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Summary

Throughout the article entitled “The Preservation of Sea Turtles on Kifuma Beach/Soyo”, the authors present a detailed analysis of the environmental conditions and challenges for the conservation of sea turtles in an area of great ecological importance. The study adopts varied methodologies, combining in situ monitoring, data collection on nesting rates, and examination of the impacts resulting from human activities, such as predatory fishing, unregulated tourism, and the degradation of natural habitats. Data collected at different times show a progressive reduction in the survival rate of hatchlings, highlighting the urgency of preventive measures and sustainable management.

The research further emphasizes the importance of cooperation between local communities, government agencies, and scientific institutions, highlighting that the implementation of environmental protection areas and raising awareness among residents can favor the recovery of coastal ecosystems. The results indicate that, with effective conservation strategies, there is a significant increase in the success rate of turtles during the nesting period, demonstrating the natural resilience of the species when adequately protected. The article also discusses the influence of climate change, which imposes additional challenges to maintaining reproductive cycles, and suggests the need to invest in continued research to adapt conservation policies to new environmental realities.

It is concluded that the integration of efforts between society and environmental managers is truly fundamental to promoting ecological balance and ensuring the survival of sea turtles in the region.

Keywords: Conservation; Sea Turtles; Coastal Ecosystem.

Abstract

Throughout the article titled “The Preservation of Sea Turtles on Kifuma/Soyo Beach,” the authors present a thorough analysis of the environmental conditions and the challenges associated with conserving sea turtles in an area of great ecological significance. The study adopts a variety of methodologies by combining on-site monitoring, data collection on nesting rates, and a detailed examination of the impacts resulting from human activities-such as overfishing, uncontrolled tourism, and the degradation of natural habitats. Data gathered during different periods reveal a progressive decline in the hatchlings' survival rate, underscoring the urgent need for preventive measures and sustainable management practices.

The research further emphasizes the relevance of cooperation among local communities, government agencies, and scientific institutions, stressing that the implementation of environmental protection

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areas and the raising of resident awareness can promote the recovery of coastal ecosystems. The results obtained indicate that, in the presence of effective preservation strategies, there is a significant increase in the success rate of sea turtles during the nesting period, demonstrating the natural resilience of the species when adequately protected. The article also discusses the influence of climate change, which imposes additional challenges to the maintenance of reproductive cycles, and suggests the need to invest in continued research to adapt conservation policies to new environmental realities.
In conclusion, the integration of efforts between society and environmental managers is truly fundamental to promoting ecological balance and ensuring the survival of sea turtles in the region.
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Introduction

Sea turtles represent one of the most emblematic groups of marine fauna.
playing a fundamental role in maintaining coastal ecosystems. The Beach of
Kifuma/Soyo, known for its rich biodiversity, is an important nesting site that
It supports populations of these reptiles, which are true indicators of environmental health. However, the
The advancement of human activities, such as predatory fishing, unregulated tourism, and the consequent...
The degradation of natural habitats has intensified the challenges to their conservation, compromising the
ecological balance of the region.

Given this scenario, the present research aims to explore in depth the factors
Environmental and anthropogenic factors that directly impact sea turtles in the area in question.
The study investigates aspects related to reproductive cycles and survival rates of...
breeding grounds are influenced by climate change, which poses additional challenges to their maintenance.
of reproductive cycles. Thus, the analysis seeks to identify the main threats and critical points.
that require immediate intervention.

Furthermore, the urgency of an integrated conservation strategy is evident, one that involves...
Cooperation between local communities, government agencies, and scientific institutions.
Implementing environmental protection areas and promoting awareness campaigns are
identified as essential measures to mitigate the impacts and promote recovery of
coastal ecosystems. This research, therefore, proposes not only the identification of problems,
but also the basis for public policies aimed at the sustainable management of resources.
natural resources and the preservation of sea turtles in the region

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Theoretical Framework

The theoretical foundation of this study integrates multiple areas of knowledge that allow
to understand the complex interrelationships between biotic and abiotic aspects that influence the
Preservation of sea turtles on Kifuma Beach/Soyo. Initially, the analysis is based on...
in the biology and ecology of sea turtles, highlighting their life cycles, migratory patterns and

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reproductive behavior. The specialized literature shows that these species, due to their
Due to their low reproductive rate and long maturation period, they are particularly vulnerable to disturbances.
environmental factors highlight the importance of efforts directed towards protecting their critical stages.
of life.

Another theoretical pillar of this work lies in understanding the anthropogenic impacts on coastal ecosystems. Human activities, such as predatory fishing, unregulated tourism and The degradation of natural habitats is addressed through models that analyze the impact. Humans have an impact on the environment. Previous studies indicate that direct and indirect interference in the dynamics... The disruption of ecosystems can compromise not only the immediate survival of turtles, but also the resilience of their reproductive cycles. Therefore, the integration of methodologies of On-site monitoring and quantitative surveys have proven essential for mapping the effects of these pressures, contributing to the identification of critical points that require intervention.

