

**1er. Encuentro de Niñas y Niños de Las Californias por
la Conservación de Las Tortugas Marinas
(1st Kids Sea Turtle Conservation Conference of the Californias)**

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Synopsis:

In 1987, the Primer Encuentro de la Niñez de la Zona Sur de Sinaloa para la Conservación de la Tortuga Marina (1st South Sinaloa Kids Sea Turtle Conservation Conference) occurred. Each year since then, the conference has continued its celebration uninterruptedly, in which 100 6th graders from rural fishing communities of coastal South Sinaloa have participated in each camp. This conference develops throughout one week of camping, with the help and support of institutions, investigators, workshop providers, sponsors, Sistema Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (National System for the Integral Development of the Family), Consejo Estatal de Ciencia y Tecnología (State Council on Science and Technology), organizers, and 30 volunteers. As of today, eighteen years of work have elapsed that have set guidelines for reaching many goals, have returned participating kids as volunteers, and have convinced parents that were companions to bring their children.

The volunteers that support the different activities during the camp come from every state in Mexico. Thanks to this participation, the knowledge and experiences from the camps have spread successfully, giving us the opportunity to duplicate them, which has allowed us to create the 1st Kids Sea Turtle Conservation Conference of the Californias. The goal of the conference is that during the application of techniques designed for giving classes and workshops, the kids will be capable of evaluating the urgency of participating in the campaign and the conservation of sea turtles and their environment, and develop new habits and conducts to respect the environment to contribute with the conservation of natural resources, among others.

During the 1st Kids Sea Turtle Conservation Conference of the Californias, we expect the participation of 50 kids, sons and daughters of members of the different communities of the Grupo Tortuguero, including the new generation of the **FUTURE PROTECTORS OF THE ENVIRONMENT!**