



SAVE PUBLIC PRESENTATION

**“Saving Sea Turtles:
Lessons in Marine Turtle Conservation
Worldwide”**

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All marine turtles are experiencing serious threats to their survival and some species are now considered endangered. Threats to marine turtles include pollution, predation and habitat destruction. Effective conservation must protect turtles at all stages of their life cycle, including nesting and hatching. Three species of marine turtles live in the Mediterranean Sea and two regularly nest on Cyprus' beaches. This presentation will highlight the latest in global marine turtle conservation efforts, providing insights into how Cyprus can continue to ensure the survival of these ancient reptiles.

MONICA AUREGGI is an international marine turtle expert with over 13 years of experience working in marine turtle conservation in South East Asia and various sites in the Mediterranean.

Since 1995, she has undertaken marine turtle conservation efforts in the Mediterranean region and has extensive knowledge of conservation sites in Turkey, Greece, Italy and Lebanon. In 1996, she began a conservation project on a remote island in South Thailand targeted towards the local population who consume turtle eggs and meat. The initiative is supported by Phuket Marine Biological Center. Even though the project was tragically devastated by the tsunami in 2004, her conservation efforts continue through the Italian non-governmental organization *Naucrates* which is supporting sea turtle conservation and the local community.

Her extensive fieldwork, scientific studies and publications make her a valuable resource, consultant and trainer on marine turtle conservation. Ms. Aureggi is a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Marine Turtle Specialist Group (MTSG).

She received her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Milan (Italy) and completed her Master in Science in Conservation Biology at Canterbury University, Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (UK).