# Polyandry in a marine turtle: Females make the best of a bad job 

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The female perspective on reproductive strategies remains one of the most active areas of debate in biology. Even though a single mating is often sufficient to satisfy the fertilization needs of most females and the act of further mating incurs costs, multiple paternity within broods or clutches is a common observation in nature. Direct or indirect advantage to females is the most popular explanation. However, the ubiquity of this explanation is being challenged by an increasing number of cases for which benefits are not evident. For the first time, we test possible fitness correlates of multiple paternity in a marine turtle, an organism that has long attracted attention in this area of research. Contrary to the widespread assumption that multiple mating by female marine turtles confers fitness benefits, none were apparent. In this study, the environment played a far stronger role in determining the success of clutches than whether paternity had been single or multiple. A more likely explanation for observations of multiply sired clutches in marine turtles is that these are successful outcomes of male coercion, where females have conceded to superfluous matings as a compromise. Thus, multiple matings by female marine turtles may be a form of damage control as females attempt to make the best of a bad job in response to male harassment.

Ma i g ce, a . $\quad$ e i a ci.ica deci i .ha a ha. $e_{i}$ ig ifica . $i \quad a c$ a $i$ di, idr $a^{\prime}$ fi, $e_{i j}$ (1). The ad. a age. ae f a i ga fe a ibei b. it. A

 + .i e.i e.I. a i.e e, ig be , becat e,f, fe ae,

 fe ae e drci.e + cce (2), he ea .he ac. f a $i \mathrm{~g}$ i i adc.. fe ae. Ne.e.he e, fe ae, iati. i + fficie . c i a+te.ha, i, ide $a_{i j}{ }^{+}$ed.ha

 e e ec.i , a d. adi g+ , . i diec. be efi. + ch a i c ea ig, he ge e, ic. a ia, i ff, ig (eeh .he e a d $a_{i}$ cia.ed, efe e ce $i$ ef. 1 a d 3). I deed, be efi fe ae ha. e bee de a ed $f$ a.a ie, f, ecie $(3, \dot{5})$.
The ee a a i aec e ig, bt. ca e a e i c ea i gi hich be efi ${ }_{{ }_{i}}$. fe a $e_{i}$ ca beft d. 1 deed, ae $a_{i} \mathrm{~g}$ . a egie ca be a ef forifte ci g a.o f + .i e a.e i. i.hi ct.che (6). A a.e a.i.eh .he i ba ed éta c fic. be.. e add e e cor e ce f a d .ha a e be eficia f, fe a e . Thi h .he i +g ge. .ha, ei, a ce ffe ae +.i e ai gae ilfac.
 fe ae a ibe.Fe ae h+dbe, etca.. a, e .ha etiedf, fe, ii a i . H e.e, becat e aec e ci a i at, c, a he h d f ha a e . a e i. be d hich fe ae + dch e, gi, eil ae e + te
 " a i g , he be, fa bad j b" (7). The ef e, be i i g.ha. fe ae ch e. a e + .i e .i e d e . ece a $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ i
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 .he ieih d fe a e + i e a i g. The fi. +d . c fi .he cot,e ce f + .i e a.e i, i,hi ct. che f atie t. e ff, ig (8) i edia, e .ed, ect a i .ha, fe a e gai ed fi. e be efi. fo a d + beha. i (9). E. e i ce, a e t die ha. edate ed .he i cide ce f t .i fa.he ed ct .che f, a. a ie, f a i e.t, e $+\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{CCaretta}$ caretta ( gge head) (10, 11), Lepidochelys olivacea ( i. e id e ) (12), Lepidochelys kempi (Ke , id e ) (13), Dermochelys coriacea (ea he bac ) (14, 18), a d Chelonia mydas (g ee ) (19, 22). I ca e he e t.i e a.e i. had bee de, ec, ed, be efi. . fe a e ha bee .he i. c
e a $a_{0} i$
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 eat, ef, e drc.i.e + cce . Becat e fe aeg ee $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{t}}$. e
 a.e i. ibe he e, he fe ae ha ch, e a e e.ha ce. St ch ch ice + d + gge...ha. fe ae igh. be efi. $f$ a d . The a cia. $i$ be ee +.1 e ae i. a d i dica, f, e, drcie + cce a .he ef, e i. e. iga.ed. Thi + d i a a..e . i a ce, ai i g. he fi. $e_{i}$ c eae f t.i e a i gb fe ae aie.t. e i a id + ai . I. a ci.ica ad. a ce e it, becat e .he .t die ha, ei ed.heh .he i fbe efi . fe ae $a_{i}$. he, i e e a a $i$, he $b_{i} e$. ed i cide ce $f$ + i e áe i. i ai e + . e e, bt . e had e i ica e. ide ce . ${ }^{+} \quad$. .hi $h$.he i.

