

# SEA TURTLE STRANDING AND SALVAGE NETWORK – STRANDING REPORT

## OBSERVER'S NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE:

First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area code/Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

## STRANDING DATE:

Year 20\_\_ Month \_\_ Day \_\_  
 Turtle number by day \_\_

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**State coordinator must be notified within 24 hrs;**  
**this was done by**  phone (843)953-9015  
 email  fax (843)953-9353

## SPECIES: (check one)

- CC = Loggerhead
- CM = Green
- DC = Leatherback
- EI = Hawksbill
- LK = Kemp's Ridley
- LO = Olive Ridley
- UN = Unidentified

**Check Unidentified if not positive. Do Not Guess.**

Carcass necropsied?  Yes  No  
 Photos taken?  Yes  No  
 Species verified by state coordinator?  Yes  No

## SEX:

Undetermined  
 Female  Male  
 Does tail extend beyond carapace?  
 Yes; how far? \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
 No  
 How was sex determined?  
 Necropsy  
 Tail length (adult only)

## STRANDING LOCATION:

Offshore (Atlantic or Gulf beach)  Inshore (bay, river, sound, inlet, etc)  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Descriptive location (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITION: (check one)

- 0 = Alive
- 1 = Fresh dead
- 2 = Moderately decomposed
- 3 = Severely decomposed
- 4 = Dried carcass
- 5 = Skeleton, bones only

## FINAL DISPOSITION: (check)

- 1 = Left on beach where found; painted?  Yes\*  No(5)
- 2 = Buried:  on beach /  off beach;  
 carcass painted before buried?  Yes\*  No
- 3 = Salvaged:  all /  part(s), what/why? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 = Pulled up on beach/dune; painted?  Yes\*  No
- 6 = Alive, released
- 7 = Alive, taken to rehab. facility, where? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 = Left floating, not recovered; painted?  Yes\*  No
- 9 = Disposition unknown, explain \_\_\_\_\_

**\*If painted, what color?** \_\_\_\_\_

## TAGS: Contact state coordinator before disposing of any tagged animal!!

Checked for flipper tags?  Yes  No  
**Check all 4 flippers.** If found, record tag number(s) / tag location / return address  
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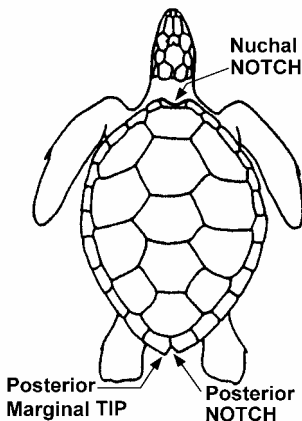
PIT tag scan?  Yes  No  
 If found, record number / tag location  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Coded wire tag scan?  Yes  No  
 If positive response, record location (flipper)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Checked for living tag?  Yes  No  
 If found, record location (scute number & side)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS: (see drawing)

**Using calipers** Circle unit  
 Straight length (NOTCH-TIP) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
 Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
 Straight width (Widest Point) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
**Using non-metal measuring tape** Circle unit  
 Curved length (NOTCH-TIP) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
 Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
 Curved width (Widest Point) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in  
**Weight**  actual /  est. Circle unit  
 \_\_\_\_\_ kg / lb



Mark wounds / abnormalities on diagrams at left and describe below (note tar or oil, gear or debris entanglement, propeller damage, epibiota, papillomas, emaciation, etc.). **Please note if no wounds / abnormalities are found.**

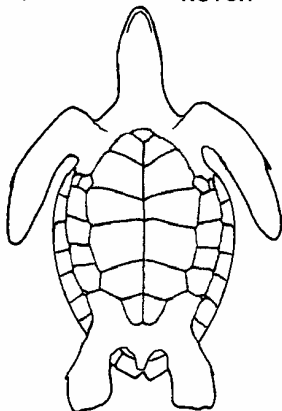
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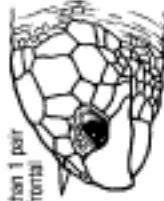






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**SPECIES IDENTIFICATION**

head	carapace	plastron
 <p>2 pairs of prefrontal scales</p> <p><b>Hawksbill - <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i></b></p>	 <p>scutes intricately interdigitated (overlapping)</p> <p>4 lateral scutes</p> <p>4 inframarginal scutes without pores</p>	 <p>4 inframarginal scutes without pores</p>
 <p>1 pair of prefrontal scales</p> <p>lower jaw serrated</p> <p><b>Green turtle - <i>Chelonia mydas</i></b></p>	 <p>5 lateral scutes</p>	 <p>4 inframarginal scutes with pores</p>
 <p>more than 1 pair of prefrontal scales</p> <p><b>Kemp's ridley - <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i></b></p>	 <p>6 or more lateral scutes</p> <p>6 or more ventral scutes</p>	 <p>4 inframarginal scutes with pores</p>
 <p>more than 1 pair of prefrontal scales</p> <p><b>Olive ridley - <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i></b></p>	 <p>5 lateral scutes</p>	 <p>3 inframarginal scutes without pores</p>
 <p>no scales</p> <p><b>Loggerhead - <i>Caretta caretta</i></b></p>	 <p>ridges</p>	 <p>no scales</p>
 <p>no scales</p> <p><b>Leatherback - <i>Demochelys coriacea</i></b></p>		

**PROPELLER WOUND MEASUREMENTS (cm)**

	SL	CL	W	Depth	Dist
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Skeg					

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail or fax to:  
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