



## **Sea turtles' conservation in Uruguay the power of working together for the future**

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### Objective 2: What currently being done

Today and for 25 years, the sea turtles' conservation in Uruguay is lead by Karumbé. In order to carry out its mission, Karumbé has two visitor centres, where thousands of people come to learn about sea turtles every year. There, volunteers, young students, veterinary and biologists work together to provide the turtles treatments and to welcome visitors and educate them. It also has various scientific research and teaching about sea turtles. This work and the people doing it, are very important because the organization does not receive a lot of funding. Mainly from volunteers, visitors, and international funds.

Every day, Karumbé developed its network in the country and also internationally. The cooperation between everyone is a key for nature conservation and for sea turtle's protection in Uruguay. While the government does not have the sensibility and the connection to the environment, Karumbé has been doing a very great job for the last 25 years and today people are proud and happy to share moments, knowledge, and cultural heritage. Through their work, and sea turtles' conservation, Karumbé and its partners want to connect local communities and the general public with the protection of the ecosystem.

They are doing their best, at their own scale. As everyone should believe: "Conservation is about putting everyone a little bit". And, over the 25 years, thanks to their devoted and persistent work, the turtle populations recover gradually. However, this success brings new challenges. As the number of turtles increases, so too do the complexities of their conservation...



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