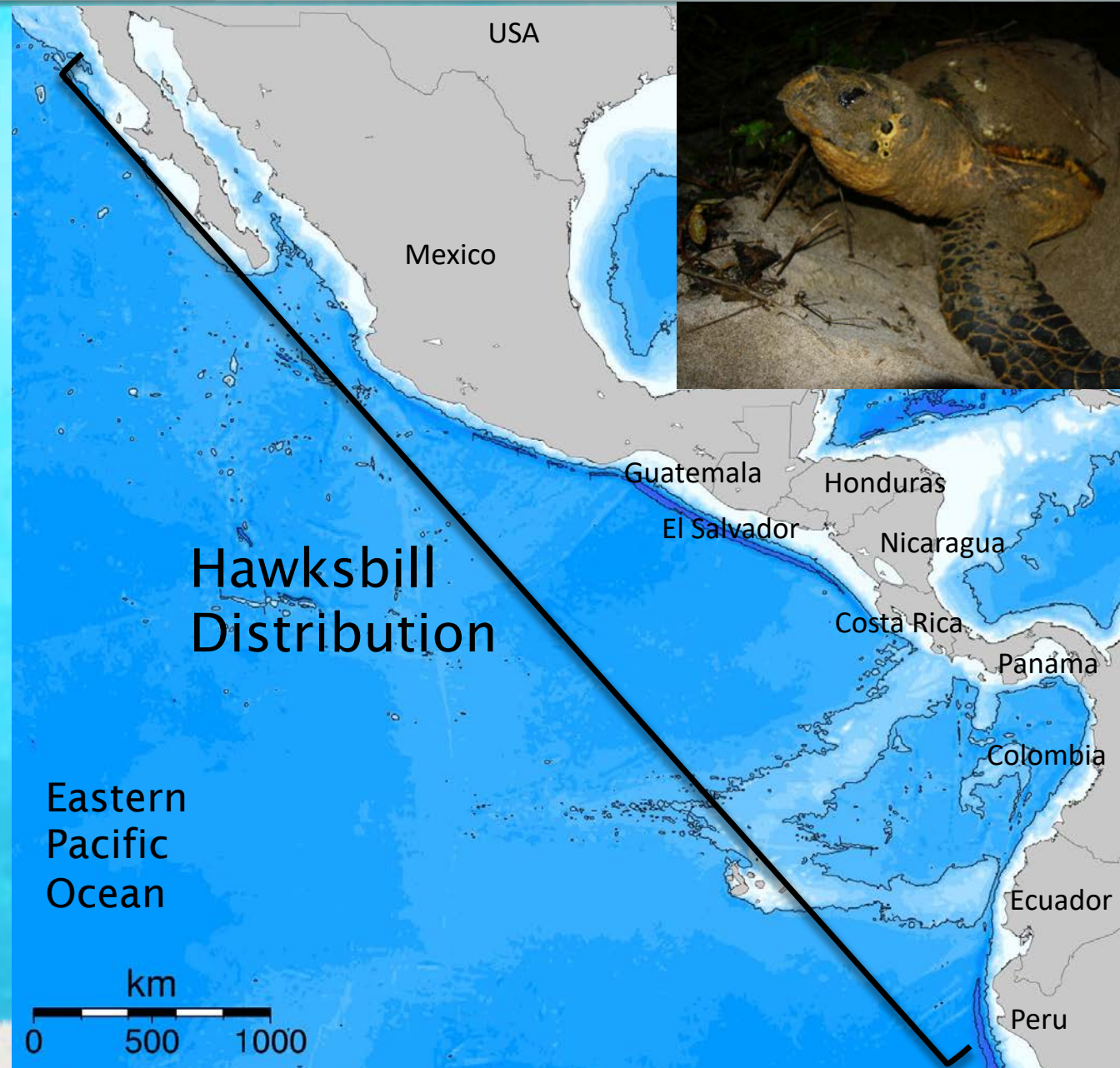
- Find good partners
- Schedule meetings
- Face to face
- Set goals and activities
- Be flexible – give and take
- Confident but humble



