



SAVE TURTLE NGO

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INTRODUCTION

This year we finally got to do it. Covid will likely be with us forever, but somehow, we got used to it and we go on with our lives. In 2022, Sasa and Tomas, members of our team and few other volunteers, visited Indonesia. David spent some time in Sri Lanka. We continue with direct protection on the beaches of Lembata and we started with protection in Sri Lanka. Unfortunately, despite of long negotiations, we were not able to sort out the situation in Berau. Starting September 30th, 2022, after 5 years of funding, we decided to terminate our partnership with Konservasi Biota Laut Berau. Happily, there is still Julie present in Berau. She continues to negotiate with the government the re-establishment of effective turtle protection, continues with education and development of local people.

I give thanks every day for the great luck. Our program continues to work, I am supported by fantastic people from Save Turtle NGO. I am grateful for all rangers in Indonesia and the people in Sri Lanka, for the volunteers, and especially for all of you who have been helping to raise funds for this project. Thanks to you, more and more turtles are being saved each day. In 2022, more than 3,500 sea turtle clutches were saved from poachers. Approximately 200,000 hatchlings were released to the sea right after the hatching. Thank you so much for this. We hope that many of these turtles will survive. Their surviving helps to decrease the threat of extinction of this species. I believe, that view on keeping the healthy turtles in the pools, is changing. People are learning that these pools are mostly traps for tourists. If more and more people will be provided with information and will be willing to address things, they'll find out, that even one visit of such center, has an impact in a bad way. Every action has its consequence. The way we live is affecting the world around us. It is our choice, what sort of impact this is. You are helping us so much with your support. All activities, as direct protection of the beaches, education, and development of local people, spreading information in Indonesia, Sri Lanka and in the Czech Republic, these all have an impact. Please keep your fingers crossed and keep your support for the turtles in 2023.

Thank you and we wish you best of health.

Hana Svobodova,
Chairwoman of Save Turtle NGO



The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Prague, Czech Republic, and myself, are appreciative for the dedication given by the Save Turtle Organization for the protection of Indonesian turtles in their native habitat.

I fervently believe that this is a good cause for all of us in raising awareness on environment and our planet. We fully support any initiative to promote conservation efforts for Indonesian turtle or, “penyu”, as we call it in Bahasa Indonesia. We look forward to cooperating further in this area with Save Turtle in the near future.

Kenssy D. Ekaningsih,
Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia in the Czech Republic



198 122

hatchlings released to the sea

+ approx. 80 000

hatchlings which have reached the sea
on their own

3 602 clutches protected from
the poachers

3 protected islands in Indonesia and
several kilometers of protected beach
in Sri Lanka

18 rangers

9 volunteers

... and raising awareness:

52 live lectures a events + 2 online lectures
9 articles including one in Indonesian newspaper
1 radio interview + 1 podcast
a spot in TV NOE throughout January
1 animated video in English

6 exhibitions of photographs + 1 calendar
Updated English web pages
1 new pair game (*pexeso*) in Czech/English ver.
1 partnership with University of Ostrava
New Logo

1 interview for UN project - 17 Sustainable Development Goals
2 auctions on Facebook and another auction under project Hand-in-Hand
1 newly working Instagram

INTRODUCING THE SAVE TURTLE NGO

A team of people who care about sea turtles and nature. Volunteers who, without a pay, after work, during the weekends and holidays are doing as much as they can to support and expand the program. Enthusiasts who welcome every helping hand...

Hana Svobodová – chairwoman of the organization; a biologist who has been dedicated to the conservation of sea turtles for nineteen years; professionally is engaged in education; She coordinates this program in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Hana is in charge of Czech Facebook and promotion of the program.

Tomáš Svoboda – deputy chairman.

Nataša Velenská – chairwoman of the Turtle Breeders Club and an expert on reptiles.

