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## 18-YEARS OF GREEN SEA TURTLE MONITORING ON TETIAROA ATOLL, FRENCH POLYNESIA : KEY RESULTS AND PATHS TO THE FUTURE ?

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### **Key points between 2007 and 2025 nesting seasons**

- **8,266 nesting crawls**
- **1,366 confirmed nests**
- **372 females identified**
- **352,789 hatchlings**
- **27 females recaptured**
  - 24 between 2 seasons
  - 3 between 3 seasons

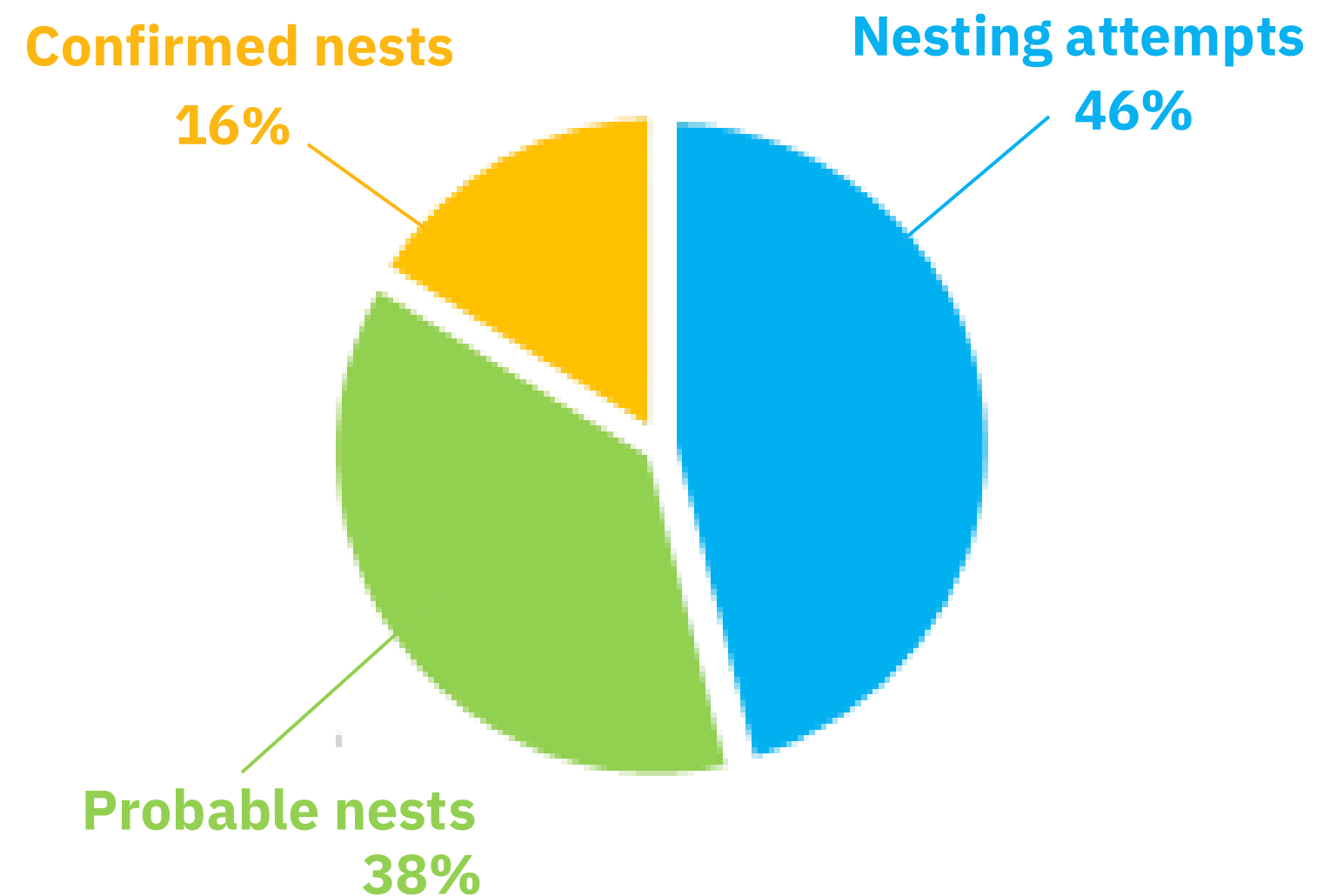




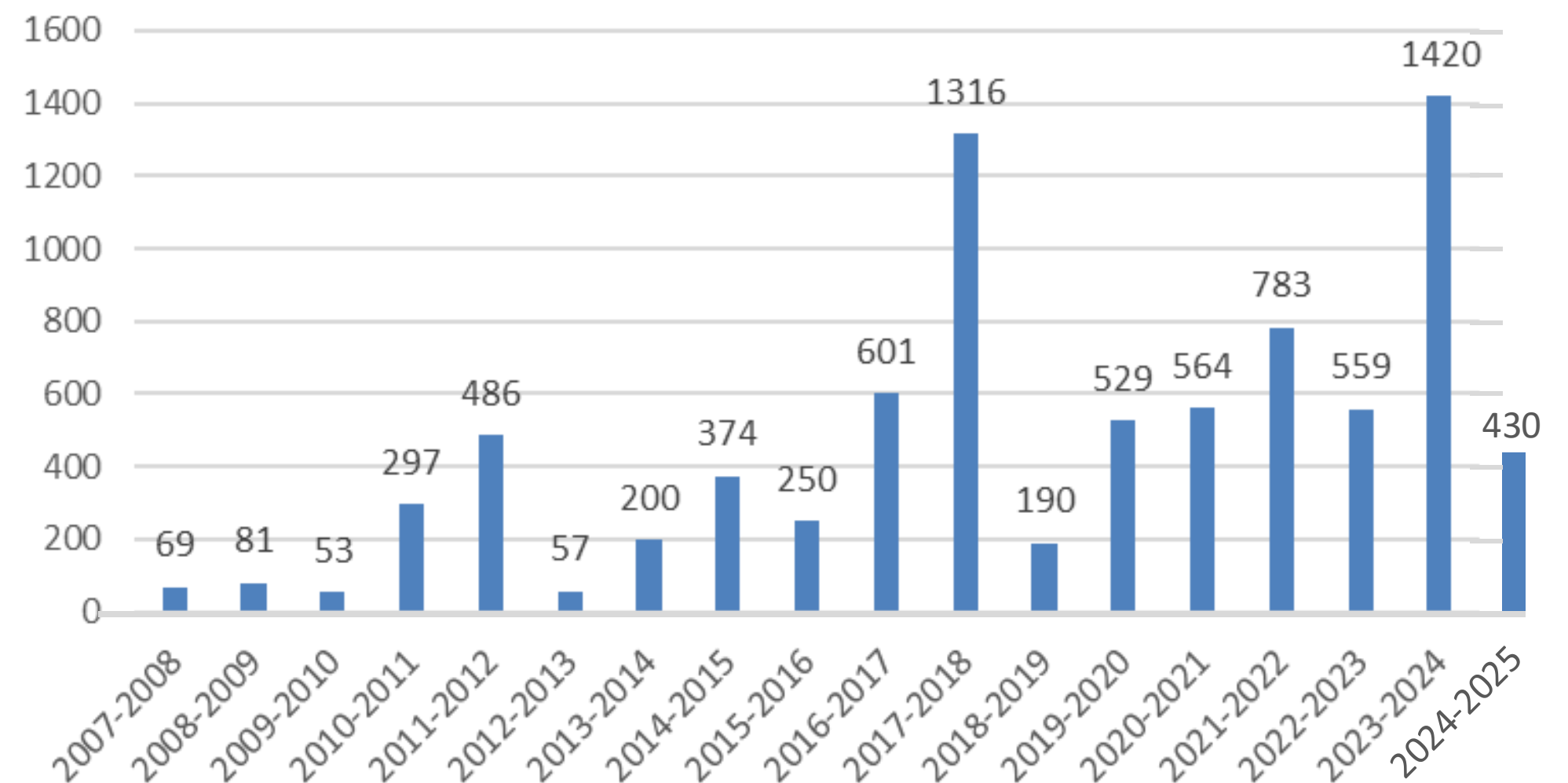