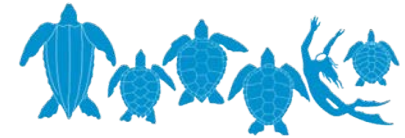
Hawksbills in the eastern Pacific Ocean

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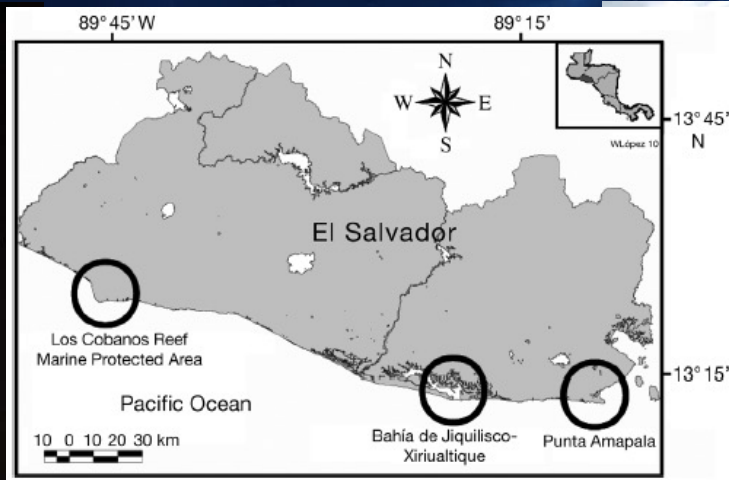
- No nesting records
- Considered functionally extirpated



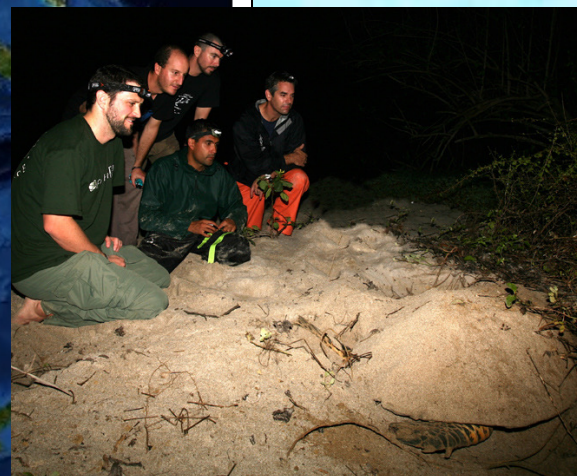
Linking with partners in Mexico



Linking with partners in El Salvador



Linking with partners in Ecuador



UBICACIÓN Zona ampliada

LUGARES DONDE HAN SIDO LIBERADAS TORTUGAS CON GPS

PUNTOS DE PARTIDA DE TORTUGAS

- Machalilla "SONIA"
- Machalilla "MACHALILLA"
- Valdivia "VALDIVIA"

Map of Ecuador showing the Pacific Ocean (Océano Pacífico) to the west. Key locations include Pto. Cuyo, QUITO, Machalilla, Pto. López, Parque Nacional Machalilla, Salango, López, Ayampe, Olón, Montañita, Manglaralto, and Valdivia. A scale bar indicates 10 km and 10 millas. A north arrow is also present.

