



ARCHELON

The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece

our mission

ARCHELON is a non-profit association dedicated to the study and protection of sea turtles and their habitats in Greece. Its actions combine scientific work with volunteer service and seek to engage society, through information and education, for a better and sustainable planet.

1983

The Society is founded

1985

Environmental Education Program begins in Zakynthos

1984

The Zakynthos & the Peloponnese Projects begin

1990

The Crete Projects begin

1991

The National Rescue Network is established

1994

The Rescue Centre in Glyfada is established

1995

The Koroni Project begins

1999

The National Marine Park of Zakynthos is established

2002

Satellite tracking begins

2010

The Romanos Project begins

2019

The National Action Plan for the Loggerhead Sea Turtle is established

2021

The online school tours begin

2022

The Beach Walk program begins

our action

150

satellite
transmitters

7.000

nests protected every
year

680.000

pages of
observations

our influence

15.000

volunteers
from 25
countries

50.000

social media
followers

1.200

turtles that have
received care

450.000

kilometers walked on
nesting beaches

1.000.000

hours of volunteer
service



future goals

2025

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Develop new partnerships
in the tourism sector, train
hotel staff, and continue
eco-tourism actions.

RESEARCH OF NESTING

Continue all nesting
monitoring projects, adapt
protocols, and expand
monitoring activities to new
areas

CLIMATE CHANGE

Continue studies on the
impact of climate change on
the life cycle and
populations of turtles, and
develop new educational
programs and an exhibition
on climate change.

MARINE AREAS

Continue satellite tracking
of turtles after mating,
nesting, or rehabilitation,
study marine routes and
contribute to increasing the
protection of marine areas.

2035

Sustainable Development Goals

ARCHELON aligns its mission with six of the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations.



Life Below Water

We actively participate in the preservation of marine ecosystems and marine life species, enhancing sea turtle protection, promoting sustainable fishing practices, and reducing marine pollution.



Sustainable Cities and Communities

Through targeted awareness and education campaigns, we help local communities understand the importance of protecting coastal and marine habitats, especially in sea turtle breeding areas.



Quality Education

We conduct environmental education programs and awareness activities, contributing to the education of young people about the importance of protecting the marine environment.



Climate Action

We continue research on potential solutions for the adaptation of the Mediterranean sea turtles to the climate crisis, while actions to protect marine ecosystems indirectly contribute to climate change mitigation efforts.



Life on Land

Although we are primarily focused on marine life, efforts to protect sea turtle nesting areas also contribute to the preservation of coastal ecosystems vital for biodiversity.



Partnerships for the Goals

We collaborate with a diverse range of stakeholders, including local, national, and international authorities, as well as other environmental organisations, to enhance conservation efforts and promote sustainable practices.



We Can All Live Together!

is ARCHELON's slogan since 1983.



Corporate Social Responsibility

Funding for ARCHELON's actions contributes not only to the conservation of sea turtles but also to strengthening your company's sustainability goals with measurable results for your reports.

Protection of nests

Support the protection of nests along the nesting beach in your area, including protection, marking, and daily monitoring from nesting to hatching.



Nesting beach protection

Adopt important nesting areas of the Loggerhead sea turtle and support continuous long-term monitoring and protection efforts.



Rehabilitation of injured sea turtles

Fund the rehabilitation of injured sea turtles at the Rescue Centre, covering the costs of examinations, care, feeding, release, and monitoring.



Environmental education

Help develop educational programs for local schools to teach students the value of marine ecosystems and nature conservation efforts.



Educational seminars



Fund seminars for local communities and business staff focusing on protection measures for sea turtles, sustainable tourism practices, and the importance of biodiversity.

Eco-tourism experience

Support the operation and promotion of ARCHELON's eco-tourism experiences with tours of the beaches and the Rescue Centre that educate visitors about marine life.



Volunteering



Organize volunteer days with ARCHELON for your employees and customers to participate in rehabilitation and protection actions, such as beach cleanups, shade construction, or painting cages.

Informative campaigns

Fund ARCHELON's awareness campaigns that increase public awareness on nesting beaches and at the Rescue Centre through the production of informational material or events.



These initiatives demonstrate your commitment to environmental protection and enhance your reputation as an organization concerned with Greece's biodiversity.

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Activities

ARCHELON organizes and offers a series of activities specially designed for groups of citizens, such as your company's staff and their families. The aim of these activities is to strengthen environmental education through direct contact with protected marine animals and the natural environment. It is a unique experience that combines awareness-raising with teamwork and contribution.

At the Rescue Centre

Tour & Beach Clean-up

Duration: ~2 hours

Your group will be guided through the facilities of the ARCHELON Rescue Centre in Glyfada, the rehabilitation tanks, the exhibition area (with information on turtle biology and threats), and will be shown an educational presentation.

Then, the group moves to the adjacent Glyfada beach for a beach clean-up, collecting and separating waste by category under ARCHELON staff guidance.



Tour & Turtle Release

Duration: ~2 hours

Following the tour (as described above), your group will have the opportunity (if a turtle is ready to be released) to observe the release of a sea turtle, actively contributing to the most significant moment of its rehabilitation: its return to the wild.





Support us

As part of the awareness-raising activities, as well as your company's corporate social responsibility, you could support the rehabilitation work at the Rescue Centre with a donation.

Adoption of a preparation tank

6 months: 900€



You support the care costs for turtles moved in that specific tank during the final stage of their rehabilitation, preparing them for their return to the sea.

Adoption of an injured sea turtle

1 year: 1.800€



Supports a severely injured or sick sea turtle requiring long-term care and specialized attention, covering the costs of feeding, examinations, and medication.

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