Saša Zdeňková a Tomáš Kolman – they visited Indonesia 4 times already as volunteers; they lecture in the Czech Republic and help with promotion of the program.

Pepík Brůna – a botanist who helps with web site design; he issues certificates to donors, deals with graphs and statistics for a scientific paper we're preparing.

Alexandra Jászayová- together with Pepík is helping to write a scientific article and is in charge of Slovak Facebook.

Hana Redererová - she studied Czech language; from Australia she helps with English texts and communicates with donors..

Olga Býmová – volunteering in Indonesia motivated her to help in the Czech Republic; she helps with Czech/ English translations and paperwork.





Eva Šlosarčíková – breeder and protector of Czech and tropical fauna; she organizes auctions of FB group Hand-in-Hand.

Adéla Štrynclová – after volunteer stay in Indonesia she helps with lectures in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in the Liberec region.

Kseniya Samuseva – is in charge of English version of Facebook.

Karolína Dzurendová – is in charge of re-launched Instagram project.

Jitka Kubalová – she maintains and analyses data from Indonesia.

Petra Klembarová – a biology student at Charles University who helps with public awareness and organization of events in the Czech Republic.

Vlasta Pauke Dobešová – she keeps the accounting books for the organization.

and there are many others who help on a regular basis, and I am very grateful to all of them...



TEAMS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHOSE ACTIVITIES WE SUPPORT, COORDINATE AND FUND



SAHABAT PENYU LOANG

The Sahabat penyu Loang team protects turtles on the island of Lembata in southeast Indonesia. Namely, Poly, Ado, Kornelis, Juvent, Wilhelmus, Gerardus and Agustinus.



KONSERVASI BIOTA LAUT BERAU

On the uninhabited islands of Bilang-bilangan and Mataha in the Berau region of Borneo, it was the Konservasi biota laut Berau team providing sea turtle protection till the end of September 2022. Namely, Berly, Edi, Tofa, Riswan, Benny, Ayub, Misran, Aul and Erik. Currently Juli, a former coordinator from BLB, continues to work; she communicates with government, continues with education and development of local people.



In **Sri Lanka**, it was Ponnampereuma Arachchige Gamini Wijesiri who was protecting sea turtles in October and November 2022.

The funding from the Czech Republic ensures salaries for 15 rangers, supply of fresh water and food to the uninhabited islands, fuel, office rent, lectures, and development of local people.

No one from the Czech team receives financial reward.

AWARDS FOR OUR ORGANIZATION

Award of Honorary Consul of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Czech Republic - For Contribution to the Protection of Sea Turtles in Sri Lanka (2021)

PETA Asia – inclusion of Konservasi biota laut Berau team in the Animal Heroes selection during Covid-19

