



# WCS Pearl Cays Hawksbill Conservation Project Monthly Summary—September 2015

- **Broke the all-time project record of nests in a season (475) on the 24th**
- **100 nests recorded in September—2015 season total of 491**
- 6 nests affected by poaching (1 Buttonwood, 2 Columbilla, 3 Wild Cane)
- **141 nests excavated—est. 22,002 baby turtles (hatchlings) have gone to sea so far in 2015**
- Average of ~7.3 cays surveyed per day
- Total hours of survey in September was 139.33 (average per day: 4.64 hours)
- **4 turtles donated** to the project or rescued by WCS teams this month (3 adult female hawksbills, 1 adult loggerhead)
- Formal and informal education and outreach about sea turtle conservation and the hawksbill project done with **74 people** visiting the Pearl Cays or WCS office in Pearl Lagoon (both national and international visitors, and 10 local fishermen).

