

# **Saving turtles through empowering communities In Kenya**

**How can communities save more turtles by accessing relevant information**

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# Agenda

- Understanding Local Ocean Conservation (LOC) educational program and challenges
- Exploring factors influencing the number of turtle capture in Kenya
- Analyzing data on weekly capture, and turtle species
- Providing actionable insights for the LOC educational program to empower local communities



## Navigating the Challenges of the LOC Educational Program and Communities to Save More Turtles

Thru the use case of Kenya

- Limited access to information
- Lack of an accurate model
- Fishman desire for incentives
- Need to consider timing and location

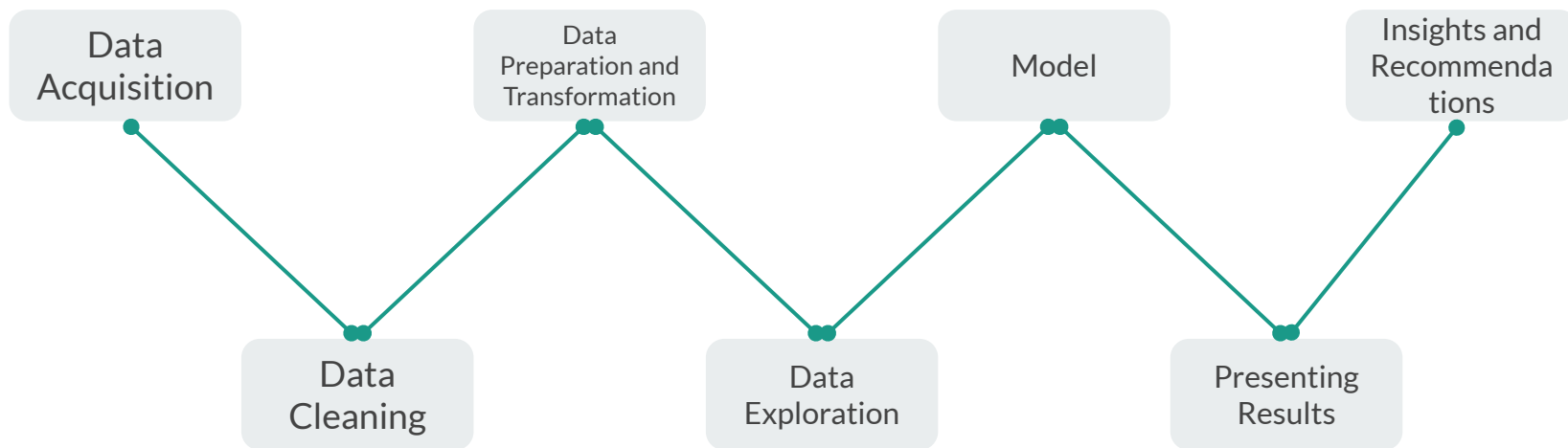
# How do various factors affect the number of turtles being captured in Kenya?