## Materials and Methods

Gee t. e ig a.e. A ce i I a d (7.57'S, $\left.14.22^{\prime} \mathrm{W}\right)$, a i a ed ea .he id-A a .ic idge, b eed a d a . hei egg. Sa e ee e cec.ed dti g . b eedi g, ea Jata . A, i 1999 a d Dece be 1999. A, i 2000. I addi. . a e i, .he fac, a ifte ce, e, dtc.i.e + cce. We ha. e, $h$.ha. he, he a e, ie f.he, a d $f+d$.he beach ca $\mathrm{if}+\mathrm{e}$ ce hachig he . e (24). Da e a d ead. a e c di, f, eggi at ba i (25). Adt. fe ae. ${ }^{+}$. e a d.hei ff, itg e e. ht, a ed a .h ee beache : L g Beach (LB), N, h Ea. Ba (NEB), a d $\stackrel{S}{\mathrm{~S}} . \mathrm{h}$ We. Ba (SWB) (26), he e NEB ha da e a d
 e ie ha.eft da, cia_i be, ee ct.chadfe ae ie (27). I f, ai adt.fe a e i e (a, e ca a ace egh)

[^0]Table 1. Sample sizes (total $N$ ) for genotyped offspring

| Nest code | Beach | Total $N$ | Clutch genotyped, \% | PrDM for 2 loci ( $N$ ) | PrDM for 5 loci ( $N$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TP36 | LB | 32 | 29 | - | 1.000/1.000 (32) |
| TP39 | LB | 35 | 27 | 0.921/0.878 (8) | 1.000/0.999 (27) |
| TP5 | NEB | 55 | 52 | - | 1.000/1.000 (55) |
| TP44 | NEB | 44 | 27 | - | 1.000/0.999 (44) |
| TP51 | NEB | 31 | 94 | - | 1.000/0.999 (31) |
| TP53 | NEB | 59 | 59 | - | 1.000/0.999 (59) |
| TP48 | SWB | 43 | 44 | 0.975/0.970 (20) | 1.000/0.999 (23) |
|  | Total | 299 |  |  |  |
| 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TT1 | LB | 56 | 51 | - | 1.000/1.000 (56) |
| TT2 | LB | 31 | 29 | 0.966/0.959 (17) | 0.999/0.994 (14) |
| TT4 | LB | 50 | 51 | 0.968/0.969 (38) | 0.998/0.989 (12) |
| TT5 | LB | 26 | 26 | 0.951/0.927 (12) | 0.999/0.943 (14) |
| TT6 | LB | 28 | 24 | 0.911/0.869 (9) | 1.000/1.000 (19) |
| TT8 | NEB | 33 | 34 | - | 0.999/0.999 (33) |
| TT9 | NEB | 51 | 53 | - | 0.999/0.999 (51) |
| TT10 | NEB | 46 | 49 | - | 1.000/1.000 (46) |
| TT11 | NEB | 29 | 21 | 0.944/0.923 (13) | 0.999/0.997 (16) |
| TT13 | NEB | 27 | 23 | 0.947/0.921 (11) | 0.999/0.997 (16) |
| TT14 | NEB | 25 | 24 | 0.941/0.910 (11) | 0.999/0.993 (14) |
|  | Total | 402 |  |  |  |

"Clutch" here refers to the fertilized clutch, excluding unfertilized eggs. The probabilities of detecting multiple paternity (PrDM) for each clutch with respect to the number of offspring ( $N$ ) and loci that had been sampled are shown. PrDM values were estimated for two fathers that had equal ( $0.5: 0.5$ )/skewed ( $0.667: 0.333$ ) contributions.
$\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{a}}$ ec $\operatorname{ded}($ ee ef. $24 \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{e}$. d ), i addi.i. ct .ch i e a dha.chi gadfe.ii $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$ + cce $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$.

