

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 __ __

*State coordinator must be notified within 24 hrs:
 this was done by* phone (843)953-9015
 email fax (843)953-9282

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.

STRANDING LOCATION: Offshore (Atlantic or Gulf beach) Inshore (bay, river, sound, inlet, etc)
 State _____ County _____
 Descriptive location (be specific) _____

 Latitude _____ Longitude _____

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

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? _____*

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

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

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

 Coded wire tag scan? Yes No
 If positive response, record location (flipper)

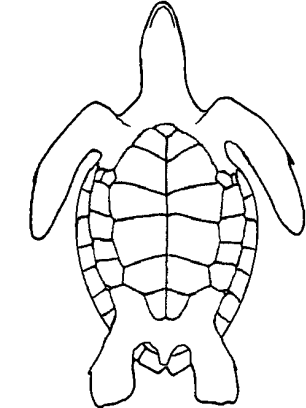
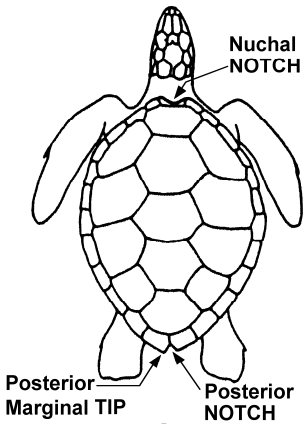
 Checked for living tag? Yes No
 If found, record location (scute number & side)

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

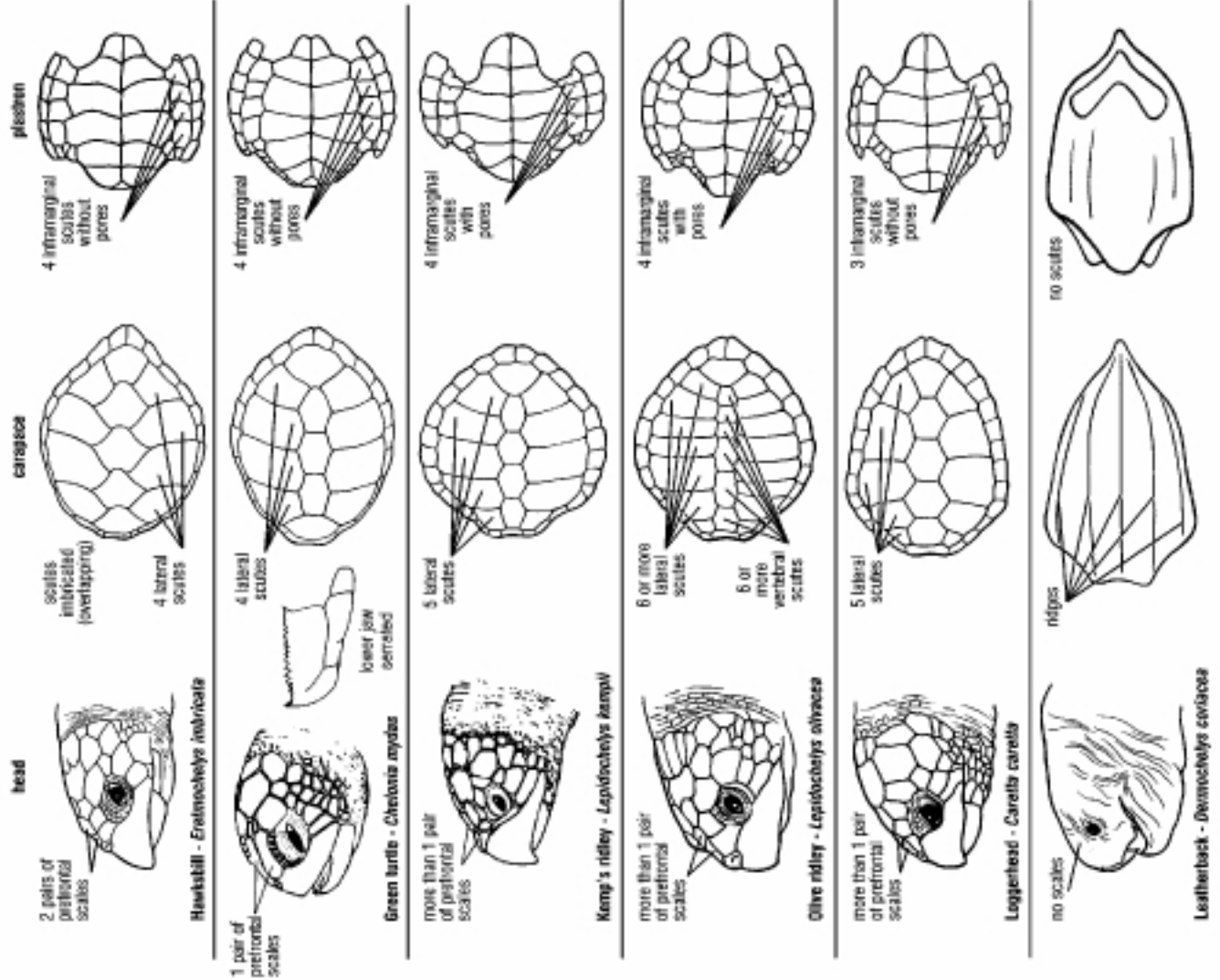
Using non-metal measuring tape Circle unit
 Curved length (NOTCH-TIP) _____ cm / in
 Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) _____ cm / in
 Curved width (Widest Point) _____ cm / in

Weight actual / est. _____ 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



PROPELLER WOUND MEASUREMENTS (cm)

	SL	Depth	Dist
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
Skeg			

Comments: _____

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