Shifted the panorama



Eastern Pacific Hawksbill Initiative



Many projects & successful conservation



Hawksbill festivals



PRIMER FESTIVAL DE LA TORTUGA CAREY

Cantamos y bailamos por las tortugas carey



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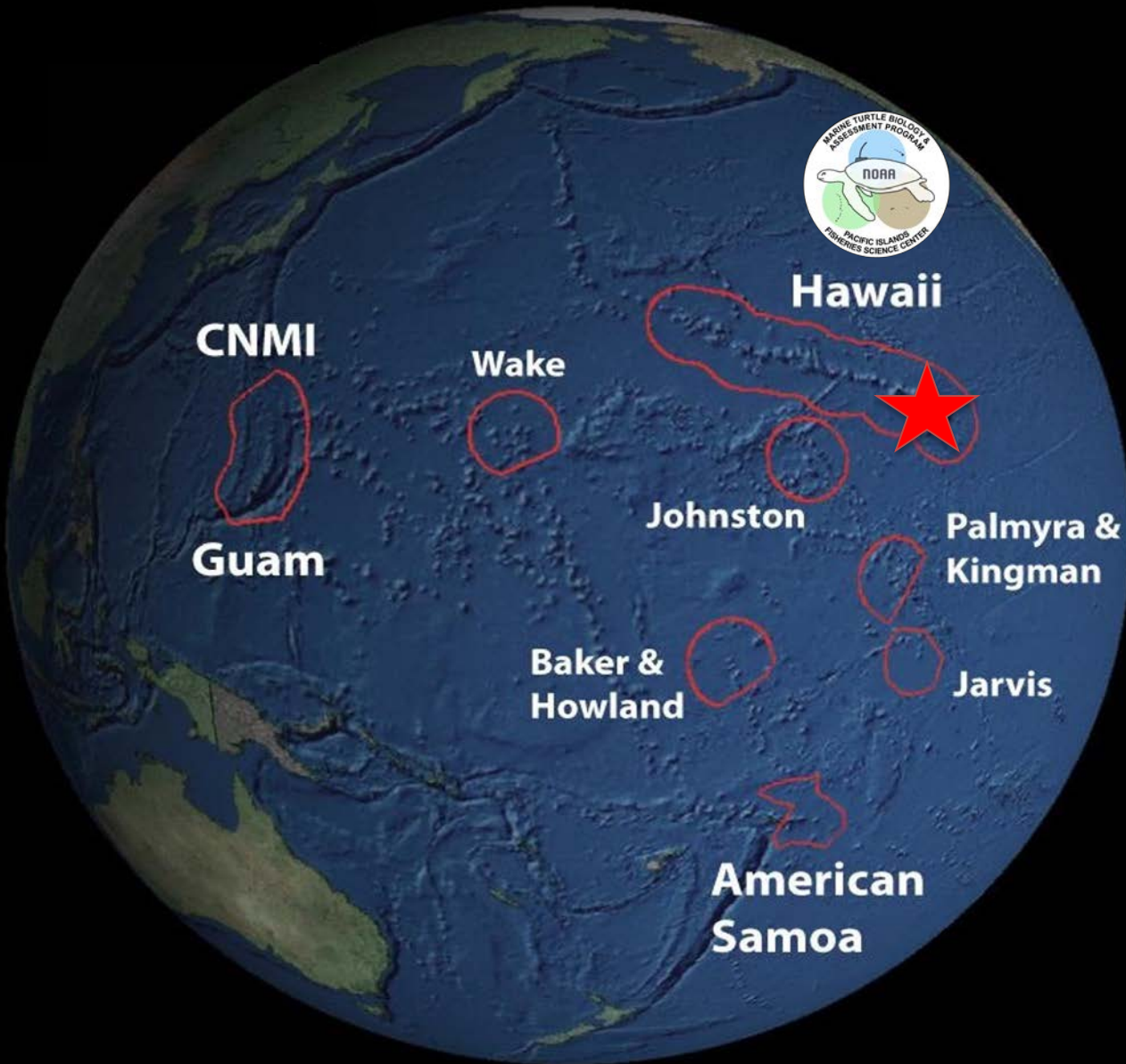