Time of the year

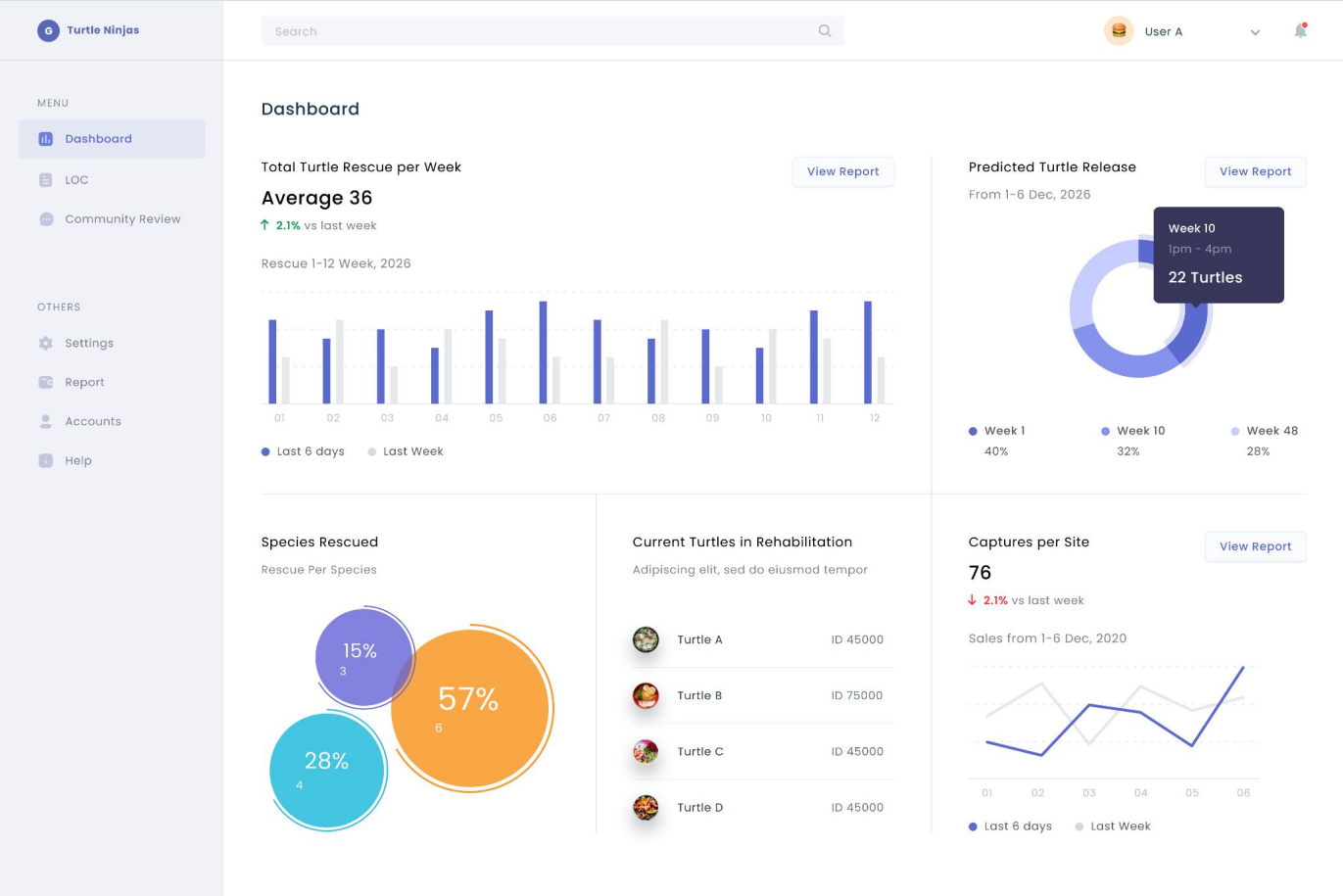
Location of capture

Species and size

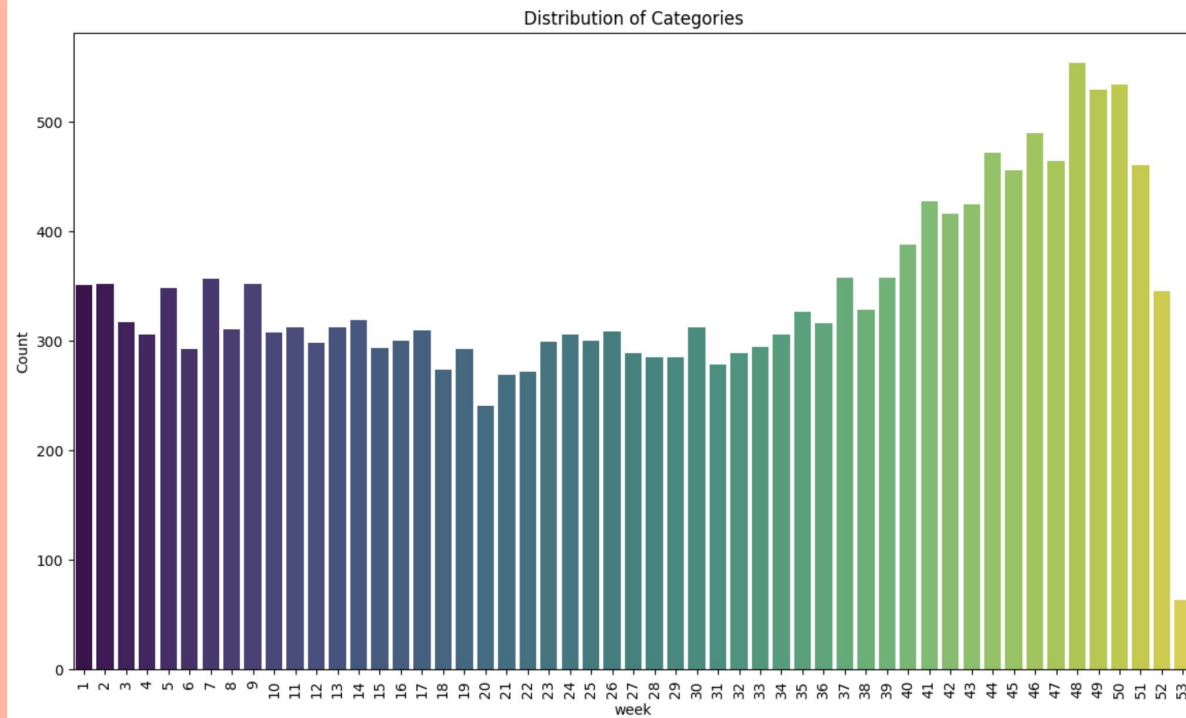
# Journey to Insights



# Prototype: AI Turtle Rescue Prediction Dashboard



# Insight: Time of the Year vs Capture



- Peaks of Capture happens at the end of the year
- Baseline model inspiration

Description: Overall view of total turtles captured from 2008 to 2018



# Our Predictive Baseline Model

**Objective:** Predict the number of turtles caught per site and per week.

**Evaluation Metric:** Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

**Description:** We predict the future number of turtle captures based on the average number of captures in the same week and site from previous data.

