



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

by Blandine Thommerel

Report 3 of 3



Report 3

Objective 3: What more could be done

Sea turtles know no boundaries in the ocean. That's why people shouldn't either! And Karumbé work not only in its country but also internationally. Exchange, collaboration all around the world is a key for migratory species. The organisation, as well as other south American country, are connected together through the South-West Atlantic Network for Conservation of Marine Turtle, created in 2003, to share knowledge, research etc. Moreover, Karumbé also participates very actively in the International Society for the Conservation of Turtles.

Conservation is not a 8-hours period of work, but it is a 24-hours! Especially, when conservation challenges are continuous and always changing. Karumbé and its partners need to adapt and evolve in order to face all the issues. Today, while bycatch is still a main thread, other dangers appear every day. Plastic pollution is a huge issue now.

So, keeping educating children, young people in Uruguay and all around the world is the main important goal of the organisation. Although there is still some regional work to do and a need for several improvements such as facilities, fishing methods or research programs. Karumbé is ready to face new challenge. And one of its founders, Andrés Estrades has a great idea for that: Create a Sea turtle university online in order to teach not only in Uruguay but all around the world.

What a great idea for future generations, if you want them to see the planet we have, the planet full of biodiversity. Karumbé's founders want to leave a legacy of a planet with sea turtle and other animals. They hope inspire number of people to continue with this work, to connect with nature.

And they succeed according to me! Personally, after a week with Andrés Estrades, who shared his passion, knowledge, and motivation for sea turtles' conservation with me, I am more determined to keep working for species conservation and especially sea turtles. I want to also share all of that around me, same as Andrés and Karumbé!

Thank you very much to Andrés for this week, and to all the Darwin200 team for this opportunity and the wonderful work they are doing.



This Darwin Leader project was made possible by:



[www.donhanson
charitablefoundation.org/](http://www.donhansoncharitablefoundation.org/)



2021 United Nations Decade
2030 of Ocean Science
for Sustainable Development

www.oceandecade.org



www.karumbe.org/

Thanks to all partners and sponsors that made the DARWIN200 2023-25
Global Voyage Possible.

www.darwin200.com/sponsors



zero
six
zero