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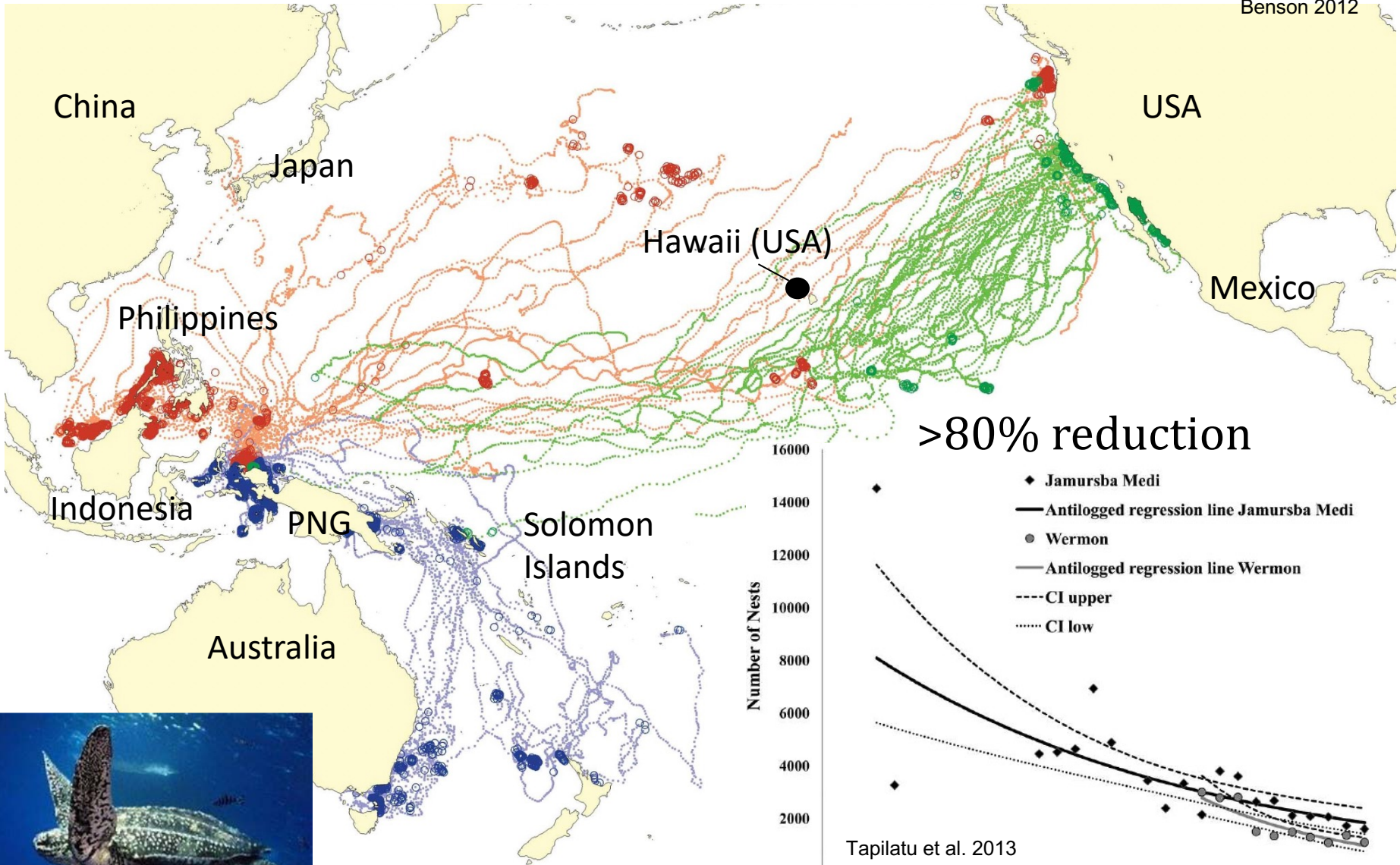


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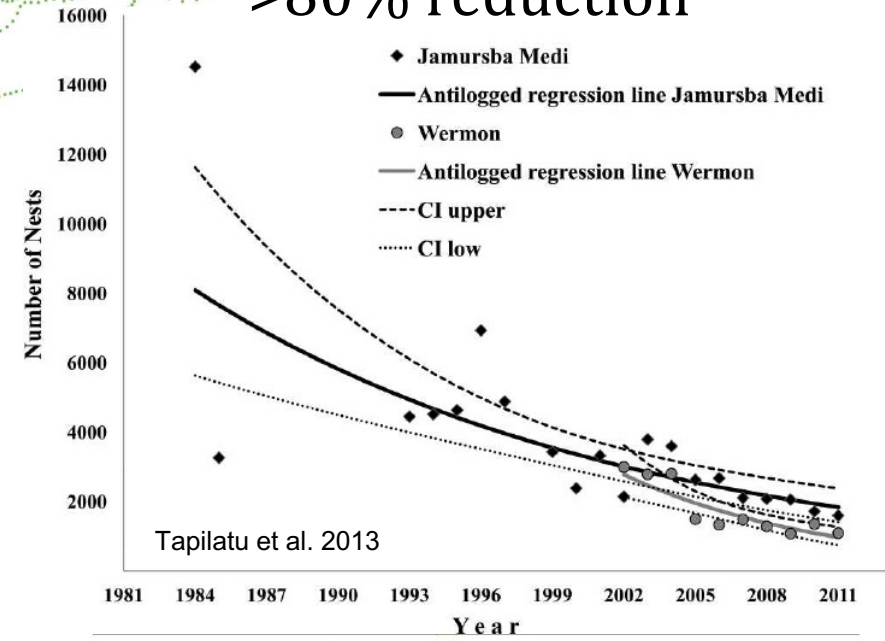