Field Methods. Adr e e a ed b .i. e bi ie. Bi ie ee.a e b + i ga6- , eie, i bi + che (S, eife Lab, a ie, High W c be, U.K.) a g.he ai i g edge f .hef, ef i e. Taggi ge +, ed.ha. dt ica.e a e e e . a e. A adt. fe ae a ed e e.h e.ha, had c et
. beache f, e.ig t, e.B d,i+e hada bee
 ba, igct.che e e a ed, a d.he e ca.i e ee ca. a. ed
 N de, ${ }^{+}$c.i.e b d, a g f hachig a ca ied ${ }^{\text {t. }}$ acc, di $g$, e , abj hed, c (29). N e , ha 0.1 f b d a a e f .he d, a ce .ica it. . B da e
 + . $\quad(50 \quad$ M EDTA $/ 2 \%$ SDS $/ 10 \quad$ M NaC $/ 50 \quad$ M Ti.HC a. H 8) a, .e e a.t e i .he fied a d ase edf.e. $\mathrm{Ti}_{\mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ a e e ea. a e f. deadhachi g f + di , he e , a df deade b fegg , ha, had fai ed. ha.ch. The e, a e e efiedi ab +.e e, ha i . he fie dadase f.

Microsatellite Genotyping. Mic, a e i.e da a f, fi, e ci e e bai ed f, 18 ct . che f ff, i g a d.hei .he. O. he adt. fe ae ee a ge . ed., ide + a $i$ a e e $\mathrm{f} \mathrm{e}+\mathrm{e}$ cie ( ee de ai ${ }_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$ Supporting Text, hich $\mathrm{i}+\mathrm{b} \mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{h}}$ hed $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}}$ $+\quad$ i gif, aii .he PNAS eb i.e). Ct. che e e a edf a .h ee beache i 1999, bt . f LB a d NEBi .he e. b eedi $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{j}}$ ea (Tabe 1). Gee .t . e ect. che a e a ge (e.g., 42,170 egg i .hi . d d) a d ct d . bee a ed. c e, i . Be, ee $20 \%$ a d $94 \%$ f ff,igi each ct.ch e e ge . ed (Tabe 1). F, a ct.che, e ff, i g e, ege. edf, a fi, e ci, bt, i, ei a ce e.e a ff, i ghad bee ge. edf, ci(Tabe1). The de f Neff a d Pi che (30) a + ed . $a_{i} e_{i j}$. he , a.i.ica e fde.ec.ig t.i e a.e i. i each ct.ch.

Thi de .a e i . acc + . .he + be fff, igad ci ; a ed, he ge . e f.he a e ., a d, he + a i a eefiete cie f.he ci i +e . .

DNA a e. ac.ed b + i g, he PUREGENE DNA i a i i. (Ge . a $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{e}$, ) acc di g . .he $\mathrm{a}+\mathrm{fac}+\mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{c}-$ .i . DNA c ce. $\mathrm{a}_{0} \mathrm{i} \quad \mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{a}_{i} \mathrm{e}_{i j}$ ed $\mathrm{i} h \mathrm{haGe} \mathrm{e}+\mathrm{a}$. ech. ée (Pha acia). Fi, e ic a e íe ci eij+ cha ac, e i ed f, + e i g. ee $\dagger$. e e e a a . ed: CM58, CM3, CC7, CC117, a d CM84 $(21,31)$. I ge ea at . $3 \mu \mathrm{f}$ e. ac.ed DNA $(20 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mu) \quad$ a + ed i $10-\mu \mathrm{PCR}$ i e c.ai i g 50 g feach i e, 0.2- Mc ce. $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$ feach dNTP (A e ha Pha acia), $0.4+$ i. f Taq e a e (ABge e, E ${ }^{+}$, St e, U.K.), $1 \mu$ f $10 \times$ PCR bt ffe (Bt ffe IV, ABge e), a d ei. he 1.5 (a e ce . CM84) , 2.5 (CM84) $\mathrm{M} \mathrm{MgC}_{2}$ (ABge e). The he a c di. e e a i i. ia 95.Cf, 2 if edb 30 c ce f55.C(CC7), 62.C(CM58, CM3, a d CC117), 64.C (CM84) f, 1 i, 72.C f, 1 i, 95.Cf, 45 , ec, a de di g i.hae.e i .e f72.Cf, 7 i.PCR dr ce e e a a ed, i ed, a da a ed b + i g .he CEQ8000 Ge e, ic A a i, e (Bec a C + .e ).

