



Réserve Naturelle de St Barthélemy

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Births



Baby Iguana *Delicatissima* out of its egg...

On July 16, 2011, the rangers recovered an iguana nest in St Jean "ejected" from its hole by another female deposited her eggs in turn. The eggs were then returned to a mixture soil / sand in a flower pot and left outside. The rangers watched this nest without much hope and with the miracle of life, 15 young iguanas hatched one after the other after approximately 105 days of incubation. These youths were released at St. John near the site of spawning.



Ranger Karl Questel and photograph Muscapix are looking after their babies...



A baby Anolis was born the same day in the same pot!

Iguana hit...but saved

An old male was hit in Anse Lezard by a car. Severely affected but still alive, he was sidelined by a couple of neighbors who called the Nature Reserve. Immediately taken to Dr. Lhermitte at the veterinary clinic in Lorient, he was treated for a week with injections of antibiotics and food aid by the rangers. Injured to its head, he was released into his natural environment in Anse lezard when the rangers were able to verify that he could feed himself. Thank you for this call and the rescue!



Rangers feeding this big boy.



injured, but iguanas are tough !

Marine turtle workshop in Puerto Rico



Ranger Le Quellec measuring a green turtle...

Ranger Le Quellec went to Culebra, a small island east of Puerto Rico to participate to a training funded by WIDECAST, caribbean network for sea turtle protection, represented in St Barth by the Réserve Naturelle. The scientific monitoring of green and hawksbill turtles was organized by two leading experts: Carlos Diez and Robert Van Dam. This monitoring was attended by participants from Belize, Dominican Republic, Canada, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. A beautiful week in which exchanges were rich and numerous, this experience will allow the Nature Reserve to set up monitoring of sea turtles in St. Barth to learn more about our sea turtles and protect them better.



...and about to release a hawksbill.

Turtle nests protection



Be careful, turtle nest!

Explicit signs are in place to protect sea turtle nests. Do not walk or roll (!) on the nest and beware of dogs that dig nests and which are prohibited on the beaches of St Barth since 1986!

Monitoring the birds



White-cheeked pintail on the pond of Petit Cul de Sac.

Ranger Karl Questel freshly recruited to strengthen the scientific work at the Nature Reserve resumed monitoring birds on ponds originally started in 2000. This monitoring is to post around ponds to identify species and count individuals. First observation, White-cheeked pintail that had almost disappeared again settled on St. Barth in Petit cul de sac and Salines. A global diagnosis of ponds will come with analysis of the water, followed by a botanical and fish monitoring. It will allow us to develop these fragile environments and their importance, and suggest protection measures.

Heritage fondation

Delegations from French Guiana, Guadeloupe and Martinique came to St Barth participate in the symposium of the Heritage Foundation as part of a french national plan for overseas territories. Also present were representatives of biosphere reserves, natural areas of Guyana and Brazil, representatives of the State and of course the COM of St Barth. The opportunity for the Nature Reserve to highlight our nature, its heritage and protected areas. The team of the reserve was heavily involved in organizing this event presented an exhibition, attended a small show on traditions and conducted field and sorkeling trips. A great week of meetings and outreach.



Exhibition on the dock



Ranger David Lédée in his traditional suit.

Baby iguanas again, just beautiful...



***Thank you to all the volunteers who help and call the Nature Reserve,
they bring us valuable assistance.***

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