

# NEW Chapter of Arnavons. "Towards ACMP"



**By KAWAKI Reps & ACMP Rangers**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**  
**Heritage Park**  
**Honiara**

# Background

- Initiated by ACMP Community Women in 2015
- Legally Registered in 2017
- ***Vision & Mission*** to Support ACMP in Awareness, Capacity Building, Hospitality, Culture, Gender sector
- Supported by Communities, NGO Partners & Government i.e. MECDM

We tell our stories through art, song, traditional stories and kastom dance



The Arnavon Islands have links to 1,000s of years of human history in the Pacific



The land and the sea are part of many of our important cultural stories and practices



Healthy land and sea will keep our culture strong for our children and future generations



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# Culture & Tradition of Arnavon Communities





# Sharing of Rangers' duties



**Catering Service Training for Rangers by  
KAWAKI Womens' Network**



# Donors' engagement & Customer Service





# Awareness & Capacity Building



11/10/2016







**Rangers vs Women in Conservation vs Poachers**



**Songs of Arnavons!!!**

**Tagio Fana,  
Dikana &  
Korapa !!!**





Community based Management of Leatherback  
Turtle beaches in Isabel Province  
“Empowering resource owners”

John R. Pita, Brian Siama and George Lehe

National Resource Management Symposium

2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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# Outline of Presentation



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# Background



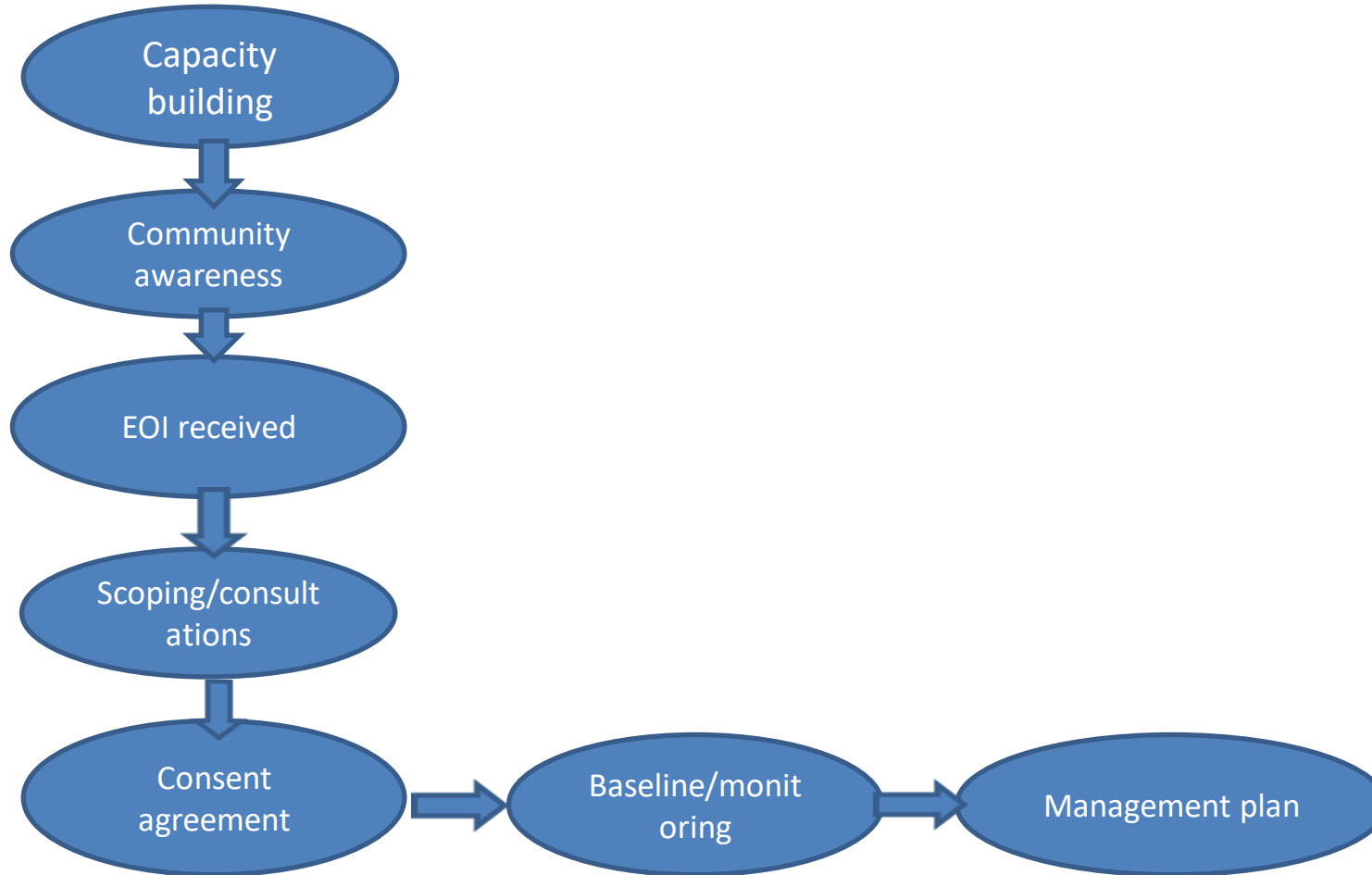
- Isabel Program started in 2012
- Ridges to Reef consultations
- Isabel Ridges to Reef Conservation Plan developed
- Roll out of R2R in the province