<https://www.petaasia.com/news/animal-activist-heroes-covid-19-pandemic/>

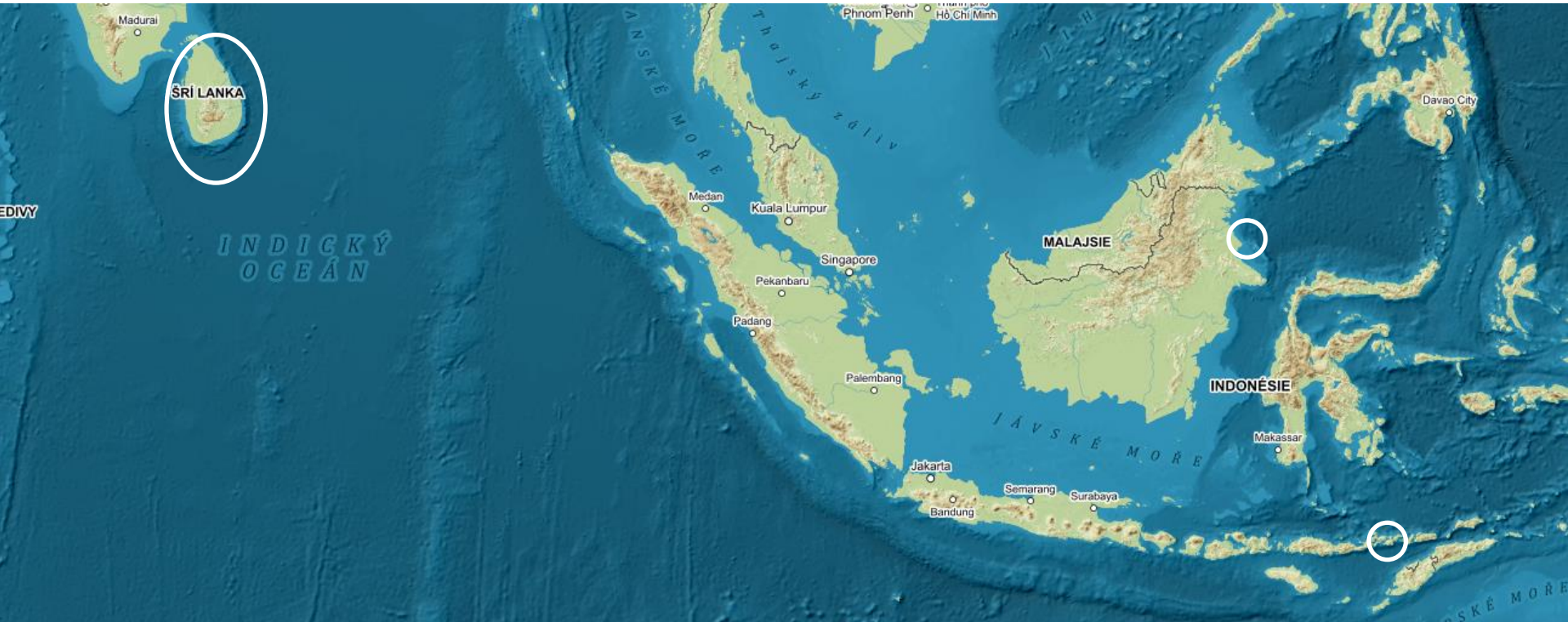
Forbes magazine listed Hana Svobodová among the promising young Czech people under 33 years

Nomination for the Josef Vavroušek Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Environmental Protection (2019)

Zdeněk Veselovský Award for the research project Abundance and Behavior of Leatherback Turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in Coastal Waters of southern Ireland (2008)



PROTECTION OF SEA TURTLES



Sea turtles have been on Earth for more than 110 million years. They are reptiles and play very important roles in the ocean. Hawksbills feed mainly on sponges and anemones on coral reefs. They help to keep the coral reefs healthy. Green turtles consume seagrass and this way they form sea meadows which are important nurseries for young fish (fry). Diet of Leatherback subsist almost entirely on jellyfish; this way they maintain the population of jellyfish. Unfortunately, all seven species of sea turtles are threatened with extinction.

The worst situation is in the Indian Ocean; therefore, our help is targeted to this area

We finance and coordinate programs on protection of sea turtles in two regions in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. Apart from the direct protection of beaches, we are expanding education activities and development of local people. The serious threat for turtles are the fishermen. Our rangers reports the presence of dead and injured turtles - some entangled in fishing net, others injured by hooks. There is an urgency in educating local people for sustainable way of fishing.

PROTECTION OF SEA TURTLES IN INDONESIA

6 out of 7 sea turtle species are present in Indonesia. Four species lay their eggs there. Our rangers protect three species - the Hawksbill, Green and Olive Ridley sea turtles. They guard the beaches to prevent poachers from stealing turtle eggs, move them to safety and help the newly hatched hatchlings into the sea. Rangers and volunteers also clean up beaches of driftwood and trash. Tree trunks and waste make it difficult for females to dig nests and make it harder for hatchlings to get to the sea, slowing them down at moments when any delay could mean death. Conservationists are also dedicated to the education and development of local people.