Characterization of Microsatellite Loci. The h ge ei. fge . efete cie a a e edb+iga e ac. babi i. .e. a e icfete cie (32) ih. he g. a GENEPOP (33). The da.a e eff, he .e.ed f, de. ia, f Ha d. Wei be $g$
 d. Wei be getiibir e e $a_{i j} e_{i j}$ ed $e_{i} \quad b+, i g$,he e ac., e. i.h a Ma. chai ag, i.h. e, a e e ac, $P$ . at e (34). He, e g . e deficie c a a . e .edi GENEPOP (35). A ca ot a i ba ed Ma . -chai de ef, ed i.h GENEPOPt ed he defat . de e i a i + be $(1,000)$, 500 bacche, a d 1,000 i.e $a_{0}{ }_{i}$, e bach. T i.e.iga.e i age dije +ibio, he h .he i, ha ge o e a e at e e i de e de.f ge. e a a .he at a . e, ed b + i g Fi he, e ac. .e. c . i ge c . abe f, a ai $f$ ci i.h.he e.h db Wei (36), a i e e.edi GENEPOP. Ob $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{e}}$. ed a d e ec.ed he, e g i, ie e e.h e

Table 2. The number of paternal alleles at each locus

| Nest code | CM58 | CM3 | CC7 | CC117 | CM84 | Inferred no. of fathers |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1999 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TP36 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| TP39 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| TP5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | Unresolved |
| TP44 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| TP51 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| TP53 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| TP48 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| 2000 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TT1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| TT2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| TT4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| TT5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| TT6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| TT8 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| TT9 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| TT10 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| TT11 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| TT13 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| TT14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

Instances of multiple paternity is detected where there are more than three paternal alleles at a locus (in bold) for a clutch. In all instances, evidence of three or more loci were found for at least three loci.
e.i a ed b GENEPOP (33). The fete c f t a e e a $e_{i}$ i a.ed i.h CERVUS (37). T $a_{i j} e_{i j}$. he abi i. . ide .if i di. idr $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{b}$. he + i ${ }^{a}$, ge $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$. ided b .he fi, e ic a e i. e + ed i .hi + d, babi ie fide .i. (PI) e e e e.$i$ a ed (38) (, ee Supporting Text).

Analyses of Parentage. Ma.e a ge e e e de, e i ed diec. f .he, a ed fe ae, a d.he e ct d be be ed i .he ff ig ge . e . Pa, a a e e e eife, ed f
ff, igge e ee ae a a e e e e acc + .ed f. . F i g.he, ai aede cibedi ef. 21, + .i e a.e i. i act.ch a i fe, ed he e.ha . a e a a e e e e be.eda.e.ha e af. Whe . ae are i . . ed i fa.he i g a ct. ch, i. i. aigh.f, a d . a ig ff i g . each fa he . he ba if ha ed a e a a $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$. $H^{\prime}$ e.e, he efahe aei..ed, a e i g.he + be
 $e_{i j} i \quad$ e. T e.h d e et, ed. The fi, ${ }^{+}$, ed DADSHARE
 e a.ed e be, ee i di, idt a (39) i, hi act.cha dide .if
 i.h ai.h eic ea ct, ei ig (40). Becat e t.a.i , i. ig a ead. e e, i a i f.he + be $f f$ fib ${ }^{c+},^{e_{i}}, e_{i} \quad \mathrm{f}$ ff,ig e e c fi ed, ha. e diffe e . fa he he e.he e e diffee ce a. e.ha e of (i di, idr a, e, fi di, idtr a e e he i e ef. a ' ${ }^{\prime}$, e.ed"). The ec d e, h d fi fe, i g.he i i + + be $f$ fa.he $f$ a ge a a a ha, i e e .ed i .he g a GERUD (41). E ec, edect i babi ie (42) e e $a_{i}$ ca ot a.ed i.h GERUD. $N$ a a $e_{0}$ ic a a $e_{i}$ (SPSS VERSION 11) e e t.ed. a e a cia i be, ee a, i,
 + cce.F, .he e.e., da af, a ea e e ed becat e , ig ifica, $a_{i}$ cia, i, i.h.he ea $f_{i} \iota^{+}$d e i, ed (da, a

## Results

A a e, etiiga, efe e ce $+\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{e}$ e ba ed e f $n=53 \mathrm{f}$, he 1999 b eedi g ea , a da .he $\mathrm{f} n=41 \mathrm{f}$, 2000 ( ee Supporting Text). A a ${ }^{\prime}$ e $e_{i}$ f. he ic, a.e i.e da.a
( ee Supporting Text) c fi ed, ha, each of c + d be, ea. ed a $i$ de $e$ de. The e $a, h$ ed ig ifica . de, ia $i$ Ha d. Wei be ge ec, ai, $\quad$ fete cie a d babi íie fide . $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{i}}$, a d high babi ịie fect i a d
 ci. (See Tab e 4 a d 5, hich a e $+\mathrm{b}_{\mathrm{i}}$ hed $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{+} \quad$, $\mathrm{i}^{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{g}$ if, ab . he PNAS eb, i.e.)

