

The Turtle Conservation Centre has seen 76 post-hatchling loggerheads rescued from the beaches of the Western Cape this year. For the most part these turtles are recovering incredibly well- responding to the nutrition, observations, enrichment and medical care they are receiving.

Unfortunately, though, we have seen almost 400 pieces of microplastic passed from these babies so far.

In the last few weeks, we have started to see their shells get nice and hard- such an important component of them becoming release ready!



Aside from the hatchlings we have also seen 1 green turtle and 2 hawksbills arrive. Both hawksbills had severe injuries, and both passed away in the same week they arrived, but the green turtle is healing well.

Her name is Nori and when she arrived, she was not visually responsive, simply swimming in circles. We suspected a neuro infection of sorts and started immediate treatment.

Thank goodness Nori has responded incredibly well to the treatment and is now behaving very normally.

Our team is growing so much too! We now have 6 full-time people involved and have created some new positions as we work towards building a stand alone sea turtle hospital and focus growing our turtle network across the East African region.