

FRUITLESS RESCUE ATTEMPT Full police operation for sea turtle

At the beginning of April, a Radazul resident reported that he had seen something floating in the sea near the coast which could be a sea turtle, about 100 metres away from the concrete breaker-blocks.

Guardia Civil officers from Santa Cruz were called to the scene where they could also see the loggerhead turtle, which seemed to have something around its neck that could be a plastic bag. Since the animals are threatened with extinction and are therefore under species protection, one of the officers immediately decided to take off his uniform and jump into the water. He reached the turtle, but unfortunately it was too late. At close range he could see that the turtle had a deep cut in its neck. The animal was brought ashore and handed over to the Environmental Protection Agency for an autopsy to find out exactly what caused the deep wound and the death of the animal. ■



Photo: Guardia Civil

↑ Unfortunately, the turtle rescue mission was too late

CLEAN POWER ADVANCING

The Lanzarote Island Council Energy Department led by Ángel Vázquez, is currently interested in the possibilities of generating electricity via sea waves.

The Australian company Bombora Wave Power is a leader in this sector. It's currently installing prototypes for wave power generation in Wales and in various other locations around the world. "The intention is to install a wave power installation for electricity generation in Lanzarote, in a second phase of the company's project. This would involve an optimisation of the Wales prototype design. It would also give Lanzarote a privileged role in researching this form of energy," Vázquez stressed. Using clean energy sources is his top priority.

The mWave™ technology plant uses wave energy at a water depth that does not interfere with shipping. The gen-

Lanzarote studies wave energy



↑ Lanzarote authorities are considering different forms of clean energy

erated energy would then be transported to the coast via an underwater cable. The northern coast of the island is considered to be especially suitable.

Various environmental and technical reports are currently being prepared for this project. The installation of a floating offshore wind farm is also under

discussion. This is also a project for the future and is one of the most promising sources of clean energy for the coming decades in Lanzarote. ■



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