Offspring Dataset. Of 715 ff,i g ge . ed, 14 e eft d. bet, e a.ed, .he .he i .he ct, che i.h hich. he e e ed. The et, e a ed ff, i g e e ide .ified ba ed .he abe ce f a e a a e a $\quad$. f.he ci. $N$ e f.he e c + d be a.. ibt .ed. +. a i (e.g., ef. 21) becat eab e ce f a.e a a e cot edi a. ea... diffe e. cii a ca e . C - - a i a i be, ee ct.che i ibe becat e fea é adt. a dig e. i a ea he e a .he t. e had a ead aid egg (G. Ha , e a b e. a i ). The 14 + e a.ed a e ee e ct ded ff, he a a e.
Mt.i e a e i. a ft df, $61 \%$ fa ct.che, he e .he e a ig ifica . diffe e ce i .he fete c f + , i e a.e i. i .he . diffe e . ea, (Fi he, e ac. .e., $P=$ 1.000). I a ca e, e. ide ce f.h ee e a e a ci a f + di a. ea...h ee f.he fi, e ci (Tabe 2). N i , a ce cot.ed he e a a.e a a e a ac igi a, ige

 A g.he + .i i ed ct.che, a a e i dica.ed be, ee . fi.e iibefa, he, (Tabe 2). E ce .f, TT1 a d TP5, b . h DADSHARE a d GERUD a a e , ided ide .ica et.. TP5 c + d be e edb ei.he e. h d. DADSHARE a a i ide .ified i e haf-ibct, e, f, TP5; h e.e, e et, e e, diffe ed i a a a e e a a ige of, a d t.a.i $c+d . h e$ ef e . be di ct.ed a a .e .ia fac. .TT1 a + cce $_{i j} f$ e . ed i.hDADSHARE. Th eect $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$, $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ fTT1 ff i gcea diffe edf each .he a. e ci, bt. a i ge i di, idt a ct d . be a ig ed. a ct. .e i. h ce, ai . . Agai, t.a.i i. ig c + d . be díc + .ed f, hi i di, idra. Wi.h.he e, e ce .i , a e a a ee f



Fig. 1. Contribution of different fathers to multiply sired clutches. TT4, TP48, TP53, TT9, TT11, and TT13 are clutches in which the primary father has contributed significantly $>50 \%$ of the clutch (see text).
fi ed. diffe f . he ct $\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ i . he ct. ch a. .
ci.

A g.hect. che i.h + .i efa he, , ab t. hafhad e .ha . Wi.h e e ce .i (TT6, $\chi^{2}$. e. $=0.143, \mathrm{df}=1, P=$ $0.705), a+$. i edct. che $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{e}} \mathrm{e}$ ig ifica . e ed f eta a.e a c ibt $\mathrm{i} \quad\left(\chi^{2}\right.$, e., a $\left.P \leq 0.001\right)$. TT6 had fa he , each i i g ab + . e + a + be f ff, i g. I c ide i g.he c .ibt. i f. he fa he . ha had i ed.he c aed i.ha ,he fa he fact.ch (, i a fa he ), a had c.ibt.ed ig ifica. $>50 \%$ f. he ct. ch i.h .he e ce .i ff + ct .che (TP51, TT1, TT6, a d TT10; $\chi^{2} \cdot \mathrm{e}_{\cdot} \cdot$, a $P \geq 0.1$ ). T, ig ifica . diffe e . $\mathrm{g}+\mathrm{f}$, i a fa he,

 (Ma. Whi. e $U, z=-2.558, P=0.011$ ) (Fig. 1). The ef, e ,
 . a iabe i $+b_{i} e+e . a a_{i} e_{i}$.