# Partners





# Approach







# Leatherback sites in Isabel



- Haevo
- Sosoilo
- Huhurangi
- Lilika
- Salona
- Sasakolo
- Litogahira



# Institutional framework



- Isabel Resource Management Ordinance
- Protected Areas Act 2010
- Isabel Ridges to Reef Conservation Plan
- IPG Policy statement



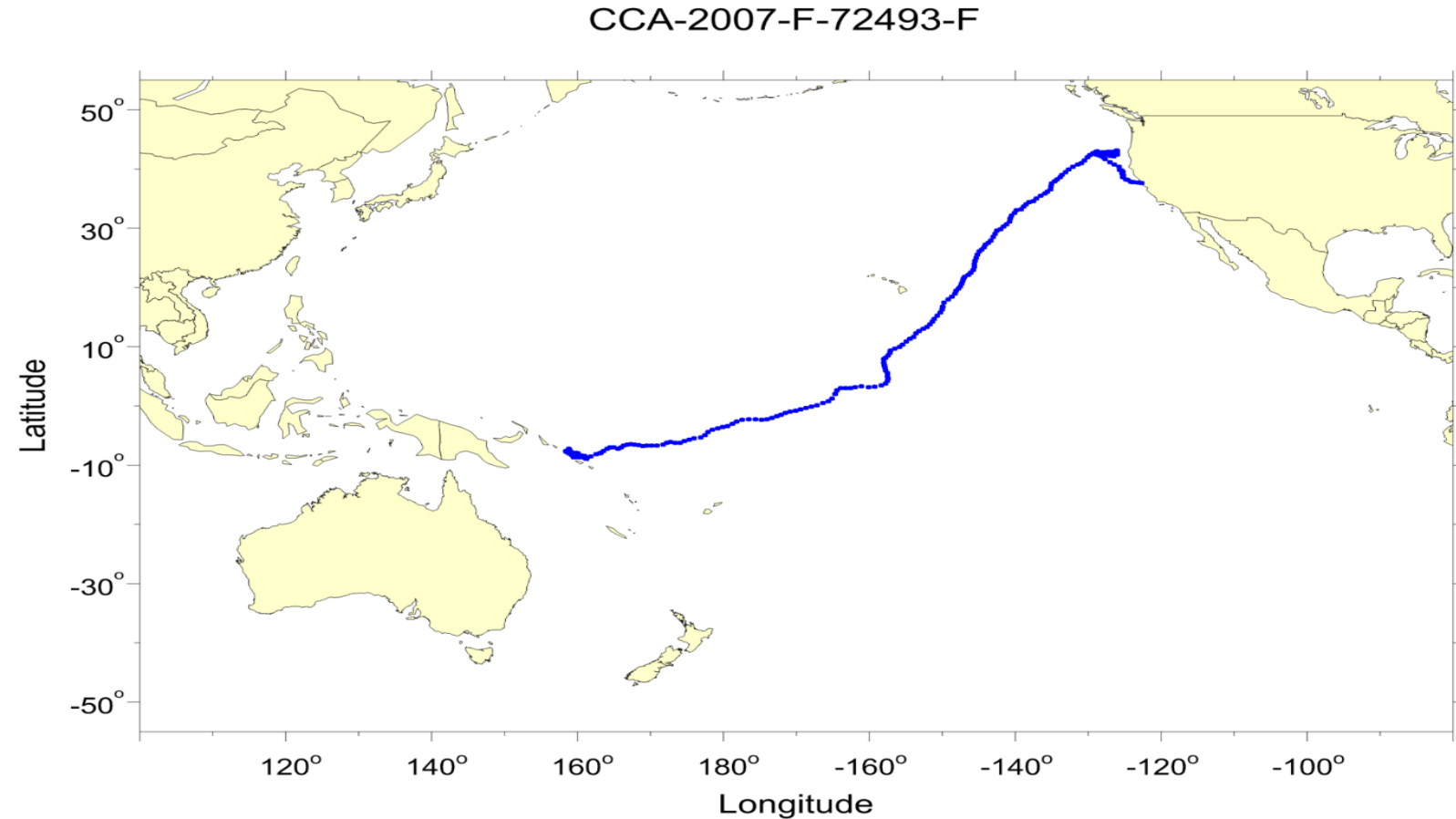
# Haevo Khulano Integrated Conservation Area



