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# Sea Turtle Hatchling Release

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USAID, through its support to the Fund of the Initiative for the Americas El Salvador (FIAES), promotes sea turtle conservation efforts.



A former turtle egg poacher explains to the media how the project has encouraged him to stop poaching and instead help with conservation efforts. He works to provide a secure environment for the eggs during the incubation process.



The project provides former turtle egg poachers with technical training on proper hatchery care for the eggs.



The incubation period lasts from 45 to 50 days.



Newly hatched “Kemp’s Ridley” sea turtle hatchlings wait to be released.



Sea turtle hatchlings are very small, they are approximately 1.97 inches long.





It is important to raise awareness on turtle conservation—especially among youth who often share the messages with their communities.





The Project involves community members and representatives of environment protection organizations in sea turtle hatchling release events.



Members of FIAES and the Community Development Association of Women of Barra de Santiago point out to the “godmothers” of the Sea Turtle Conservation Project where to release the hatchlings.





It is said that when an adult female turtle is ready to lay eggs, she will make her way to the beach where she was born.



# The Feat: Releasing Hatchlings Into the Ocean





Birds and other marine animals, such as big fish and sharks, pose a danger for the hatchlings' survival.



The hatchlings must be released into the ocean within 48 hours of their hatching.



**Let's put conservation into action  
and leave a healthy environment to  
the next generations.**

