



## Happy New Year from Coral Cay Conservation!

Ok so we know this is very delayed but we figured better late than never! Last year was a great success with countless volunteers and scholars trained, a new project up and running in Montserrat, great progress towards establishing Cambodia's first large scale marine protected area, and a number of MPA assessments completed in the Philippines. As the first month draws to a close we at CCC know that with the new year comes new beginnings and opportunities. With the Philippines and Cambodia sites already welcoming new volunteers, and Montserrat's first group arriving in a few days we can't wait to get stuck in!



Hawksbill turtles discovered on Napantao beach.



The Montserrat staff team



The Cambodia staff team.

**Philippines:** The volunteers and staff were treated to a late Christmas gift when 25 Hawksbill turtle hatchlings were found scurrying down to the water on Napantao beach! We are pleased to confirm that they all made it safely out to sea. With another nest discovered earlier in the month the team on site will be keeping their eyes peeled for both nests and hatchlings over the next few months. We'll be sure to keep you updated!

**Montserrat:** Whilst our site is closed to volunteers during January that doesn't mean that it has been all quiet on the Western front! This is a great opportunity for our new staff to get settled in and explore the forests of the Centre Hills in the hopes of setting up new terrestrial trails. The staff have been powering through herpetile and shore bird surveys with the help of a group of students currently based on the island. Only 3 days left before they are joined by the first volunteers of the new year!

**Cambodia:** With CCC's work in Cambodia nearing completion the pressure is on to train up our new group of volunteers and get out surveying. The group will soon be joined by 3 Cambodian scholars. These local students will join us on site for 4 weeks and receive all of their dive and science training for free. By training up the local people we can ensure that our work will continue when we eventually move on. Our scholarships are available to any Filipino, Cambodian or Montserratian citizen, click [here](#) if you are interested!