Finally, the theoretical framework incorporates approaches related to conservation policies and to Community participation in environmental management. The theory of adaptive management and studies on Social engagement and environmental governance support the hypothesis that cooperation between government, The involvement of scientific institutions and local communities is crucial for the success of strategies. Preservation. The implementation of environmental protection areas, associated with campaigns of awareness is theoretically grounded as an action capable of promoting the recovery of ecosystems and ensure the continuity of the nesting cycles of these species. In short, the Integrating these approaches provides a comprehensive understanding of the processes and challenges. inherent to the preservation of sea turtles in the region.

Materials and methods

This study was conducted at Kifuma Beach/Soyo, located in an area of importance. ecological zone for the nesting of sea turtles. The delimitation of the area was carried out by means of geographic mapping using a GPS device, allowing the identification of critical zones of nesting sites and areas susceptible to human interference.

The research was conducted over a period of six months, covering the main areas. The stages of the reproductive cycle of turtles. The data collection combined methodologies. Quantitative and qualitative. On-site monitoring was carried out daily by teams of trained researchers, who used photographic records and direct observation to identify and Marking the litters. During field trips, environmental parameters were recorded. essential factors, such as the temperature and humidity of the sand, are used with portable sensors to establish the The correlation between environmental conditions and nest viability.

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In addition to physical monitoring, the research included conducting interviews.
Semi-structured methods and the application of questionnaires to the local community and environmental managers.
The approach sought to identify the impacts of human activities – such as predatory fishing, the
Unregulated tourism and habitat degradation – about sea turtles and ecosystems.
coastal. The qualitative information was triangulated with the quantitative data.
providing a more robust analysis of the factors that affect reproductive success rates.

The data collected were organized and analyzed using statistical methods.
descriptive, enabling the identification of patterns and the development of meaningful correlations between
environmental factors and turtle survival rates. This integrated approach
It enabled a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and needs for implementation of
Sustainable management strategies in the region.

Results

During the six-month monitoring period at Kifuma/Soyo Beach, the data
Quantitative studies have shown significant variations in the nesting rate of sea turtles.
with areas subjected to greater anthropogenic pressure showing a reduction of approximately 10%
in the reproductive success rate when compared to areas with less interference. Parameters
Environmental factors, such as temperature and sand humidity, showed a direct correlation with viability.
from the nests, showing that extreme conditions compromise the survival rate of the eggs.
Additionally, photographic records and field measurements indicated that, during periods of
With increased tourist traffic and intensified fishing activities, the nests showed signs of
Physical degradation and a higher incidence of disturbances. Additionally, qualitative data
obtained through interviews and questionnaires with the local community and environmental managers.
The quantitative indicators corroborated this, revealing a growing awareness of the risks.
environmental issues were also highlighted, although they also revealed gaps in the effective implementation of protection measures.

Discussion

The analysis of the results highlights the complexity of turtle conservation.
marine life in this environment. The direct relationship between fluctuations in environmental parameters and the reduction
The success rate of the nests corroborates previous studies that point to the high sensitivity of these
Reptiles are affected by the impacts of climate change and human activities. Human interference –
manifested in the form of predatory fishing and unregulated tourism – it not only deteriorates the habitat but also
It also intensifies the risks for critical stages of the turtles' reproductive cycle.

The integration of quantitative data with qualitative inputs enriched the discussion.
suggesting that the implementation of environmental protection areas, combined with awareness and...

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The engagement of local communities can contribute significantly to mitigating the...
negative impacts. This integrated approach allows not only for diagnosing the problems, but also
also to point the way to the development of public policies and management strategies.
sustainable solutions adapted to the local context. In short, the results reinforce the urgent need for
coordinated measures between government, community and the scientific sector to ensure the continuity of
natural processes and promote the recovery of coastal ecosystems.

Final Considerations

This study demonstrated that the conservation of sea turtles on Praia do
Kifuma/Soyo is a multidimensional challenge that demands an integrated approach. The analysis of
Data revealed that human interference, manifested mainly through predatory fishing and
Unregulated tourism has a direct impact on the success rate of nests, compromising the cycle.
reproductive cycle of these species, which are so essential for the balance of coastal ecosystems.

The results obtained reinforce the importance of maintaining rigorous monitoring of
Environmental parameters, such as temperature and sand humidity, were shown to be directly related.
correlated to egg viability. Thus, the implementation of environmental protection areas and the
The development of sustainable management strategies emerges as an indispensable measure for
to mitigate the effects of anthropogenic pressures.

Additionally, the integration of quantitative information with qualitative data, originating from
Based on the perceptions of the local community and environmental managers, the need for...
Collective participation in the preservation of natural habitats. This cooperation can foster adoption.
of more assertive public policies and contribute to raising social awareness regarding the relevance
environmental impact on sea turtles.

Finally, the study points to the urgent need for investments in ongoing research, capable of...
to provide dynamic monitoring of environmental variables and the impacts of use.
human safety in the region. Based on these efforts, it is possible to outline adaptive strategies that ensure...
the sustainability of coastal ecosystems and the survival of sea turtles, reaffirming
A commitment to environmental preservation and ecological balance.

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