



Newsletter 03/2012

Updates from our Proyecto Mosaico World!

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„Solidarity is the tenderness of the people.“

(Ernesto Cardenal)

Dear volunteers, ex-volunteers, members and friends of Proyecto Mosaico e.V. ,

YEAH! ... we've managed to do it! Here is our English newsletter with lots of news and stuff about Proyecto Mosaico! We are still alive and kicking and happy to be able to share some insights into both of our new turtle conservation projects with you

We are small. We are independent. We are non-profit – since 1998. And we work hard to keep Proyecto Mosaico going! ☺ We are a bunch of committed and enthusiastic people linking engaged people from all over the world with our partner organizations as well as support our partner organizations.

Wishing you a great read! Please drop us a line if you have any question!

Saludos desde Nicaragua and Germany,

Anouk, Carlos, Cordula, Lena, Sabrina and our office volunteers Kathrin, Simone, Simone and Tine.

Proyecto Mosaico e.V. in numbers

Volunteer Coordination – Welcome to our new Volunteer coordinator Lena Burkl. She is going to support us for **ONE** year in our office in Granada, Nicaragua. We would like to shout out our thanks to Veronika! Thanks a lot for your support, Vero!

Proyecto Mosaico Office – Together everything is so much easier: at the moment there are **FOUR** volunteers in the office, supporting our work and getting their own little mosaic projects done. Thank you sooo much Kathrin, Simone, Simone and Tine! Let's not forget our dear ex-volunteers Andi, Lea and Jasmin. These **THREE** guys did a great job during the last year. You are simply the best!

Recent Volunteer Numbers – September and October are lucky months for Proyecto Mosaico e.V. and its partner organizations. We are happy to announce **37** volunteers from all over the world doing voluntary work in Central America. **NINE** of them are located in Guatemala, while the others chose Nicaragua to be their host country. Until now **81** volunteers signed up to join our Mosaico.

EXITING NEWS! *Mosaico-Workcamps* – To sort things out and make a change! Beginning in March 2013 we are happy to offer you the chance to participate in unique workcamps. During the last months our partner organizations and us worked hard to develop the greatest and urgently needed work camps.

Interested in finding out more about MOSAICO WORKCAMP? Visit our [Website](#) and get a first impression and learn more about them.

Sea turtle protection in Central America – Why is it so important?

There are up to six different kinds of sea turtles in Central America. Actually sea turtles spend their whole life in the ocean. Only the females leave the water to lay eggs on their home beach. That's true! Turtles remember the place they hatched. These sea dwellers already exist since more than 200 million years. Even though all kind of sea turtles are officially under protection of species, unfortunately their existence is in danger of extinction. The turtle eggs and the little ones in particular are the most endangered.

Natural enemies such as raccoons or birds but also human beings are a big threat to these animals. Additionally increasing environmental pollution of the oceans as well as modern fishing methods are also a huge menace.. Furthermore sea turtle eggs are still part of the local cuisine in Central American countries. That's why there is an organized and widespread robbery of turtle eggs. During the night, poachers meet on the beaches, by foot or by horse, to look for the hatcheries. During the last years, more and more projects arose for the protection and maintenance of these special species, in order to work against these methods and to influence the national opinion effectively regarding the sea turtle situation. That's the way how our partner organizations try to sensitize society to the endangered existence of the sea turtles.

In both Costa Rica and Guatemala we maintain cooperation with non profit initiatives who aim to protect the local sea turtle population- The project [C L.01](#) is located on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica, close to the seaport city Limón. In this project you have the chance to participate in the protection of both the sea turtles and their eggs, where you can see the hatching of the baby turtles and finally help them reaching the ocean. On the Pacific Coast of Guatemala you find the sea turtle project [G L.01](#) In the little village of Santa Rosa you can actively support the sea turtle rescue on a black sand beach



The environment is part of our hearts – news from our project work

Kickstarter – Little Ones save Big Lake!

At this point we would like to thank all of you who made it possible that our first project was financed via [Kickstarter](#).. Thanks to you we were able to make it!!! With the support of our friends we raised more than the strived 500 USD within 30 days. Now we can start the little documentary project about the beautiful – but also much polluted – lake of Nicaragua.

Many thanks to all of you! We would like to especially thank our Volunteer Lea. Thanks to her initiative and commitment the whole campaign came true! It was her who made this possible by signing us in into Kickstarter. Have a look at this great [Video](#) that was produced by Lea, Carlos and the kids from the barrio Santa Emilia. Enjoy!

EcoREDMOSAICO – Environmental Network Nicaragua

Support a national [environmental network](#) to come into existence. EcoREDMOSAICO will be a unique grassroots environmental-network-project, connecting organizations and self-aid initiatives with different competencies and levels of experiences. We believe in the power of human connections! That's why we are trying to boost the establishment of this unique network as well as supporting each other. We have already started a virtual fundraising campaign via [betterplace.org](#).

We are looking for people who share our visions and are able to make a small donation. We are currently fundraising the first networking meeting, as well as travel expenses, planning and tools. Please visit EcoREDMOSAICO@betterplace.org.

EcoARTE – Become a donor and support a creative recycling workshop!

Thanks to your support we were already able to realize a lot of great [Workshops](#). But we are not close to stop! Furthermore we want this to continue and give more kids the great opportunity to learn how they can turn something evitable useless to something beautiful and in some cases something very useful. Learn more about EcoARTE → [here](#).



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- If you know teachers who might be interested in our work, forward our contact details
- If there are planned excursions to Central America in college/ school, tell them about our work camps! We have a lot of contacts and detailed information about all kind of focuses/ topics
- Talk about your experiences you made with us and your project via facebook, forums and through personal contact!

For further questions, material & ideas please contact: kontakt@promosaico.org.

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Every day you get new information about Central America and about our daily job! In this very moment, when you click "I like" on a picture or one of our comments, all your friends can see that... and maybe they will like us and our work also.

