

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 __ __

Coordinator must be notified within 24 hrs;
 this was done by phone
 email fax

SPECIES: (check one)

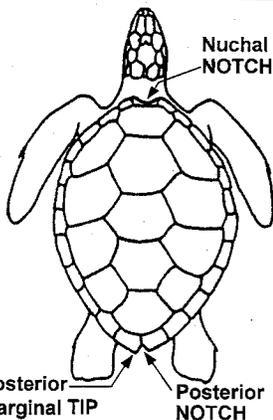
- CC = Loggerhead
 CM = Green
 DC = Leatherback
 EI = Hawksbill
 LK = Kemp's Ridley
 LO = Olive Ridley
 UN = Unidentified

Check Unidentified if not positive. Do Not Guess.

Carcass necropsied? Yes No
 Photos taken? Yes No
 Species verified by 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/Parrish _____
 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

TAGS: Contact 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

PIT tag scan? Yes No
 If found, record number / tag location

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)

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 _____

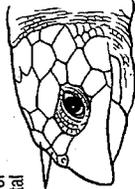
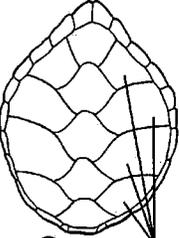
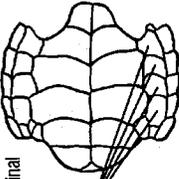
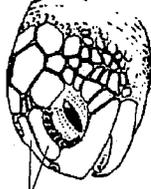
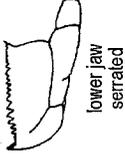
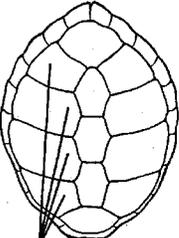
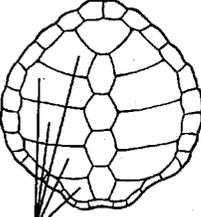
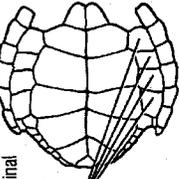
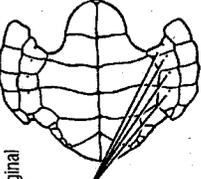
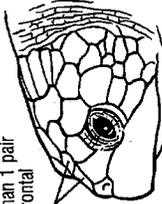
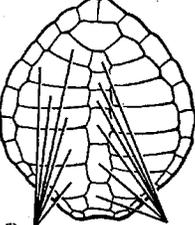
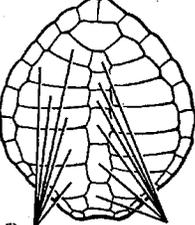
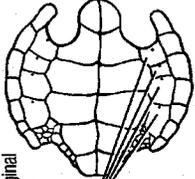
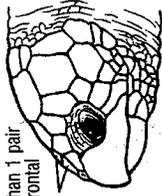
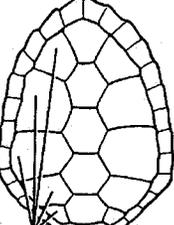
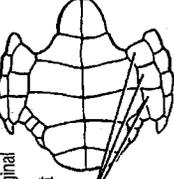
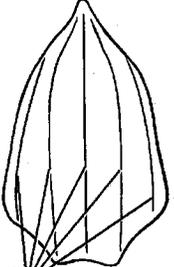
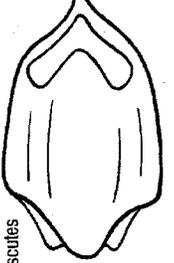
***If painted, what color?** _____

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
Circle unit
Weight actual / est. _____ 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.**

SPECIES IDENTIFICATION

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

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