Western Pacific leatherback turtle

Benson 2012



>80% reduction



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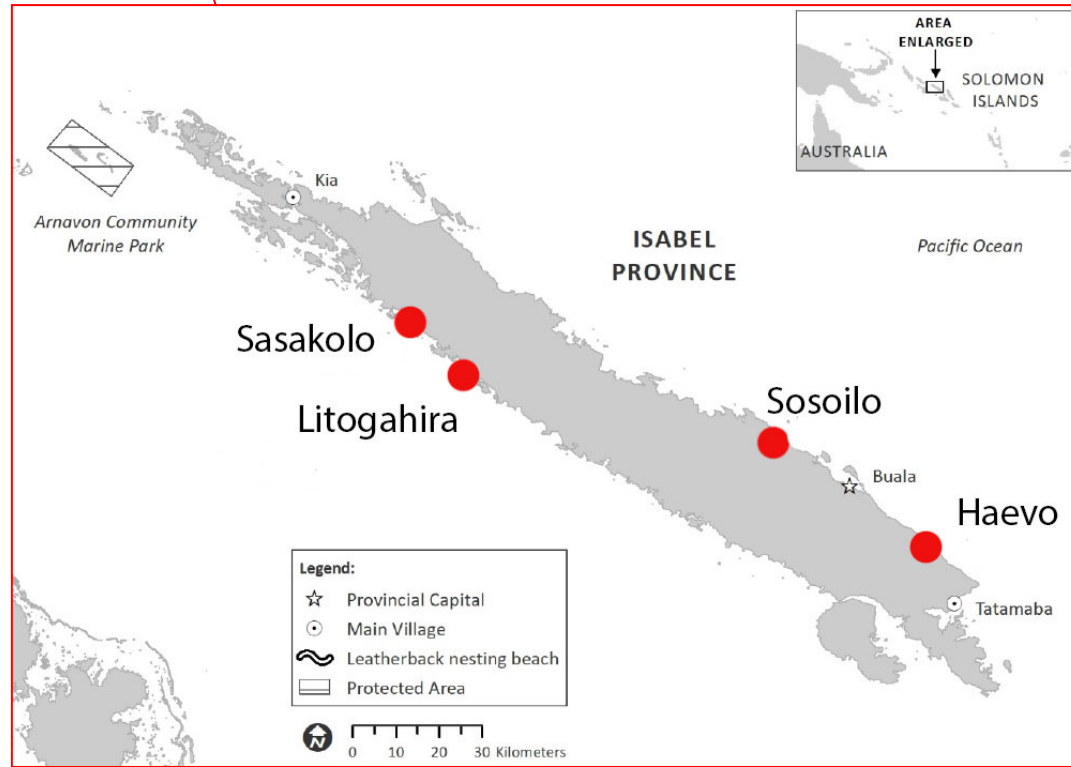




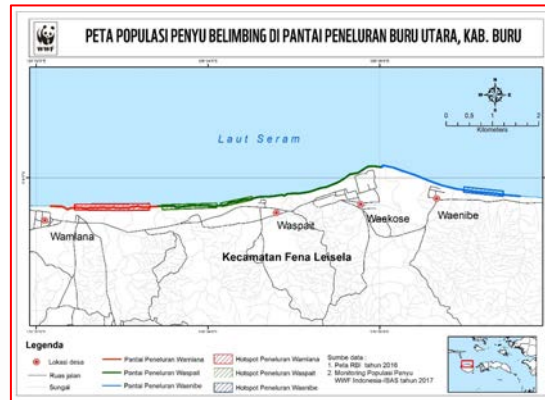
Leatherback - Nesting beach research & conservation



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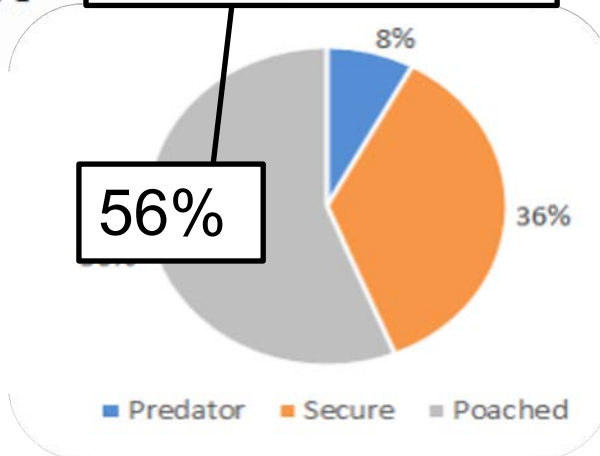