BERAU REGENCY ON BORNEO

The location Berau Regency on Borneo is a matter of the heart. I came here in 2012 and got fascinated by seeing the high number of turtles. The local small islands are the most important hatcheries for Green Turtles in the Southeast Asia region. This area is part of so-called Coral Triangle between Borneo, Sulawesi and the Philippines. It is a place with one of the highest biodiversity in the world. You'll find Hawksbills on the coral reefs, and 23 species of dolphins and whales, while travelling on the boats. Since the beginning of October 2017, we have been protecting the Bilang-bilangan Island and Mataha Island together with the local organization Konservasi Biota Laut Berau

193 440 HATCHLINGS RELEASED INTO THE SEA

(192 571 GREEN SEA TURTLES AND 869 HAWKSBILL TURTLES)

+ approx. 80 000 hatchlings made their way to the sea on their own

2 PROTECTED ISLANDS

10 RANGERS

3 469 CLUTCHES PROTECTED FROM POACHERS

(3 461 GREEN SEA TURTLES AND 8 HAWKSBILL TURTLES)

2 VOLUNTEERS





These islands are small, but important to turtles. They are, with 11 other islands, threatened by erosion. Apart from poachers, this is the biggest threat to turtles - the sea water is reaching higher and higher at the high tide. Rangers reported that waves were reaching up to their houses, washing sand away from the beaches and reducing the area where turtles can safely lay their eggs. To avoid seawater flooding and destroying the eggs, rangers are relocating the eggs to higher places

There is more and more work to do; but we encountered another problem - a job burnout of the Head of rangers. We started to observe discrepancies in accounting, reports were sent out with delays. The rangers started quitting their jobs; the number of problems was growing. To help to sort out this situation, Juli, former assistant in BLB and our long-time co-worker, visited the islands. She discovered more problems.

We made a great effort to sort out the situation, but Berly was not responding to our actions. We were worried whether funds are used correctly. Therefore, we decided not to renew the contract with expiry date 30.9.2022, and thus to terminate the support. The decision to end the cooperation and discontinue the daily protection of the turtles in Berau, was extremely difficult for us. But I believe it was the right decision. Therefore, from the beginning of October 2022, we are not supporting Konservasi Biota Laut Berau. However, we continue to work with Juli who arranged the return of the boat and of project equipment that was previously acquired from Save Turtle funding. Juli is negotiating with the local government about the re-establishment of effective turtle conservation in this extremely important area.

Many of the former rangers would like to continue to cooperate with our organization. We continue to negotiate with the government delegates.



Despite of this situation, we continue with education of children and development of local people. Thanks to our workshops, you won't come across the souvenirs made from turtle shells, in this region. Locals are making souvenirs out of coconuts, which is a largely available material, considered as a waste. This can be made into great things. Local teachers are also helping with the change. In fact, in November, on the island of Maratua, they started with project-based learning opportunity with our colleague Sablon. Children from second grade were taught why and how to make souvenirs from coconut.

In the spring, Sablon traveled to Sulawesi to teach locals how to make the souvenirs from coconuts. We are very proud of this sustainable project, which aims to improve the quality of life of the local people by reducing their dependence on illegal fishing and illegal use of turtle shells.

THE BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN 2022:

Since the start of the cooperation in Berau including 2022, more than 4 million of hatchlings were released to the sea. We assume that out of this number, about 10,000 could live to adulthood. Current population of turtles is a about 150,000, it means that contribution by 10,000 makes a difference. This would not be a possible without our efforts and your help. Thank you very much for your help. Please keep your fingers crossed for renewal of effective sea turtle protection in Berau. Thank you!

LEMBATA ISLAND

The island Lembata is in the southeast of Indonesia. This is a nesting place for Hawksbill, Green and Olive Ridley Turtles. The number of nests is not counted in thousands a year as on Borneo; however, the protection is very important here and therefore we support the local organization Sehabat penyu Loang. There is a close connection between the protection of sea turtles and a community life.