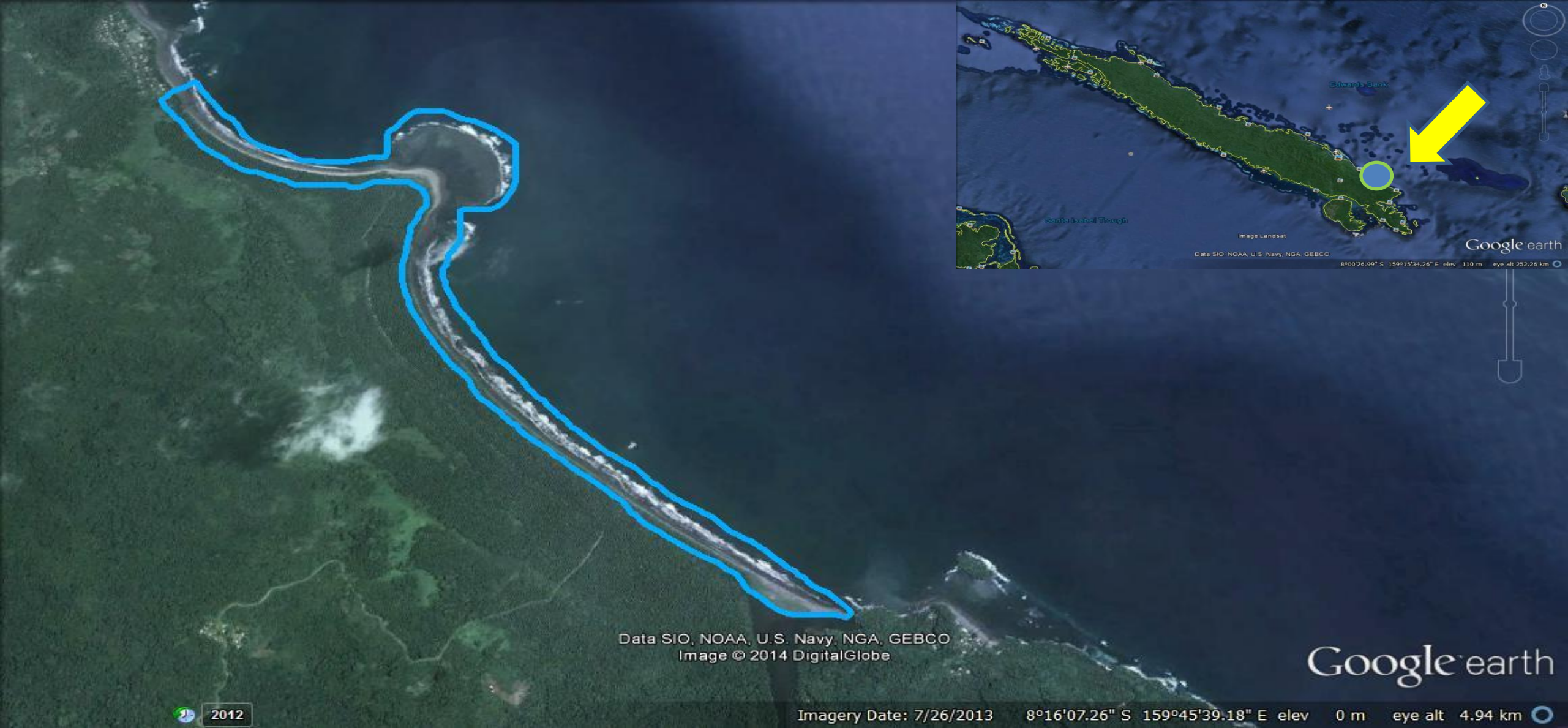


# Background

- Started in 2013
- Formed Conservation Committee
- Management plan (in progress)
- 15 catchment communities
- 10 rangers – on rotational bases
- Carry out tagging and monitoring during nesting season
- 2 nesting seasons a year