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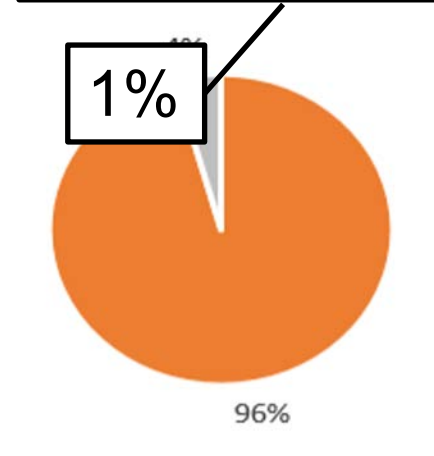


Egg harvest

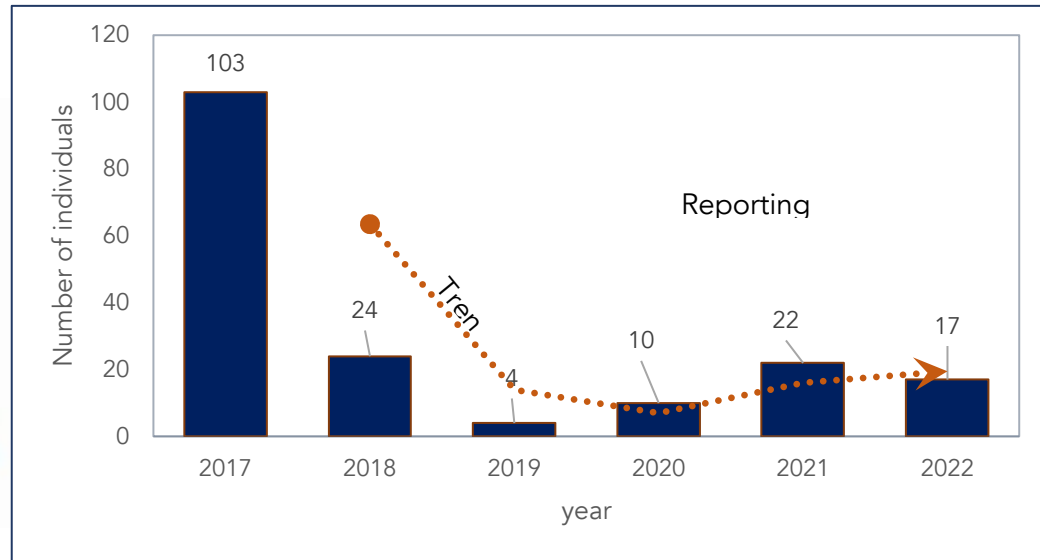
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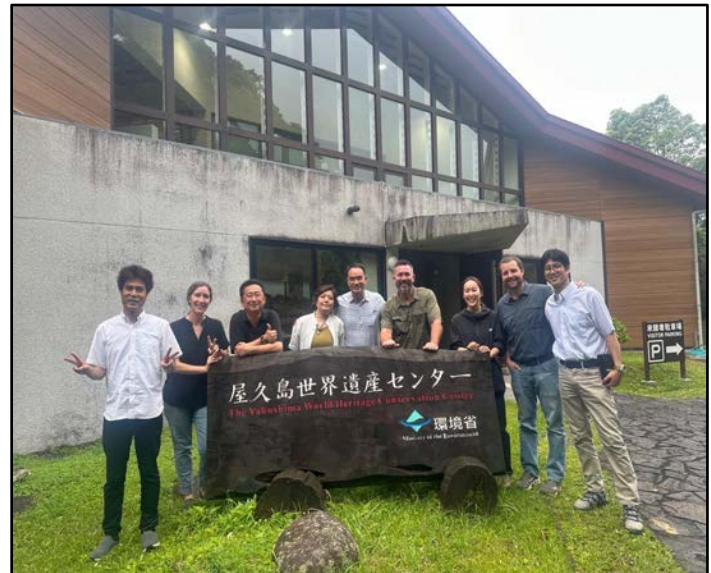
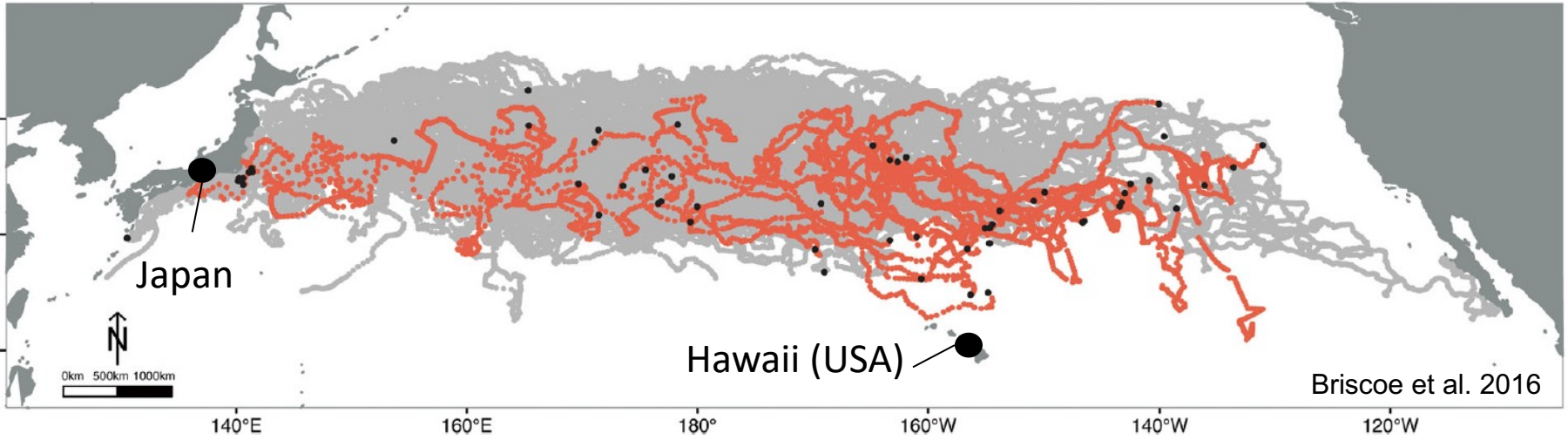


