

## School and conservation project, Guatemala

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I went away for just under 3 weeks to Antigua and Monterrico in Guatemala. The first week was spent learning Spanish and helping in the local school, whilst also being in a home stay. The second week was spent doing turtle conservation, mangrove restoration and cleaning up the beach of all

the plastic that had drifted in from the Pacific Ocean. I organised this through Go Overseas, which can be found at

<https://www.gooverseas.com/>

Academically I have been able to see the difference in cultures and see the impacts that fishing and not recycling has created for the other side of the world. It was also beneficial working as a team to help make turtle enclosures and keep the turtle eggs from being taken by poachers. It has helped me understand how humans are damaging the environment and has made me want to study the climate more and maybe even a career based around it.