# Map of Haevo Leatherback Nesting Beach





# Turtle Species Nesting at Haevo

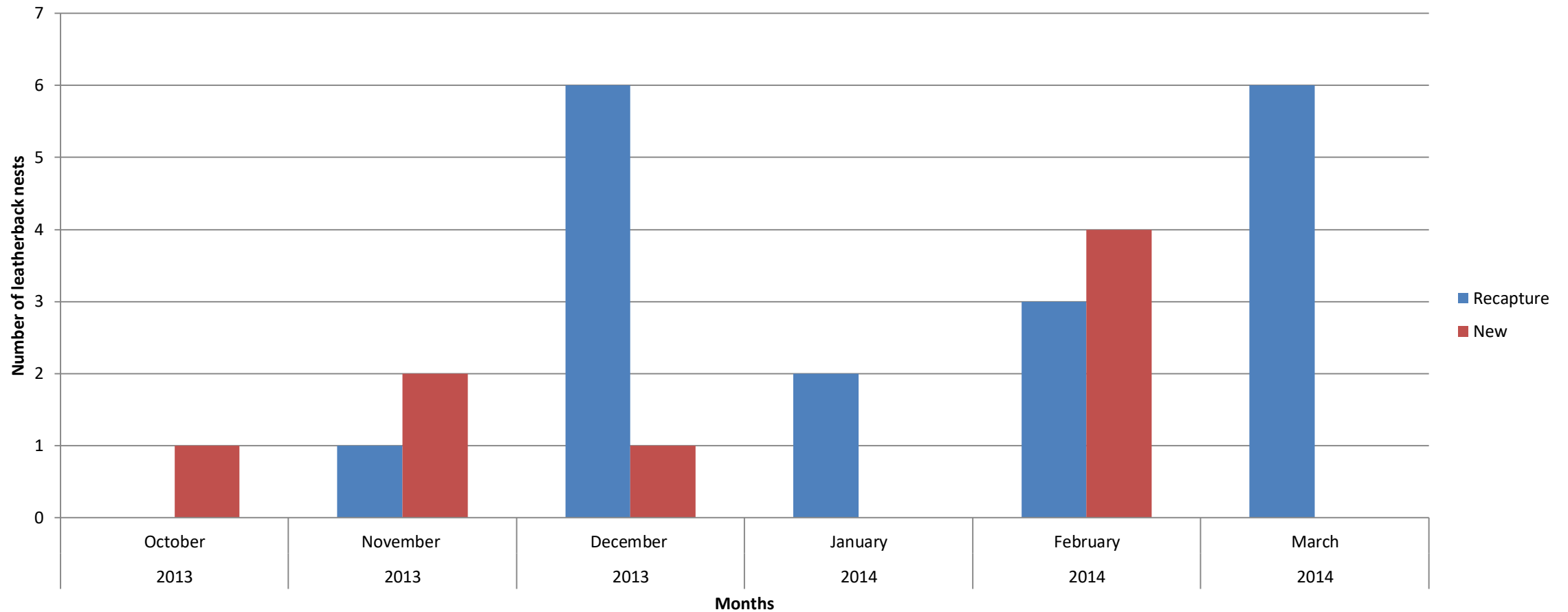
- Leatherback turtle (Khulano)
- Hawksbill turtle





