

**Global analysis of the effect of local climate on the hatchling output of
leatherback turtles**

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Table S1 | Generalized Additive Model (GAM) results on the effect of local climate on hatching success of leatherback turtle clutches. Predictors were air temperature (Temp), average rain accumulated during incubation (Rain_{ave}), total rain accumulated during incubation ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0,1)}$), rain accumulated during the month eggs were laid ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0)}$), rain accumulated during the month eggs were laid and previous month ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0,-1)}$), rain accumulated during the month eggs were laid and two previous months ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0,-1,-2)}$) and rain accumulated during two months before eggs were laid ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(-1,-2)}$). Best models (lowest AICc) are marked in bold and significant effect from predictor with (*). Only sites for which there were significant effects of local climate are included.

Model (smooth terms)	Site	df	AIC	AICc	Deviance explained (%)	R ² adjusted
Temp+Rain*_{ave(0,1)}	All	11.4	-231.0	-229.1	33.8	0.296
Temp+Rain*_{acc(0,1)}	All	11.4	-231.0	-229.1	33.8	0.296
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0)}	All	10.8	-209.9	-208.2	23.9	0.195
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	All	11.7	-210.3	-208.4	25.0	0.201
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	All	8.7	-190.8	-189.7	12.0	0.082
Temp+Rain _{acc(-1,-2)}	All	8.7	-187.6	-186.5	10.3	0.064
Temp	All	3.9	-185.3	-185.0	3.5	0.023
Rain* _{ave}	All	10.0	-228.5	-227.0	31.5	0.279
Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	All	10.0	-228.5	-227.0	31.5	0.279
Rain* _{acc(0)}	All	9.0	-207.9	-206.7	21.3	0.176
Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	All	9.9	-209.0	-207.6	22.7	0.187
Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	All	7.2	-189.4	-188.6	9.7	0.067

Rain _{acc(-1,-2)}	All	7.1	-186.0	-185.3	7.6	0.046
Temp+Rain* _{ave(0,1)}	S Point	6.4	-157.1	-155.9	12.7	0.081
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	S Point	6.4	-157.1	-155.9	12.7	0.081
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0)}	S Point	6.7	-155.8	-154.5	11.9	0.071
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	S Point	7.3	-160.5	-159.0	17.6	0.124
Temp+Rain*_{acc(0,-1,-2)}	S Point	8.2	-165.4	-163.5	23.6	0.178
Temp+Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	S Point	8.5	-158.5	-156.5	18	0.115
Temp	S Point	3.0	-152.3	-152.1	0.75	-0.003
Rain* _{ave}	S Point	3.0	-158.5	-158.2	7.29	0.006
Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	S Point	3.0	-158.5	-158.2	7.29	0.006
Rain* _{acc(0)}	S Point	3.0	-157.0	-156.7	5.71	0.046
Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	S Point	3.0	-158.9	-158.6	7.73	0.067
Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	S Point	3.4	-161.8	-161.5	11.6	0.101
Rain _{acc(-1,-2)}	S Point	3.7	-156.6	-156.2	6.78	0.050
Temp+Rain _{ave(0,1)}	P Grande	7.2	-44.7	-40.5	47.4	0.383
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,1)}	P Grande	7.2	-44.7	-40.5	47.4	0.383
Temp+Rain _{acc(0)}	P Grande	7.8	-44.0	-39.0	48.2	0.379
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	P Grande	5.4	-48.9	-46.5	48.5	0.429
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	P Grande	5.4	-60.4	-58	62.4	0.584
Temp+Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	P Grande	5.4	-63.3	-61.1	65.3	0.617
Temp*	P Grande	4.8	-43.1	-41.2	37.1	0.317
Rain* _{ave}	P Grande	5.6	-40.5	-38.0	35.6	0.282
Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	P Grande	5.6	-40.5	-38.0	35.6	0.282