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## Nest-to-track ratio



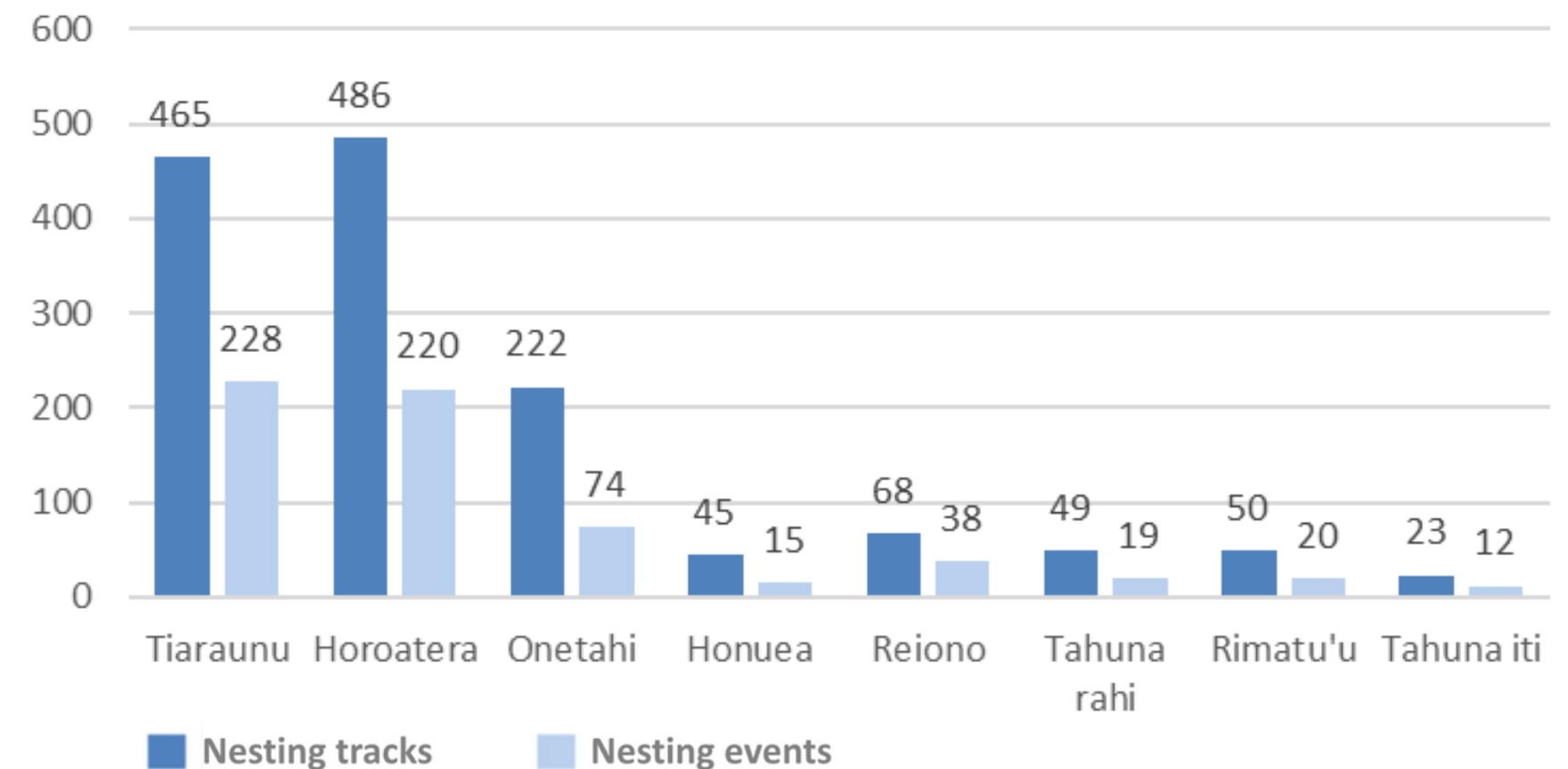
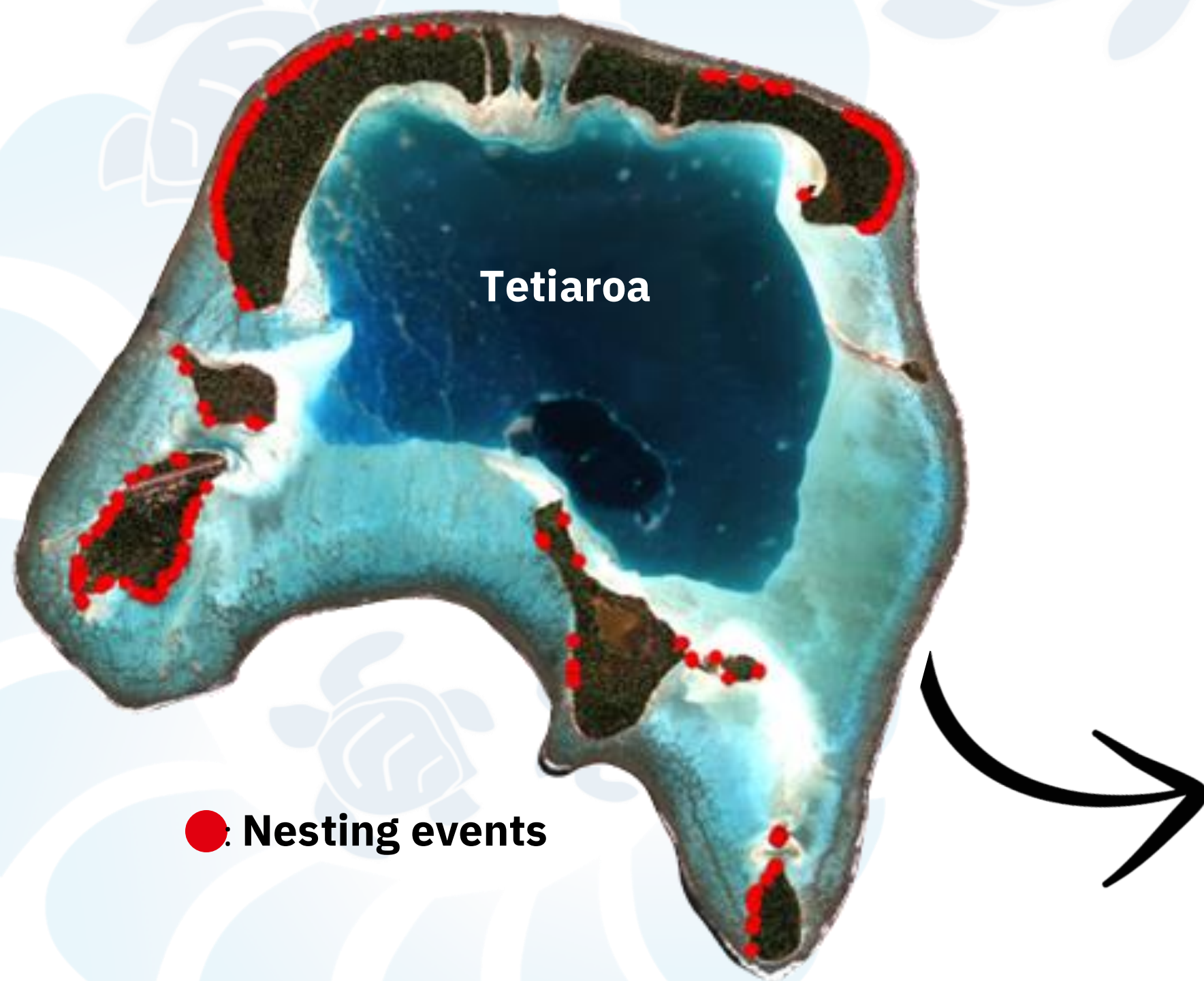
## Evolution of sea turtles nesting crawls