Relationships Among Paternity, Female Size, Beach Type, and Estimators of Reproductive Success. Ct. ch i e a g.he 18 ct . che + de, ${ }^{+}$d a ged f 42. 170. I c a i g i g a d + . i ed ct.che (Tabe 3), e f.he diffe e ce i ct.ch.ie, be ffe, ii ed egg, a d, i ha.chi $g$ a d.i.i.ig, ea, e he e, e e ig ifica. (Ma, Whi, e $U: z=-1.132, P=0.258 ; z=-0.997, P=0.319 ; z=-0.725$, $P=0.468 ; z=-0.860, P=0.390$, e ec.i.e ). Nei. he e e

 ig ifica . diffe e.i c a i g.he + . i i ed ct.che i.h i a fa he, ha fe, ii ed $\approx 50 \%$ i.h.h e i ed ai b i a fa, he, (Tabe 3) (Ma, Whi, e $U: z=$ $-0.853, P=0.394 ; z=0.855, P=0.392 ; z=-0.855, P=0.392$; $z=-0.428, P=0.669 ; z=0.000, P=1.000$, e ec. i. e ). A , ig ifica. c e a, cal ed be, ee .he, i f .he i a fa.he, c ibt, a d...a ct. ch i i e (S ea a a c è a i c efficie $\quad=0.201, P=0.44$ ),
 $0.070, P=0.789$ ), fe . i i ed ct. ch i e (S ea a, a coea i c efficie $=0.150, P=0.565)$, , i ha ched (S ea a a c e a i c efficie $.=0.130, P=0.620$ ),
${ }^{\prime}{ }^{\prime}{ }^{i}{ }^{+}{ }^{+}$i. i g ea.e.he e. (S ea a a c e$\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i} \quad \dot{c}$ efficie $=0.236, P=0.361$ ).
Fa.he a be, a ed i .e f.hei c, ibt i i + . i ed ct.che. I c ide i g ge . ed ff, i g.ha. $c+d$ be a ig ed. fa he, he he .he e ha ched + cce $f$
a i de e de. f.hei di, ibt $i \quad a \quad g$ a ed fá he (iteih d, a i $=5.149, P=0.272$ ). I .he d, fa he . ha. had c.ibt.ed, e a ct. ch did, a ha. e a highe The i i e f. he ohe (Tabe 3) a . ig ifica . c e-
 h ). Nei.he a í ig ifica. diffe é fige a d + .i i ed ct.che (Ma Whi, e $U: z=-1.454, P=$ $0.146)$, a i. a cia ed i.h.he, i f.he, i a fa he , c . ibt ${ }^{1}$ (S ea a a c "e a i c efficie . = $-0.245, P=0.344$ ).

I c a...he, e fbeach (c e i a ba i gc di.i i LB a d SWB a d da $e_{i}, h$.. a d i NEB) a a ig ifica fac, i de, e i i g.he, i f ff, i g.ha, ha ched a d ${ }^{+}$. i. ed, ea, e, he e. (Ma Whi. e $U: z=-2.843$, $P=0.004$, a d $z=-3.024, P=0.002$, e ec.i.e ; ea ; i.ed i Tabe3). Fig. 2i + . a e . he ai fi di g: a e i. a ea
 if ea.e .he $e_{i}$, he ea a age + be $f+{ }^{i}$ cce fif ct. che had bee aid i .he c e igh, a d. E. e he c ide ig.he da.af each. e f beach, e a a e , he
 - $\mathrm{h} \quad$ ).

## Discussion



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Table 3. Mean values (with standard deviations) for estimators of reproductive success and the size of the laying female (curve carapace length), with respect to clutch paternity and the type of beach used

|  | Clutch size | Proportion unfertilized | Fertilized clutch size | Proportion hatched | Proportion survived | Female size, cm |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 117.8 (25.29) | 0.100 (0.0688) | 106.6 (25.63) | 0.820 (0.180) | 0.800 (0.190) | 114.6 (5.03) |
| Paternity |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Singly sired | 128.0 (21.22) | 0.095 (0.0623) | 116.1 (23.93) | 0.874 (0.136) | 0.865 (0.138) | 113.0 (2.45) |
| Multiply sired | 109.4 (27.00) | 0.093 (0.0722) | 100.1 (27.22) | 0.794 (0.217) | 0.772 (0.227) | 115.6 (6.04) |
| Primary father's contribution |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| >50\% | 117.3 (16.05) | 0.074 (0.0727) | 108.5 (16.67) | 0.766 (0.240) | 0.741 (0.262) | 118.0 (5.33) |
| $\approx 50 \%$ | 97.5 (37.99) | 0.121 (0.0712) | 87.5 (37.50) | 0.836 (0.203) | 0.817 (0.188) | 112.3 (6.90) |
| Beach type |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cool | 117.6 (13.52) | 0.075 (0.0604) | 108.38 (10.45) | 0.953 (0.076) | 0.943 (0.074) | 115.1 (4.79) |
| Hot | 118.0 (32.64) | 0.119 (0.0717) | 105.20 (33.93) | 0.710 (0.176) | 0.691 (0.185) | 114.2 (5.43) |