Rain* _{acc(0)}	P Grande	6.9	-41.7	-37.8	41.7	0.324
Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	P Grande	3.9	-46.7	-45.5	40.2	0.368
Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	P Grande	3.9	-61.2	-60.0	60	0.578
Rain*_{acc(-1,-2)}	P Grande	3.5	-63.5	-62.5	61.8	0.60
Temp+Rain _{ave(0,1)}	Pacuare	4.0	-40.5	-38.7	6.76	-0.01
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,1)}	Pacuare	4.0	-40.5	-38.7	6.76	-0.01
Temp+Rain _{acc(0)}	Pacuare	4.0	-40.5	-38.7	6.7	-0.01
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,-1)}	Pacuare	6.5	-44.8	-39.7	34	0.201
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	Pacuare	7.0	-41.4	-35.5	27.9	0.107
Temp+Rain _{acc(-1,-2)}	Pacuare	8.6	-44.0	-34.4	42	0.221
Temp	Pacuare	3.0	-42.3	-41.2	5.88	0.021
Rain _{ave}	Pacuare	3.0	-41.3	-40.3	2.65	-0.012
Rain _{acc(0,1)}	Pacuare	3.0	-41.3	-40.3	2.65	-0.012
Rain _{acc(0)}	Pacuare	3.0	-41.2	-40.1	2.07	-0.018
Rain_{acc(0,-1)}	Pacuare	5.5	-45.8	-42.3	31.6	0.209
Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	Pacuare	7.0	-43.7	-37.8	33.7	0.179
Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	Pacuare	10.2	-54.2	-39.7	64.6	0.483

Table S2 | Generalized Additive Model (GAM) results on the effect of local climate on emergence rate of leatherback turtle clutches. Predictors were air temperature (Temp), average rain accumulated during incubation (Rain_{ave}), total rain accumulated during incubation ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0,1)}$), rain accumulated during the month eggs were laid ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0)}$), rain accumulated during the month eggs were laid and previous month ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0,-1)}$), rain accumulated during the month eggs were laid and two previous months ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(0,-1,-2)}$) and rain accumulated during two months before eggs were laid ($\text{Rain}_{\text{acc}(-1,-2)}$). Best models (lowest AICc) are marked in bold and effect from significant predictor with (*). Only sites for which there were significant effects of local climate are included.

Model (smooth terms)	Site	df	AIC	AICc	Deviance	R ²
					explained (%)	adjusted
Temp+Rain* _{ave(0,1)}	All	11.0	-428.2	-426.4	36.1	0.323
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	All	11.0	-428.2	-426.4	36.1	0.323
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0)}	All	11.3	-402.8	-401.0	25.5	0.209
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	All	12.1	-406.9	-404.7	28.1	0.233
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	All	6.5	-374.4	-373.7	5.68	0.029
Temp+Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	All	10.9	-384.2	-382.4	16	0.110
Temp	All	4.0	-375.3	-375.1	3.24	0.020
Rain*_{ave}	All	10.0	-430.1	-428.7	36.1	0.327
Rain*_{acc(0,1)}	All	10.0	-430.1	-428.6	36.1	0.327
Rain* _{acc(0)}	All	9.5	-402.6	-401.3	23.7	0.20
Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	All	10.3	-407.1	-405.5	26.6	0.225

Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	All	6.0	-375.4	-374.9	5.64	0.032
Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	All	9.1	-385.2	-384.0	14.6	0.106
Temp+Rain _{ave(0,1)}	S Point	4.0	-383.5	-383.0	1.67	-0.005
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,1)}	S Point	4.0	-383.5	-383.0	1.67	-0.005
Temp+Rain _{acc(0)}	S Point	4.0	-382.9	-382.4	0.95	-0.013
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	S Point	7.9	-385.5	-383.8	11.9	0.056
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	S Point	7.6	-387.7	-386.1	13.3	0.075
Temp+Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	S Point	4.2	-389.5	-389.0	8.46	0.061
Temp	S Point	3.0	-384.3	-384.0	0.31	-0.008
Rain _{ave}	S Point	3.0	-385.3	-385.0	1.46	0.003
Rain _{acc(0,1)}	S Point	3.0	-385.3	-385.0	1.46	0.003
Rain _{acc(0)}	S Point	3.0	-384.6	-384.3	0.69	-0.004
Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	S Point	3.0	-388.5	-388.2	4.84	0.038
Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	S Point	3.0	-390.8	-390.5	7.26	0.062
Rain*_{acc(-1,-2)}	S Point	3.2	-391.5	-391.2	8.4	0.072
Temp+Rain* _{ave(0,1)}	P Grande	8.4	-80.5	-74.6	55.7	0.458
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	P Grande	8.4	-80.5	-74.6	55.7	0.458
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0)}	P Grande	7.7	-81.4	-76.6	55	0.463
Temp+Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	P Grande	6.0	-84.5	-81.6	54.7	0.489
Temp*+Rain* _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	P Grande	12.7	-96.5	-80.7	77.7	0.678
Temp+Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	P Grande	8.7	-84.6	-78.2	61	0.518
Temp*	P Grande	5.5	-73.6	-71.2	36.9	0.30
Rain* _{ave}	P Grande	4.9	-77.4	-75.5	41.4	0.361

Rain* _{acc(0,1)}	P Grande	4.9	-77.4	-75.5	41.4	0.361
Rain* _{acc(0)}	P Grande	4.8	-78.1	-76.3	42.1	0.371
Rain* _{acc(0,-1)}	P Grande	4.5	-85.6	-84.0	52.2	0.485
Rain*_{acc(0,-1,-2)}	P Grande	4.2	-89.0	-87.5	55.8	0.528
Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	P Grande	3.8	-79.9	-78.7	42	0.387
Temp+Rain _{ave(0,1)}	Pacuare	4.0	-46.0	-44.2	0.8	-0.075
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,1)}	Pacuare	4.0	-46.0	-44.2	0.8	-0.075
Temp+Rain _{acc(0)}	Pacuare	4.0	-45.9	-44.1	0.2	-0.082
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,-1)}	Pacuare	7.3	-53.7	-47.3	41.3	0.264
Temp+Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	Pacuare	9.6	-48.0	-35.7	38.9	0.138
Temp+Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	Pacuare	10.8	-61.7	-44.8	66.5	0.492
Temp	Pacuare	3.0	-47.8	-46.8	0.0	-0.039
Rain _{ave}	Pacuare	3.0	-48.0	-47.0	0.7	-0.032
Rain _{acc(0,1)}	Pacuare	3.0	-48.0	-47.0	0.7	-0.032
Rain _{acc(0)}	Pacuare	3.0	-47.9	-46.8	0.1	-0.039
Rain_{acc(0,-1)}	Pacuare	6.2	-55.2	-50.7	40.0	0.284
Rain _{acc(0,-1,-2)}	Pacuare	3.0	-48.1	-47.0	0.9	-0.031
Rain* _{acc(-1,-2)}	Pacuare	9.9	-62.7	-49.4	65.3	0.503

Figure S1 | Effect of precipitation on the hatchling output. Values represent mean monthly hatching success and emergence rate. Best predictors on hatching success were precipitation accumulated during **(a)** the month eggs were laid and the two previous months at Sandy Point, **(b)** the month eggs were laid and the month before at Pacuare and **(c)** the two months before eggs were laid at Playa Grande (R^2 adjusted in GAMs = 0.178, 0.209 and 0.60 for Sandy Point, Pacuare and Playa Grande respectively, table S1). Emergence rate predictors were precipitation accumulated **(d)** two months before eggs were laid at Sandy Point, **(e)** during the month eggs were laid and the month before at Pacuare and **(f)** in the month eggs were laid and two months before at Playa Grande (R^2 adjusted in GAMs = 0.072, 0.284 and 0.528 for Sandy Point, Pacuare and Playa Grande respectively, table S2).

Fig. S1.