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## Evolution of average nesting crawls and confirmed nests

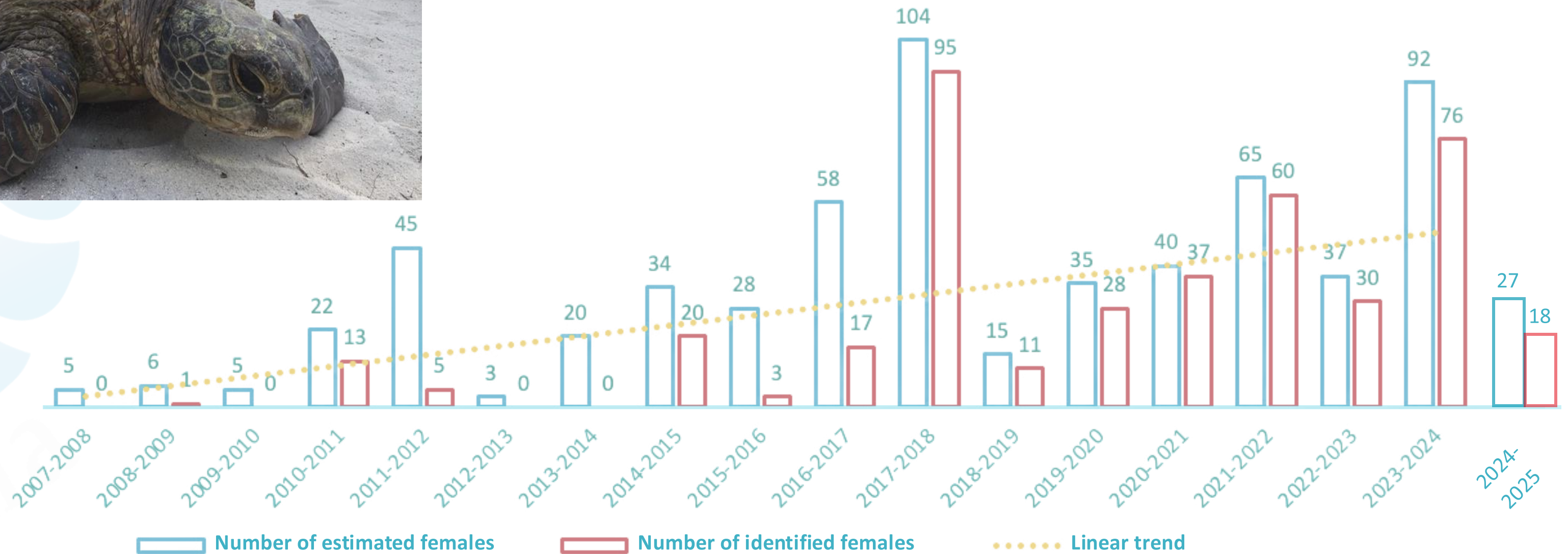






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## Evolution of the number of nesting females