In addition to the direct protection of turtles on four beaches (Riabao, Riangdua, Wuakerong, Duawutun), the local team is engaged in the education and development of the people living on the island. During hatchling releases, they educate the public and clean up the waste. Children and adults, many of them are coming for these meetings. This year we were delighted to have several visits of members of the scouts. And the most famous man in Indonesian Tik Tok, Marlon Abraham, was present as well. These are very important activities for raising public awareness about the situation of turtles in Indonesia, their role in the oceans, threats, and ways to help.

Four volunteers from the Czech Republic visited Lembata. They delivered the missing equipment (tent, sleeping bags, headlamps with red light, torches, knives, etc.) And brought the educational materials as well. Volunteers were lecturing about turtles and waste and were teaching English.

Together with other people from Loang village they planted tree seeds in a nursery, where the seedlings grown up. Before the end of the year, small trees were planted on the beaches on places, where trees can help fight the erosion. I'm very proud of this activity, it was exhausting work. We all hope that the roots of the trees will hold the soil in place, and this will slow down the reduction of local beaches.



4 682 HATCHLINGS RELEASED INTO THE SEA

(3 562 OLIVE RIDLEY TURTLES AND 858 HAWKSBILL AND 262 GREEN TURTLES)

1 PROTECTED ISLAND – BEACHES CLOSE TO 4 VILLAGES

(Duawutun, Riangdua, Wuakerong and Riabao)

7 RANGERS

54 CLUTCHES PROTECTED FROM POACHARES

(40 OLIVE RIDLEY, 10 HAWKSBILLS and 4 GREEN TURTLES)

4 VOLUNTEERS



I believe that the turtles feel that local people like them. And therefore, the number of turtles is growing slowly. After strong winds and rain that destroyed the original sheltered part of the beach in October, we decided not just to repair the construction, but rather enlarge it and make it more resistant. I was pleased to see that the rangers used driftwood from the beach for the construction. This saved money on materials, but more importantly it helped the turtles coming to the beach to lay the eggs and the hatchlings going out to the sea. On Lembata, there is still much to work on. In September, rangers found a turtle tied to a tree. We assume that someone had met the turtle when it came to lay eggs and tied it, with intention either to eat or sell the turtle for meat. Rangers untied the turtle and released it into the sea. They even found the eggs that this turtle laid earlier and moved them to a protected part of the beach. On the market, our volunteers discovered that two stands were selling souvenirs from the turtle shells. Both examples show that there is still a need for raising awareness, for education and development of local people. We learnt that local people begun to weave the symbol of turtle into their traditional ikat fabrics. This is a good example.

THE BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN 2022:

Within one month, close to Christmas (from Dec 19th to Jan 15th), during time that is usually considered as „*out of season*“, ten Hawksbill Turtles came to lay the eggs. And on the top of that, they laid a record number of eggs.

The standard number is about 100 eggs in one clutch, but the "Christmas" turtles laid 134, 149, 182 and 220 eggs! That is an incredible achievement, almost twice as many nests as in 2021 and besides with so many eggs. Hawksbill Turtles are critically endangered with extinction. I am very happy that their numbers are increasing in Lembata.

I keep my fingers crossed that all hatchlings would hatch in a good health and help their species to survive.

SRI LANKA

At the end of February we finally travelled back to Sri Lanka (after nearly five years since negotiations had started). We launched a project to improve the protection of sea turtles. Project covers the monitoring of situation in rescue centers, meetings with official representatives from the ministry and with conservationists from protected areas. Important part of this project is design of a model center in an uncharted area; this is under the patronage of Honorary Consul Mr. Marek Nemec. Further we intend to start talks with fishermen from local communities, with support of sustainable local production, support of local women and more activities.