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## Primary father's contribution

Fig. 2. The proportion of fertilized eggs that had survived plotted against the proportion sired by the father with the highest paternity in the clutch (primary father). No association occurred between these variables. In contrast, more clutches laid in the cooler beaches had higher proportion of the clutch surviving than those in the warmer beach.
a. .ha. e.i g ca.i had a., geffec. ct. ch + cce
 ig ifica . be eficia . .he fe ae g ee . ${ }^{+}$. e f.hi $+\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$. Rece . e , ed i ia et.
$\mathrm{f}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{e} h$ a $\mathrm{e}^{+} \mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ (Chrysemys picta) hich ha chi $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{i}}+$ cce $_{i j} \mathrm{i}+$. i d i g i ed ct. che a . ig ifica. diffe e (27).
Be efi. a ha. e bee . + b, e, be de, ec, ed i .hi ${ }_{\mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{d}$ fa id + a i , e ha, a edb .he ge effec. f beach + ai. . Ma fi. $e_{i j}$ a a $e_{0} e_{i} f+d$. be i.i.e
 t die, e. ie ed i ef. 43) a e i ibe a e i . hi $+a_{0} \mathrm{f}$ id aie.t.e; f, éa e, fe a e ife。i e

 eat, e f, edrci.e + cce a e e diffiot.. eat e


 i at ba.i ei d. H e.e, hi eat, e i i i. ef. bab a e de, e i a. fa .he, e dr ci, e + cce a dde.e i e . he tiabi i. fdiffe e . ge g. a hica a ea a . . e e ie (44). Thr , a.h + ghe.e ibe be efi f a d . fe a e g ee . ${ }^{+}$. e ca . be t ed + ., b. it a di edia e be efi e ece. ai $\quad$ e.ide. i .hi ${ }^{+}{ }^{+}$d. E ei e.a a it ai f a i g a, ide e aca, a e eat, effi, $e_{i j}$. St ch a it $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$, ate. ea . i e e.f, ai e t. e, a d, tch, ha bee
 aea. e egigf e ei e a da af, .he ga i E a e i ct def g $(45,46)$, e . $(47)$, bee, e $(48,49)$, a d i. e (50). I, ead fbe efi , he e f.e , h ig ifica . c . fe a e (e.g., ef . 45 a d 48). I ge e a, a diffe e.. e fc cot $;$ he ec a i ct dei cea edi f ai. $(45,51)$, di ea e. a i, i (52), eda.i $(53,55)$, edr ced fe.ii a.i $(45,48)$, i , e, .ed f, agi g(56), a d if f.i e a de ef (7). Ma a ecat edb eta ha a e , a a a a.. e .. ifte ce fe ae ch ice $(57,58)$. Fe ae ai e
 $h$ ica da age; fe a e i be bi..e fi e, ec, a d head, a d $+\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{i}}$ a e ef. a e e .ha, etie ee . hea (44). A., ae ha a, e. ch, fe ae. Fe ae a. ida ce.ac.ic (ee e. a ag a h) a e high e e ge, ic, hich i e e it e becat e.he t. e e e ede e g f, a .hei b eedí ga d ig. a i ac,i.iie. e .he ct, e f.he $>100$-da $,>4,400-+d j+$ e f. $S+. h A$ ei ica (59). Beachi ga a a. ida ce, ac.ic ha a addi. a i fi j
, .ai., t, e .a edi, c, a .he . . et, . .he , ea a die fhea, $e_{i ;}$ (59).
Fe aeg ee t. e a ei c.f ai g. Fe ae a agg ega.ei $g+$ há e ct de a e (60). Ma e, h e.é, i
 . ${ }^{\text {, fe ae }}$ a f , hei hi dfi $\mathrm{e}_{\text {, . ge, he, }} \mathrm{i}$ a a a id, cilce. face, he ae, a d, e dagg e i. e i.h bie, fi a , he a ad a eff a i, il beach , he e. e (60).I c.a... .he et c.a ce ffe ae, a e a e agg e i, ei hei + + i, a f g a d i bjec. ha, a i a e .he iea d ha e fafe ae, i ct d-
 ce, ai a.e .. a.e a .i e a d fe, iie he ct. che f, e. e a diffe é fe a e (ef. 44, a d efe e ce .he ei ). Sa.e i.e.ee e, c fi , ha a e a e high aci.e i .he
 f.e ee ct.edb g + f ae, add $+\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i} \mathrm{g} \mathrm{c}+\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$ $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{e}+{ }_{i}+\mathrm{a}$ ha $\mathrm{a}_{i j}$ ed b a.. e da. a e (e.g., ef. 60). The e $b_{i} e^{\prime}$ a i .ha fe ae d . ac .e .ia a e if .he ee aci.e ee .he. E.e i a fe a e-bia ed
 ai (60).
He ce, if + .i e ai g a i deed be eficia . fe ae, .he h d e i. . cat a highe fete c, gi.e .he ead a. ai abi i. f ae ? T dae, + die f.ait gee .t. e $+\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}}$ e $\quad$ (21). de ae high (.hi $+\mathrm{d}^{\circ}$ a d ef. 20) fete cie $f+$. i i ed ct. che. If + , i e
 . fe ae $h+\mathrm{d}_{i}$ ee. ae i.h a ae a d ea a ct.che $h+d b e+i \quad$ ed $\quad$ a a a e a i i.i g fac. (e.g., ef. 3). A. A ce i I a d, a e-fe a e e c+. ${ }^{e}$, a e ce, ai i e be e high becat, e . he $+\mathrm{a}_{0} \mathrm{i}$ i.e age ( a . $\mathrm{h}+\mathrm{ad} \mathrm{dfe}$ ae $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}}$, each ea), a d. $e_{i}$ c gega.ei a a ea fa a, ce e $h$ e (62) .he de i. f. $\mathrm{e}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$ be f.he de fa .htade +ae i e. e.