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**Ex. AHOROA**

- Observed across 3 different nesting seasons
- 20 nests laid
- 975 hatchlings



*Photo-identification*



**2011-2012**

6 years



**2017-2018**

6 years



**2023-2024**

## Remigration interval

**Onetahi**



- 2011-2012
- 2017-2018
- 2023-2024



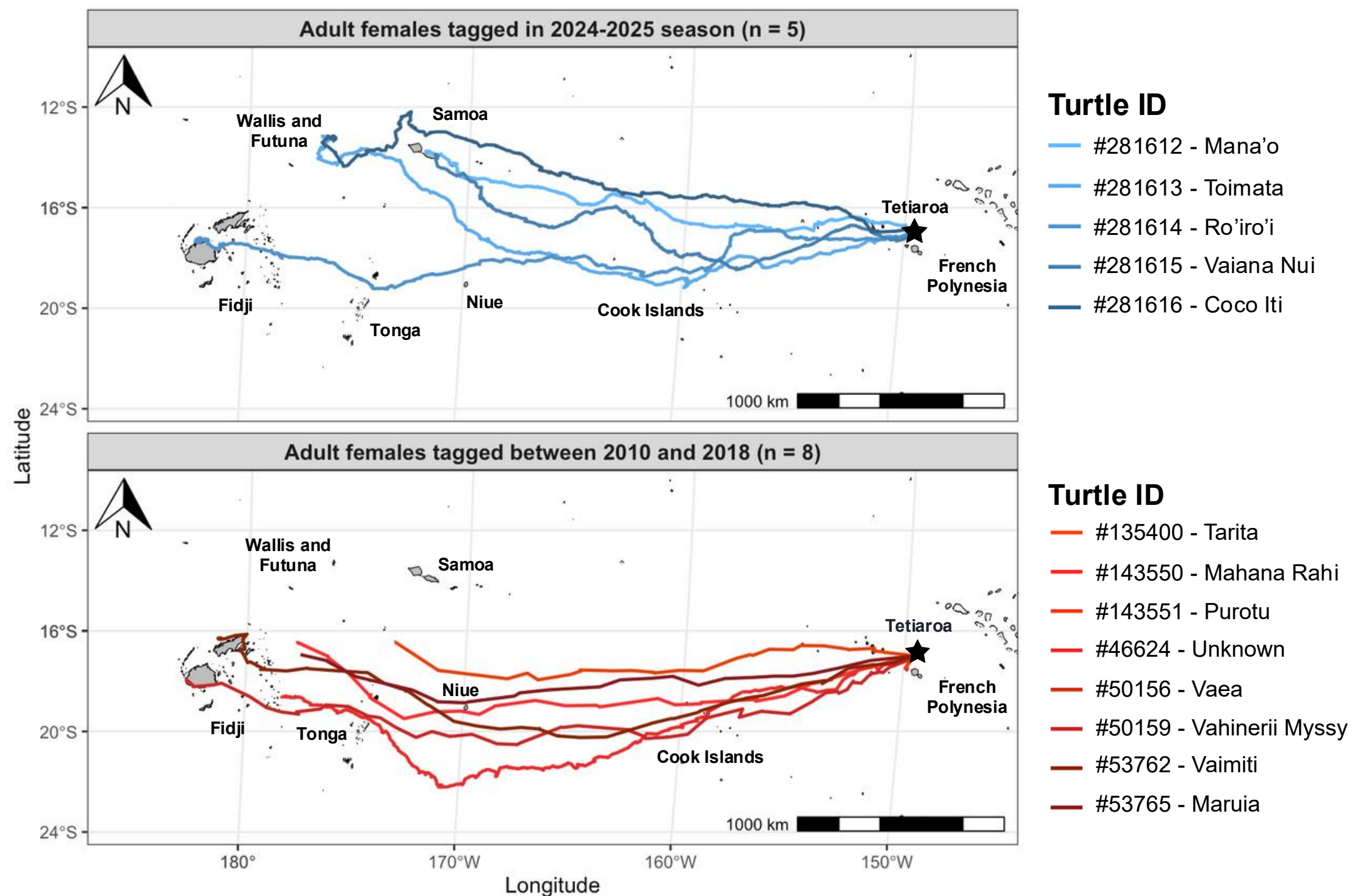
## Satellite telemetry



Map of post-nesting migration routes



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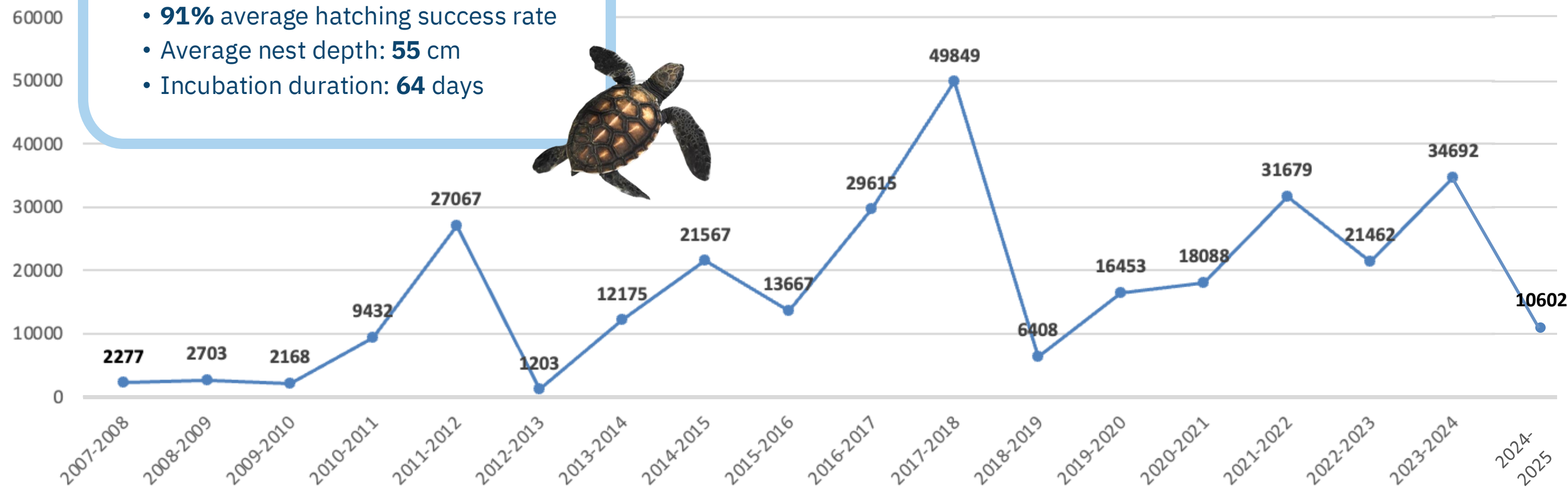


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- Approximately **350,000** hatchlings emerged, with over **25,000** observed by Te mana o te moana teams.
- **88** eggs laid per nest (on average)
- **81** eggs hatched per nest
- **91%** average hatching success rate
- Average nest depth: **55** cm
- Incubation duration: **64** days

## Seasonal variation in the number of eggs







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## **Predator protection measures**

**Placement of a circular mesh around nests:**

- ***Protects against predators (mainly crabs)***
  - ***Reduces the impact of light pollution***
  - ***Allows monitoring of hatchling health***
    - ***Enables genetic sampling***