Indonesia - Kei Islands





Loggerhead – Central North Pacific DPS - Endangered



Loggerhead – Nesting beach research and conservation

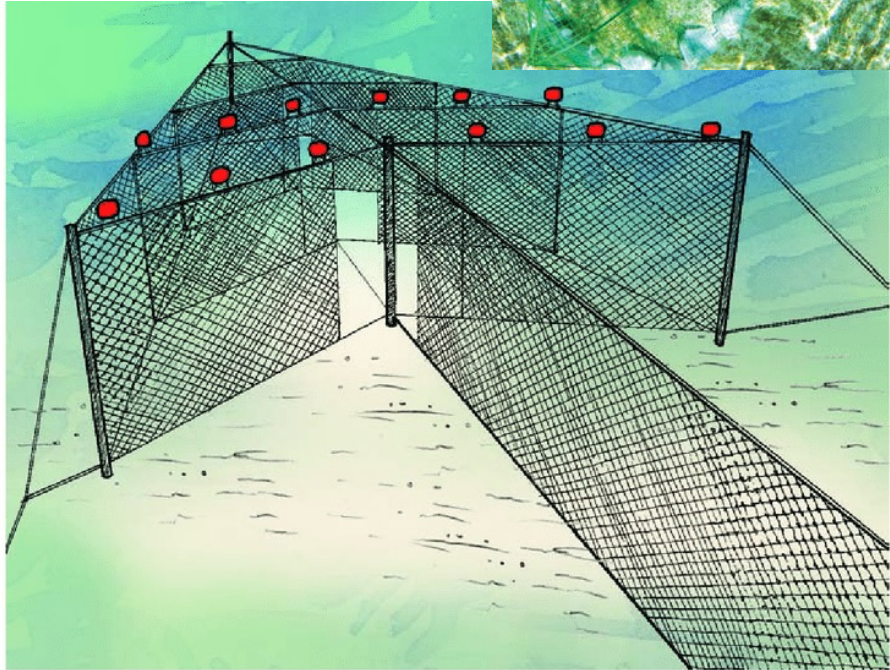


Nagatahama beach complex





Loggerhead – Closed pound net research



Approaches to international work

- Bottom-up: more personal
- Top-down: e.g., government initiatives
- NOAA International Office – bridge
 - Support of Japan and Indonesia work
 - Setting up bi-lateral science initiatives



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