# Monitoring Results

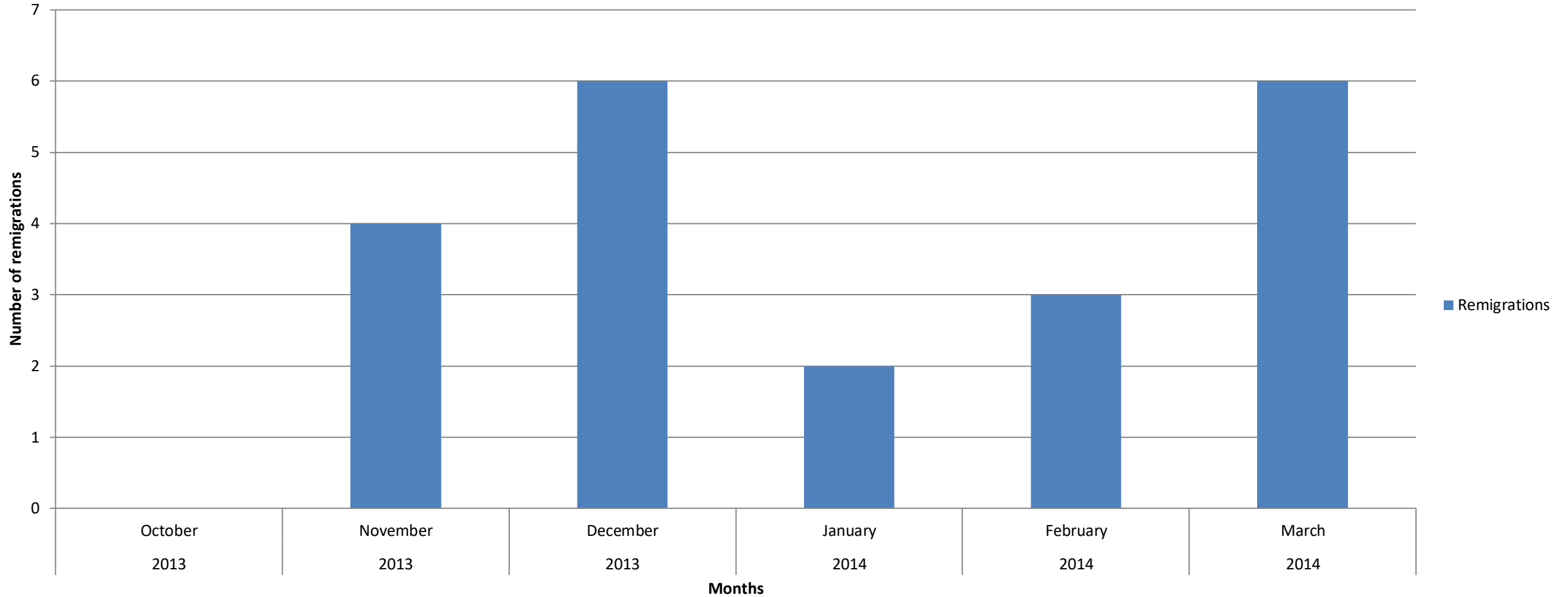
Number of leatherback turtles nesting at Haevo between October 2013 -March 2014





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**Number of leatherback turtle seasonal remigrations at Haevo nesting beach between October 2013-March 2014**