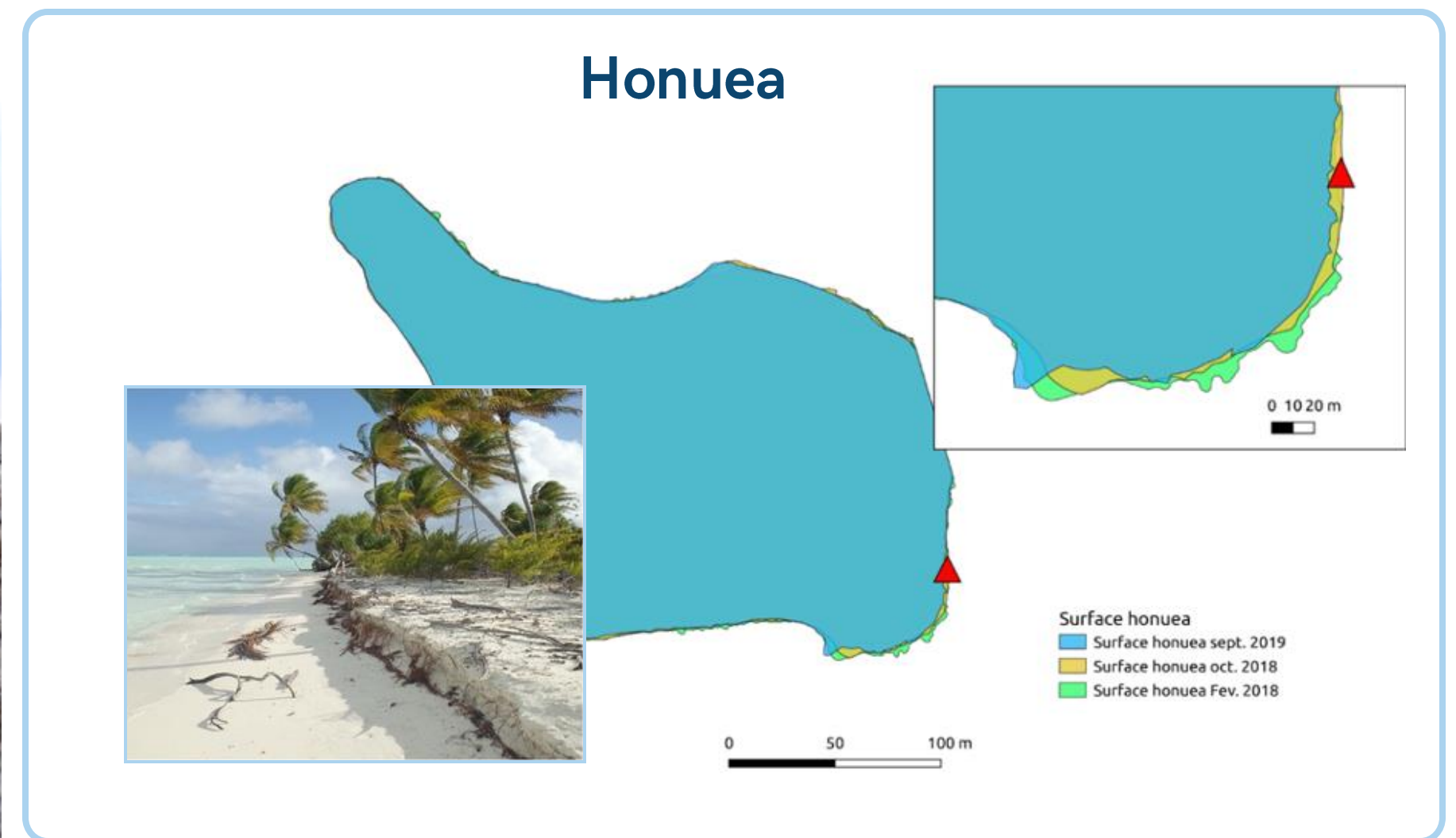






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## Influence of nesting beach erosion







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## “Fa’atura te tahatai” project

The aim of the project is to restore native plant communities by adopting ***Nature-based Solutions*** to mitigate coastal erosion at three key sites in French Polynesia :

### TAHIT



### MOOREA



### TETIAROA







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At Tetiaroa, native plants were grown in a **nursery** for **reintroduction** at green sea turtle nesting beaches.







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