

Turtle Watch: Community Contribution to Environmental Impact Assessment



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In 2005, community members of an independent primary school in the Perth metropolitan area of Western Australia expressed concern about evident declines in the local turtle living in nearby wetlands. Early investigation suggested that road deaths and a lack of suitable nesting sites were impacting on the turtle population. To examine the issue further, and with the aim to improve the turtles' local habitat, the school successfully applied for a Community Conservation Grant. The subsequent project involved close collaboration between the school, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), the local council and other organisations.



Project Purpose To assess the viability of a turtle watch program in the Perth metropolitan area. To identify the best nesting sites for turtles in the area. To improve the turtles' local habitat. To examine the issue further, and with the aim to improve the turtles' local habitat, the school successfully applied for a Community Conservation Grant. The subsequent project involved close collaboration between the school, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), the local council and other organisations.

Project Program The project was undertaken over a two year period from 2005-2007. The first year was spent on the north-western side of Murdoch University (MURU) campus. The second year was spent on the south-western side of Murdoch University (MURU) campus. The project was undertaken over a two year period from 2005-2007. The first year was spent on the north-western side of Murdoch University (MURU) campus. The second year was spent on the south-western side of Murdoch University (MURU) campus.

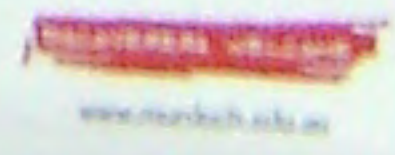
Results The turtle watch program has been successful in identifying suitable nesting sites for turtles in the Perth metropolitan area. The program has also resulted in the improvement of the turtles' local habitat. The program has also resulted in the improvement of the turtles' local habitat.

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Why did the turtle watch program fail? The turtle watch program failed due to a lack of suitable nesting sites for turtles in the Perth metropolitan area. The program also failed due to a lack of suitable nesting sites for turtles in the Perth metropolitan area.



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