



SAVE THE TURTLES

Dangers the sea turtles are
facing and the conservation
efforts.

WHAT'S BEING DONE TO PROTECT THEM?

- *“Paying attention to ill or injured marine fauna is one of the main lines of direct action taken by the Oceanogràfic Foundation, and it also answers a social demand for a response to the appearance of the emblematic species (mainly cetaceans, turtles and sharks) beached on our coasts.
The rescue and recovery of these species encompass one of our main reasons for existence, and everything learned from the animals kept in the Oceanogràfic installations is applied to, therefore, contribute to the conservation of oceans.
The recovery of marine fauna (including the multiple species catalogued by the International Union for Conservation of Nature as being endangered) is an excellent tool to strengthen the connection with visitors, and to engage society in protecting the sea through visits, workshops and courses with recovered animals, and by participating in the release of recovered animals.”*
- This text was extracted from the HOME website of the Oceanografic foundation as proof of what people are doing to save the sea turtles.



A hatchling crawling out to sea



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP

- To help sea turtles,
- immediately call **112** if you spot a nesting turtle or hatchlings, as local teams like Xaloc NGO and the [Oceanogràfic Foundation](#) protect nests. You can also volunteer for beach clean-ups (e.g., with [BIOagradables](#)), reduce plastic use, and avoid using bright lights or fires on beaches at night during nesting season (June–September).
- **Key Ways to Help:**
- **Report Sightings Immediately:** If you see a sea turtle on the beach or tracks, call **112**(emergency services) immediately. Do not touch or crowd the turtle.
- **Volunteer:** Participate in activities with local organizations like Xaloc, which manages turtle camps, or the Red Cross (Cruz Roja) in the Devesa-Albufera area.
- **Support Local Conservation:** Donate to or sponsor a sea turtle through the Oceanogràfic Foundation's ARCA del Mar, which rescues and rehabilitates turtles.
- **Protect Nesting Sites:** Keep beaches clean, avoid, and do not use light-emitting devices at night during the summer nesting season.
- **If you find a stranded or injured turtle:**
- **Call 112.**
- Do not try to put the turtle back into the sea if it is injured or on land.
- Keep noise and activity to a minimum until professionals arrive.

PROTECT THEIR HABITAT

- Avoid using plastic bags and bottles.
- If you live near the sea, avoid turning on exterior lights that can disorient hatchlings.
- Use renewable energies = fight climate change.



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