Score: RMSE = 2.88





# Ensemble Model

## Key Points:

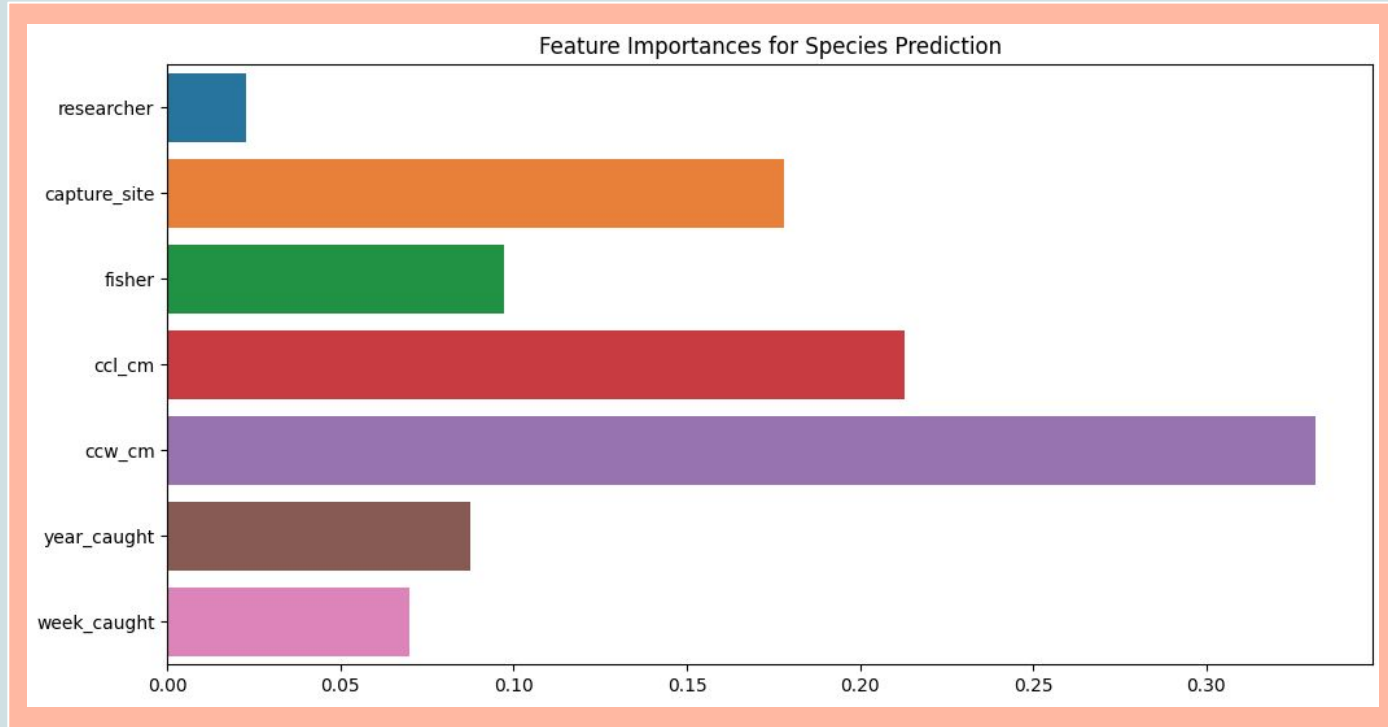
- **Combines Multiple Models:** Uses multiple models to make predictions.
- **Improves Accuracy:** Generally more accurate than individual models.
- **Reduces Overfitting:** Helps to generalize better to unseen data.

**Method:** Stacking

Score: RMSE = 0.814



# Model Inspiration



*Description: Bar chart showing the importance of each feature in predicting turtle species*



# Poisson Regressor Model

Why Did We Use It:

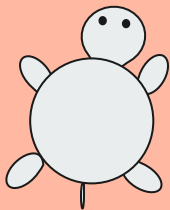
- **Appropriate for Counts:** It's specifically designed for count data.
- **Handles Overdispersion:** Can be adjusted to handle overdispersion (when the variance is larger than the mean):

**Description:** We predict the future number of turtle captures based on the average number of captures in the same week and site from previous data.

Score: RMSE = 3.57

# Benefits of our Prediction Model Dashboard Product

- **Enhanced Information Accessibility:** critical data is easily accessible and comprehensible, enabling stakeholders to make informed decisions quickly.
- **Improved Model Accuracy:** accurate predictions, aiding in effective planning and resource allocation for turtle conservation efforts.
- **Integrated Timing and Location Insights:** understanding of capture patterns, helping to optimize rescue operations based on when and where turtles are most likely to be found.



**Thank you**