## Nesting areas in Kuriat islands







## Marine turtles in Kuriat islands

The Kuriat archipelago is the main nesting site for marine turtles in Tunisia with around forty nests deposed each year. The Loggerhead, or Caretta caretta, is the only species of turtles that nests on the islands.



The number of visitors reaches 1000 people during weekend summer.

Larus michahellis

Predation is one of the many natural obstacles encountered by marine turtles, which also face strong anthropogenic pressures, such as interaction with fishing activity and pollution, collision with boats, disturbance or destruction of nesting sites.

Rattus rattus

Marking and measurement of females to monitor turtle populations in the Mediterranean.

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Migration

## Offshore area

Pelagic feeding area

Real Contractions



About 2500 hatchlings are born in Kuriat islands each year.

## 6 - 8 weeks of incubation Hatchling emergence: August – October

The sex-ratio depends on the incubation temperature. In Kuriat islands, the proportion of male births is higher.

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