

# SEA TURTLE STRANDING AND SALVAGE NETWORK — STRANDING REPORT

## OBSERVER'S NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Responding organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## STRANDING DATE:

*Use two digits for date fields.*

Year 20\_\_\_\_ Month\_\_\_\_ Day\_\_\_\_  
 Turtle number by day \_\_\_\_\_ *Use three digits.*  
 State coordinators must be notified within 24 hrs; this was done by:  
 phone  email  
 report entered online (seaturtlestranding.com)

## STRANDING LOCATION:

State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location description \_\_\_\_\_

## SPECIES:

 (check one)

- Loggerhead (CC)  Kemp's ridley (LK)  
 Green turtle (CM)  Olive ridley (LO)  
 Leatherback (DC)  Unidentified  
 Hawksbill (EI)

*Check unidentified if not positive. Do not guess.*

## CIRCUMSTANCES OF ENCOUNTER:

 (check one)

### Traditional Stranding

- Found washed ashore or washing ashore  
 Found floating/struggling at water surface  
 Found underwater  
 Trapped in jetty rocks

### Incidental Capture

- Caught by recreational fisherman\*  
 Found in the intake canal of power plant  
 Found in dredge equipment  
 Entangled in line of pot/trap buoy  
 Caught in commercial hook/line fishery\*  
 Caught in commercial net fishery\*  
 Captured during **research** efforts\*  
 Captured during **relocation** efforts\*  
 Captured during **educational** efforts\*  
 **Other\***

### Nesting Related

- Caught under boardwalk/dune crossover  
 Caught in moveable beach structure  
 Hit by a car  
 Wandered landward of dune (not hit by car)  
 Trapped in man-made rock formation  
 Trapped in a natural rock formation  
 Trapped by collapsed dune/scarp

### Post-hatchling Washback

### Cold-stunning

*\*Provide additional details below*

## PHOTOS:

 (submit photos to state coordinator)

- YES (indicate below the completeness of photo series)  NO  
 Dorsal aspect visible  Ventral aspect visible  
*A complete photo series includes photographs of the dorsal and ventral aspects of the turtle, and all injuries or anomalies.*

## CONDITION:

 (check one)

- Alive  
 Fresh dead or mildly decomposed  
 Moderately decomposed  
 Severely decomposed  
 Dried carcass  
 Skeletal

## EXAMINATION DETAILS:

### Type of examination:

 (check one)

- In-person exam by STSSN participant  Other  
 Evaluated from photographs submitted by the public

### Completeness of body:

 (check all that apply)

- Complete  
 Missing head  
 Missing all or most (>50%) of one or more flippers  
 Missing 50% or more of the shell (body)  
 Not determined

**Mouth checked?**  YES  NO  UNKNOWN

## WEIGHT:

 (do not estimate weight)

**Choose unit**  
**Measured weight:** \_\_\_\_\_  kg  lb

## TAIL MEASUREMENT:

### Did the tail extend past the carapace?

*At least 5cm/2in (LK or LO), 10cm/4in (CC, CM, EI), or 15cm/6in (DC)*

**Choose unit**  
 YES, directly measured: \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in  
 YES, estimated  NO  NOT DETERMINED

## FATE OR FINAL DISPOSITION:

*If the stranded turtle was alive, choose one of the following:*

- Alive:  immediately released *or*  unable to recover  
 Alive, taken to rehabilitation facility; where? \_\_\_\_\_

- Died before reaching rehabilitation facility

*If the turtle was found dead or died, choose one of the following:*

- Dead and left where found; marked?  YES  NO

*If marked, describe:* \_\_\_\_\_

- Dead; buried, rendered, or otherwise disposed of  
 Dead and salvaged; location of salvaged remains? \_\_\_\_\_

**Salvaged for necropsy?**  YES  NO

## TAGS:

*Contact state coordinator before disposing of a tagged turtle!*

Flipper tags found?  YES  NO

*Check all 4 flippers. If found, record tag number & location.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_

PIT tag scan performed?  YES  NO

*Check all 4 flippers. If found, record tag id & location.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Possible tag scars?  YES  NO

*Check all locations of possible tag scars:*

- Front left  Front right  Rear left  Rear right

Living tag found?  YES  NO

*If found, photograph & record scute number & side.*

Tracking gear found?  YES  NO *If present, describe.*

*Do not dispose of turtle or remove gear; consult STSSN coordinator.*

## CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS:

**Measurements were:**  Actual  Estimated

### Using calipers

**Choose unit**

Straight length (notch-tip) \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in

Minimum length (notch-notch) \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in