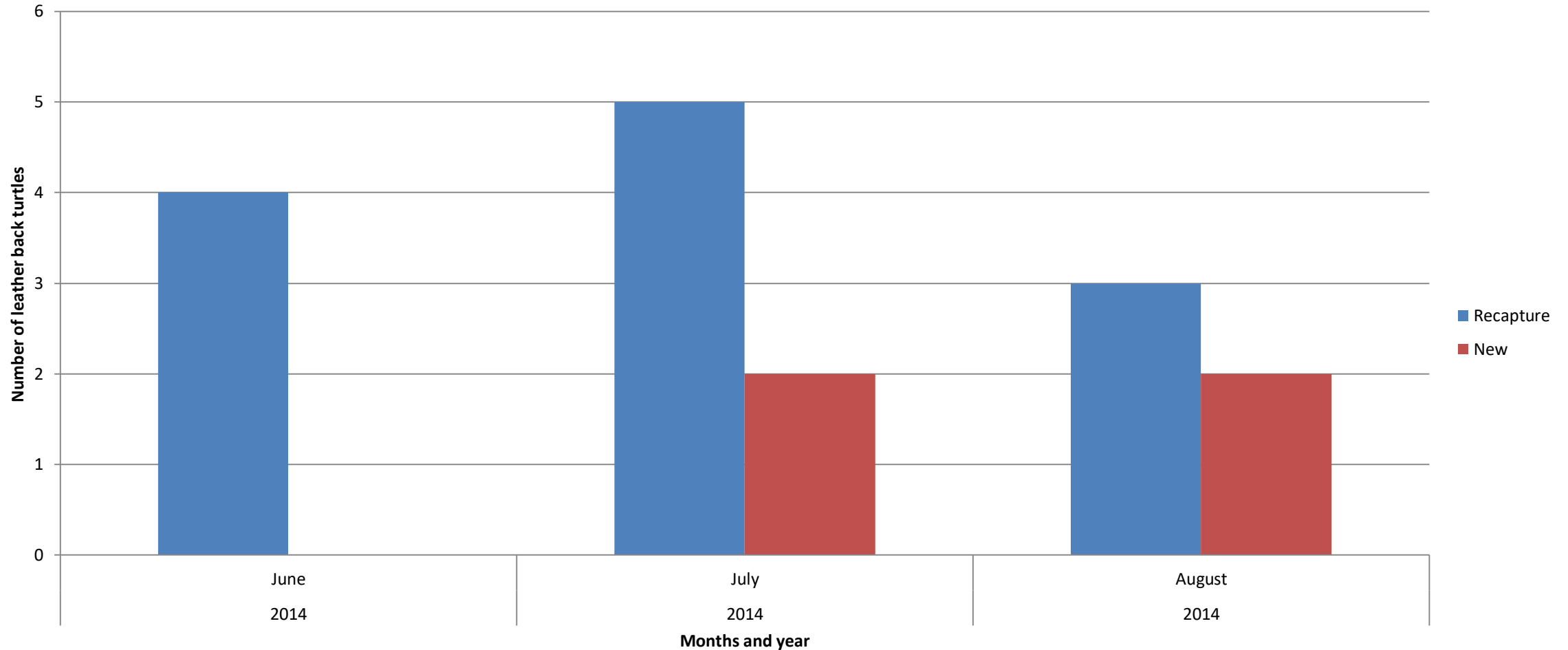






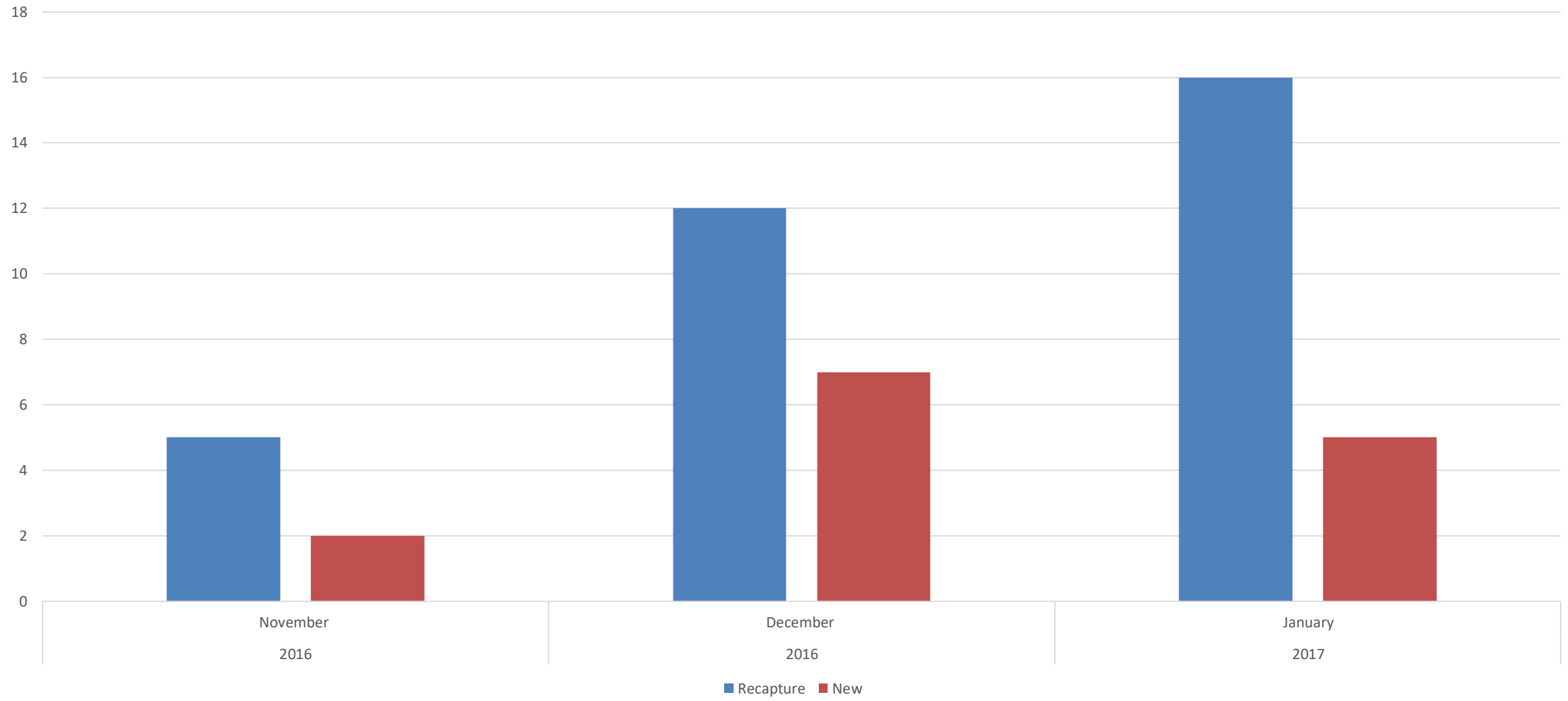
# 2014 Mid-Year Season

The number of new and recapture leatherback turtles nesting on Haevo beach from June to August 2014





# Number of new and recaptured leatherback turtles nesting at Haevo index beach from Nov 2016 to January 