



WCS Pearl Cays Hawksbill Conservation Project

Monthly Summary—June 2015

- Daily monitoring of nesting habitats in the Pearl Cays started on June 4th
- Average of 7.5 cays surveyed per day (windy weather for most of June limited access to some cays regularly)
- Total hours of survey in June was 105.42 (average per day: 3.76 hours)
- **99 nests encountered**
- 5 nests affected by poaching (1 Lime, 1 Bottom Tawira, and 3 Wild Cane)
- Wild Cane and Baboon Cays had the most number of nests in June
- **2 nests hatched**
- **5 turtles donated** to the project for tag and release (4 adult hawksbill turtles, 2 juvenile green turtles)
- Increased human activity in the cays compared to 2014: two large groups of workers and fishermen building lobster traps on Wild Cane and Lime Cay, along with the same large group as 2014 on Bottom Tawira. WCS Team have had discussions with the worker's bosses on all three cays and full cooperation has been promised
- Turtle fishermen from Kahkabilla and Haulover were observed fishing green turtle throughout June (within the veda period/closed season) on Columbilla Cay
- Formal and informal education and outreach about sea turtle conservation and the hawksbill project done with 61 people visiting the Pearl Cays or WCS office in Pearl Lagoon (both national and international visitors)