Out of six visited centers in five, there were healthy, newly hatched hatchlings kept in the pools. This is devastating for their protection. The effective protection requires to release the baby turtles immediately after the hatching. Turtles in the pools have stunted muscles, they cannot swim, their lungs do not develop enough, they do not have natural food and most importantly they lose their instinct where to return to lay eggs in adulthood.

EFFECTIVE SEA TURTLE PROTECTION IS NOT HAPPENING IN THE POOLS. HEALTHY TURTLES MUST NOT BE KEPT IN THE POOLS.

In addition, centers often buy eggs from locals, which encourages illegal egg theft from beaches. We intended to start with support in the summer 2022, but due to the political and economic crisis in Sri Lanka, we had to postpone the trip. The situation is more stable now. Therefore, we leave to Sri Lanka on February 12, 2023. Please keep your fingers crossed that everything we plan to do, will work out. This will help to improve the situation of turtles on the island that is closed to the size of the Czech Republic.



As we couldn't go to Sri Lanka last summer, we decided to help remotely. Our co-worker Jana who lives in Sri Lanka, made the phone calls to existing centers. She wanted to understand how the centers are dealing with the crisis. We found out that the center that was rated by our organization as the best performing in Sri Lanka in 2019, has been closed by the government due to lack of funding. Therefore, we are trying to communicate the financial support and possibility for reopening of this center.

We decided to support the Sea Turtle Conservation Project Induruwa. The cooperation with this center was good during our surveys. We signed a cooperation agreement which explains how and why the center needs to change the protection system. The changes would ensure effective protection of sea turtles.

Part of the contract agreement is that the center will not buy eggs from fishermen. Stealing eggs from the beaches is illegal and by purchasing eggs, they support this illegal activity. For two months we paid the center for a ranger to guard the beach. It was agreed that when the fishermen call the guard that they found some eggs, he will safely move them to a protected part of the beach. It means that the eggs will not be transferred in a plastic bag on a shaking motorbike, as it is normally done. According to the agreement, the fishermen would be paid for information that the eggs were found. Further we asked to keep only up to ten newly hatched healthy turtles in the pools. During the two months of trial cooperation, we made three visits to the center. We found out a violation of the agreement. The center continued to claim the money from tourists saying that these are for buying the eggs from fishermen, in the pools were kept turtles in high numbers. We did not receive any required reports about the agreed activities. Therefore, we terminated the partnership as of December 1, 2022. I will meet with the owner in person during my stay at Sri Lanka in February 2023.

I wish so much to help the locals to implement the changes. But this is not easy. However, we are grateful for the 79 saved clutches that were laid during October and November.



Cooperation with the Rekawa Rescue Centre makes me happy. This center according to our research provides the best protection for turtles in Sri Lanka.

However, our biggest concern are tourists. Tourists do not follow the rules. They shine bright white light in the turtle eyes, are noisy, block the female's upon their returns to the sea after laying the eggs, are touching them.

I believe, this is partly because the visiting rules published on banners/signs are not in a good format. Signs are faded, text is hard to read. We agreed with the management of the center on change of the regulations for visitors. Petr, together with David created new information material and signs for the tourists. They used pictures to explain how to behave during visits of turtles in their natural habitat.

Please help in our mission and behave responsibly during your visits. Say no to unethical practices towards animals. Do not visit places for tourists or rescue stations where turtles are kept for profit. Speak loud to tourists who behave not responsibly. Every good action counts.

79 CLUTCHES

OF GREEN TURTLES WERE SAVED FROM POACHERS

5 KILOMETRES OF PROTECTED BEACH

1 RANGER

3 VOLUNTEERS

THE BEST ACHIEVEMENT IN 2022

The fact that situation in Sri Lanka is more stabilized and we can travel to Sri Lanka, makes me happy.

We have done much preparation and in 2023 we can start to execute.