2017



# Sosoilo Leatherback Conservation Area





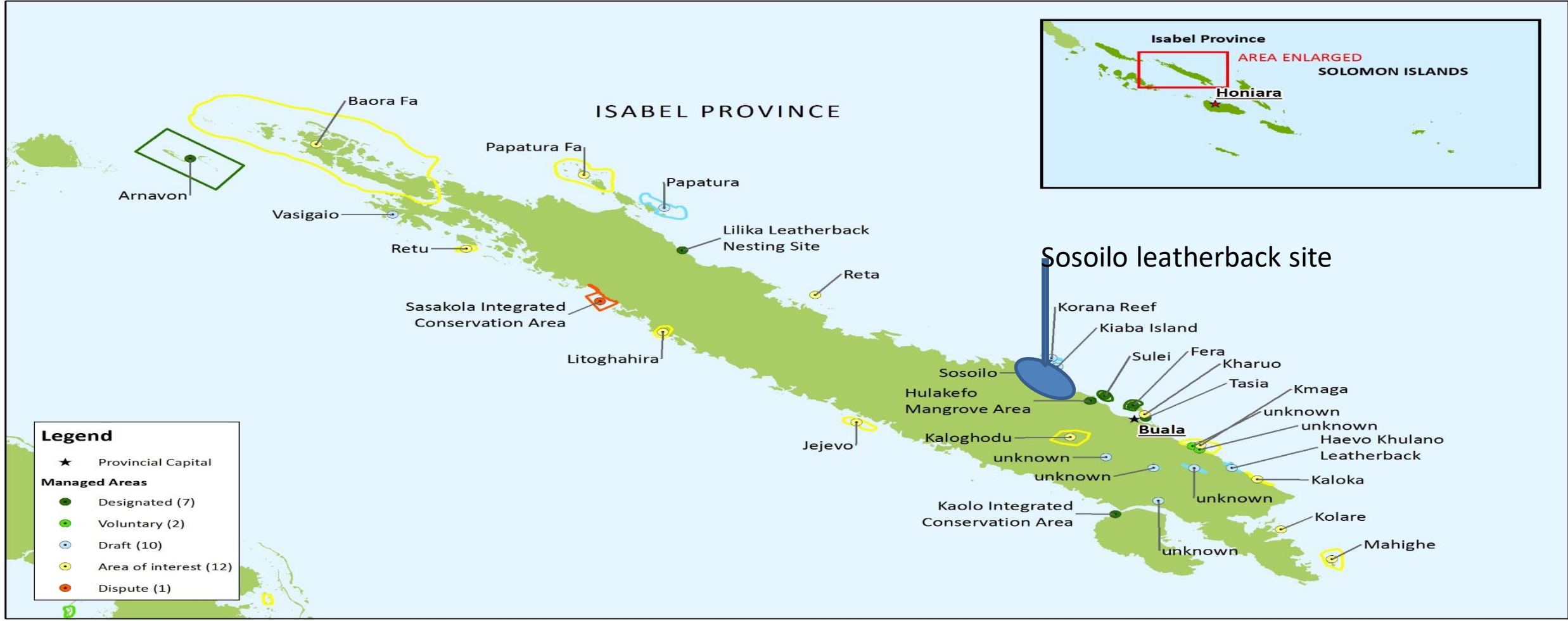
# Background

- Started in 2014
- Involves five villages
- Formed conservation committee
- Consent agreement signed by principle chief of the tribe
- Turtle monitors engaged during nesting season
- Accommodate 2 nesting seasons