 e ai he cot e ce f + .i e a.e i. A .he ibi i. i.ha, fe ae etiec $e_{i} \mathrm{~g}$ ae , ig, $+\quad+\quad+\mathrm{i}$ b .$+ i$ e ae a a a e . . igge fe a e ece.i. . . a i g. I deed, hi, etie e . i e et, i t.i e ace i, bt, i. d e . ade + a e acc + . f, he cat e ce fige a i g
 + - $+\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$ (21). A.e ai.e , i, a be a g ed .ha + .i e a i g i col if he fe ae fi d a ec d be.. $e^{-+}$ai. a.e. U de .hi " $\quad$ ade $+h$.he $i$," afe ae i a e i íia . e + e ha, he egg i be fe . ii ed b a ea, e ae. She i he ch, e, a e a, ec d.i e
 e ge eica c a ibe ff i g (63). Thi $h$.he i

 i.ha. ea ec. f + .i iedct.che i be "be..e". ha
 + .i e a.e i, perse e t. .edi be..e -+ ai, ct. che .
Ah .he i ec i, e i.h.he et of hif t d i .ha fe ae i ge er a ei. aig e.ha ce,t e $e_{i j}$ .he c, fie i, a ce e ceed .ha. f a i g. St ch "c .e ie ce a d " (64) ha bee de $\quad$ a ed f, e i ec. $(7,56$, $65,66)$ a $d^{+}{ }^{+}$, ec.ed i a e.ie (67). I. a ea abe e a a i f ca e he et.i e a i g i a c c fe ae i.h i.. e b. it, be efi. (e.g., ef. 45 , 46 , a d 48 ). He e, fe ae d gai di ec, ge e, ic be efi ${ }_{\text {f }}$
 a.e i .he face $f$ ae ha $a_{i j}$ e aec, fe ae . Fe a e ${ }_{i}$ i a e.he "be , fabad jb" b" ig $f$, he

 a e + fficie . a .ha a de a e. $h$ eh de i. i i.chig be, ee e i, a ce a d + b $\mathrm{i}_{\mathrm{i}} \mathrm{i}$. ae c e ci , hi $c+d e$ ai .he $b_{i} e_{1} a_{0} i^{\prime}$. i .e edia.e e, e f
 . . e c + d be de.ec, ed, c .a. . c.e.i a e ec-
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[^1]:    The proportions that hatched and survived to leave the nest are with respect to the fertilized clutch. The proportion unfertilized, however, is the proportion of the total clutch.