MONITORING OF SEA TURTLES



The locations we visited in 2022 were only in Indonesia and Sri Lanka. We appreciate if you share any experience about turtle protection that you will encounter on your journeys. Please send information together with photos and videos to hanka.sauria@seznam.cz.

We will be happy to post your insights on the Facebook.

We want tourists to support the centers that protect turtles effectively. We want tourists avoiding the places that are just a trap, without providing any effective protection to turtles. Thank you for your cooperation.

RAISING AWARENESS



In the Czech Republic, we inform about the situation of turtles, their threat and how we can help them. We also educate about ocean issues, responsible travelling and reduction of waste.

Last year, fifty-two talks and presentations were held. Some of them took place in primary schools, others in secondary schools, and we informed the public as well. Two additional lectures were online. This is a good number, one action per week. I am glad that we managed so many activities. Working with pupils and students is really motivating. Most of the time they are very active and asking a lot of questions. We discuss things, and it happens that at the end of lectures I am touched by their appreciation of our work and their willingness to help. From my perspective, to raise the empathy for nature, to provide information and encourage young people, this is very important. Every voice counts. Every action counts.

This is proved by all activities organized by young people from schools - TGM Primary School in Moravské Budějovice, Zbiroh Primary School, Kunratice Primary School, Kaplice Primary School and video from a pupil from seven grade ZŠ Bítovská <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAZTDNL2eKY>. Other students set up three points, made the leaflets and prepared a presentation. Then they went around the school informing everybody. At the Pražská Primary School and Kindergarten in Znojmo, the teacher prepared activities for children in the fourth grade the way, that the sea turtles were part of the subject for the whole week. In the Liberec Region, thanks to the project *Learning about nature and helping the nature at home and in the world*, we organized sixteen interactive workshops and lectures.

Lectures were aimed on education how each individual can contribute to protection of the nature, about reduction of waste and about responsible travelling. We are very grateful to the fund of the Liberec Region for this support from the project *Support of ecological education and awareness*. The subsidy was used as well for creating a new educational pair memory game (pexeso).

But most of all, I want to thank to all the teachers and children and all of you who are helping to raise awareness about turtles and their support.

We organized six exhibitions about activities linked to our organization. The exhibitions of large-format photographs by Petr Jan Juračka from Indonesia were organized in the Černý most Shopping Centre in June and in the auditorium of the Faculty of Science of the University of Ostrava in December. Throughout December, photos from Indonesia and Sri Lanka were to see in Kapitul Park in Velká Bystřice near Olomouc. The photographs were presented as well in the Maleč Primary School and Kindergarten, the Chotěboř Grammar School and the Smetanova Chotěboř Primary School.

We believe that the re-launch of Czech and English Instagram and the update of English website contributed to raising awareness.

Throughout January, TV NOE was daily broadcasting *Pools Are Not Protection*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DN3le3I_NSM&t=14s .

And the spot was released in English version as well

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFjg1-JEjYk&embeds_euri=http%3A%2F%2Fsaveturtle.net%2F&feature=emb_logo



We are very happy with the new logo by designer Marie Szostková. Besides of designing the new logo, she helped to organize the workshops *Coconut instead of Turtle* in Indonesia in 2018.

We are very grateful to Vít Lukáš, Alexandra Zdeňková, Tomáš Kolman, Martin Vokurek and to rangers from the Sehabat penyu Loang team and others for the photos for calendar the *Save Sea Turtles 2023*. The calendar was sold out in 14 days and had to be reprinted.