# Map of Sosoilo



**Managed Areas of Isabel Province, Solomon Islands**  
Within Isabel Province a total of 32 sites are either Voluntary or under development, with one site in dispute (as of 11 June 2015)



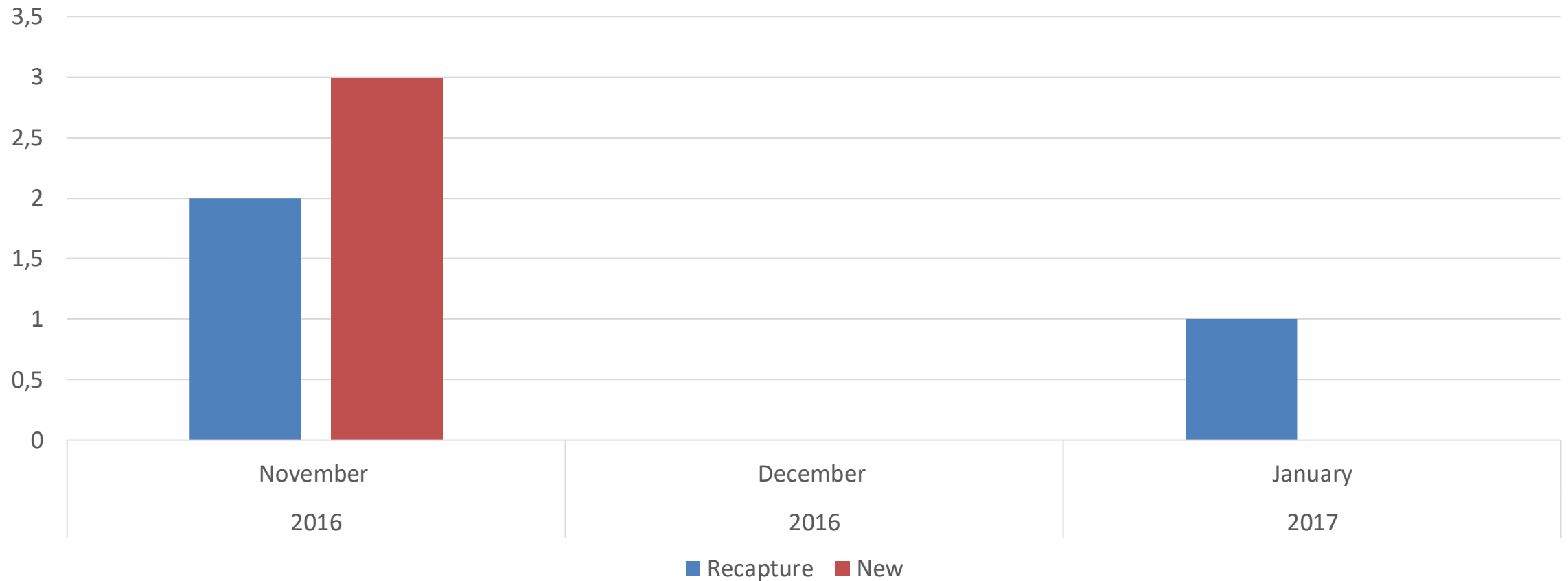
# Activities undertaken



- Night beach patrol and tagging
- Daily track counts (nest count)
- Eggs relocation
- Community awareness



## Number of new and recapture leatherback turtles nesting at Sosoilo index beach, Nov 2016 - January 2017





# Challenges



- Inadequate data collected by monitors
- Geographical stretch of catchment communities
- Managing expectations
- Logging debris on nesting beaches
- Poaching
- Climate change (erosion of coastline)





# Going forward



- Continue to work with partners to broaden community aspirations
- Completion of management plans
- Improve on data collection
- Increase community awareness to all stakeholders community
- More involvement of women in turtle conservation (rangers etc.)
- Be a living champions of leatherback turtle protection and management
- Strengthen relationship with our members of parliament



Tangio fara