54 WORKSHOPS, LECTURES AND EVENTS

(52x live, 2x online)

9 ARTICLES

one of these in Indonesian newspaper

1 RADIO INTERVIEWS

1 PODCAST

1 INTERVIEW for project 17 Sustainable Development Goals

ONE SPOT IN TV NOE THROUGHOUT JANUARY

6 EXHIBITIONS OF PHOTOGRAPHS FROM PROTECTED ISLANDS

1 CALENDAR

UPDATED ENGLISH WEB PAGES

1 NEW PAIR GAME in CZ/ENG VERSION

1 PARTNERSHIP WITH UNIVERSITY of OSTRAVA

1 NEWLY WORKING INSTAGRAM





LISTENING TO THIS IS WORTH IT

Interview for a project of the *UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals*
<https://17cilu.cz/zivot-ve-vode>

Podcast LIVE. In this podcast the students of the Faculty of Environmental Science CZU in Prague interview people that are involved in the environment protection. They invite people who they believe are experiencing now the extinction of species.
[They addressed Hana Svobodova!](#)

Seznam Zprávy 27. 12. 2022

[We think we're helping, but we're killing them. Some turtles could be extinct in 20 years](#)

Blesk 21. 8. 2022 [Friends, I'm in a hurry for the sea!](#)

7. Generace 02/2022 [Let's protect turtles for turtles, not for tourists!](#)

Mladý svět 20. 1. 2022 [Turtle Mom in Indonesia.](#)

Recommended for children

Article in the magazine *Ahoj divočino* – [Interview with Hanka and cutout inspired by turtles](#)
(summer edition 2022)

Interview in Rádio Junior <https://junior.rozhlas.cz/hana-svobodova-z-organizace-chranime-morske-zelvy-v-klubu-radia-junior-8861910> (3. 11. 2022)

Best achievements:

I consider a great success the agreement about cooperation with the University of Ostrava, with the Centre for International Cooperation. The center coordinates the OU Aid mobility program. Via this program the students can travel abroad to a developing country, where they perform volunteer activities. Students go through a multi-round interviewing process. After this they can become a volunteer in Indonesia.

This was amazing, that three candidates of this year - Eva, Zdenek and Anička – were already action-oriented before the trip. They initiated the *Volunteer on the Wave* and organized few events for raising awareness about sea turtle protection in Ostrava in December. I am very grateful for such active people. Thank you so much for your help and I look forward to working with other OU Aid volunteers.

THE NGO PLANS FOR 2023

We will do everything to make the following happen:

- Continue with direct protection of the sea turtles on hatcheries in Indonesia, on the Lembata island
- Reestablish the effective protection of sea turtles in the Berau region in Indonesia
- Start with the effective direct protection of sea turtles in Sri Lanka
- Develop the educational and sustainable projects for improvement of lives of local people in Indonesia and Sri Lanka
- Start cooperation with hotels in Sri Lanka to transport tourists on trips to centers that protect turtles effectively
- Spread our educational materials to other countries
- Raise awareness about the situation of sea turtles and methods how to help them, about waste and responsible travel, not only in the Czech Republic but also elsewhere in the world



Economic activity of the SAVE TURTLE NGO in 2022

Revenues: 911 746,67 CZK = donations

38 500 CZK = subsidies from the Grant Fund of the Liberec Region

Costs: 923 032,66

- transfer to Indonesia 756 404,62 CZK (Berau 618 981,48 CZK; Lombok 137 423,14 CZK)
- execution of project in Sri Lanka 63 186,43 CZK
- execution of grant fund 47 500 CZK
- promotion 50 221, 83 CZK
- transfer fees 5 719,78 CZK

You can inspect the details on the organization transparent account at <https://ib.fio.cz/ib/transparent?a=2101346384>

Subsidies from the Grant Fund of the Liberec Region, program Support of Ecological Education and Awareness:

Subsidy: 38 500 Kč (received after a completion of the project)

Provider: the Liberec Region

Project implementation period: 1 October 2021 - 31 May 2022



The *project Learning about nature and helping the the nature at home and in the world* contributed to the development of environmental education in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools in the Liberec Region. We organized interactive workshops and lectures; we involved the games. Thanks to the grant, a new pair memory game (*pexeso*) was created.



In 2022, we helped protect turtles every day. We really appreciate your generous support without which we wouldn't be able to succeed. Thanks to all partners and supporters.

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