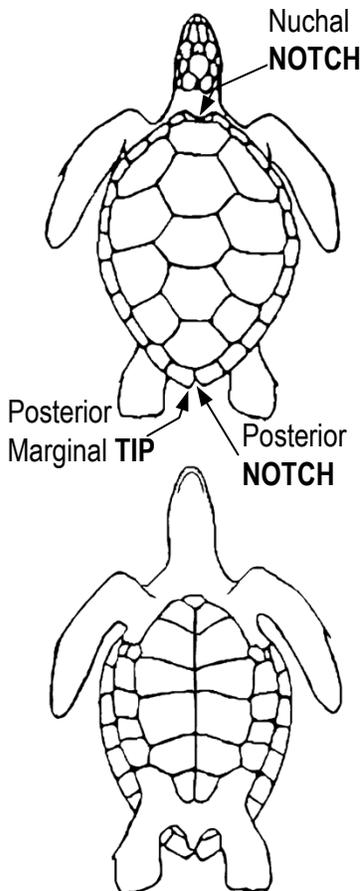
Straight width (widest point) \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in

**Using non-metal measuring tape** **Choose unit**

Curved length (notch-tip) \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in

Minimum length (notch-notch) \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in

Curved width (widest point) \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in



**Genetic sample collected?**  YES  NO

## ANTHROPOGENIC MATERIAL

Was there any man-made material found on the turtle (e.g., fishing gear, tar, or oil)?  YES  NO **If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

**If man-made material was present, please answer the following questions.** (check all that apply)

Were any fishing hooks present on the turtle?  YES  NO

If yes, was the gear collected?  YES  NO

Was line <0.5 cm dia. present on the turtle (fishing line)?  YES  NO

If yes, was the gear collected?  YES  NO

Was the turtle entangled in line ≥0.5 cm dia. (nautical rope)?  YES  NO

If yes, was the gear collected?  YES  NO

Was the turtle entangled in fishing net?  YES  NO

If yes, was the gear collected?  YES  NO

Was there any tar or oil present?  YES  NO

If yes, were any samples collected?  YES  NO

Was there any other man-made material present?  YES  NO

Please describe the material:

Where were the hooks located?  Mouth  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Where was the line located?  Mouth  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail  Cloaca

Where was the line located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Where was the net located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  Plastron  
 Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Where was the tar or oil located?  Mouth  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Where was the material located?  Mouth  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

## INJURIES

Were any injuries externally evident?  YES  NO **If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

**If injuries were evident, please answer the following questions.** (check all that apply)

Were there any definitive vessel-strike injuries evident?  YES  NO

Where were these injuries located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Were there any blunt force injuries evident?  YES  NO

Where were these injuries located?  Head  Carapace  Plastron

Were there any shark-bite injuries evident?  YES  NO

Where were these injuries located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Were any healed amputations of unknown cause evident?  YES  NO

How many amputations were present? \_\_\_\_\_

Where were these amputations located?  Front left flipper  
 Front right flipper  Rear left flipper  Rear right flipper

Was there an incised wound evident?  YES  NO

(e.g., clean cuts, as created by knife; typically longer than wide)

Where was the wound located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Was there a perforating or penetrating wound evident?  YES  NO

(a wound that is typically deeper than wide)

Where was the wound located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Was there a wound indicative of entanglement or ingestion of anthropogenic material without this material being present?  YES  NO

Where was the wounds located?  Head  Neck  Carapace  
 Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Was there a furrow on the edge of the beak?  YES  NO

Was there some other type of injury evident (not already described)?  YES  NO

Please describe:

## DISEASES AND LEECHES

Were any diseases or leeches externally evident?  YES  NO **If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

**If diseases or leeches were evident, please answer the following questions.** (check all that apply)

Were there any fibropapilloma-like tumors present?  YES  NO

**If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

Were eye tumors present?  YES  NO

Were mouth tumors present?  YES  NO

Did any of the tumors have a papillary texture?  YES  NO

Were there any non-fibropapilloma-like tumors present?  YES  NO

**If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

Please describe:

Were there any external skin lesions evident?  YES  NO **If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

Which of the following best describes the lesions?  Superficial crusts on the skin surface  Deep lesions exposing underlying tissue  
 Both superficial crusts and deep lesions were present  Neither

Which best describes the extent of superficial crusts?  Found only in single area or in a few small, isolated areas  Found over large areas

Where were the superficial crusts found?  Head  Neck  Carapace  Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Which best describes the extent of the deep lesions exposing underlying tissues?

Found only in single area or in a few small, isolated areas  Found over large areas

Where were the deep lesions found?  Head  Neck  Carapace  Plastron  Front flipper  Rear flipper  Tail

Were there any leeches or leech eggs evident?  YES, small isolated egg patches or few adults

**If yes, were photos taken?**  YES  NO

YES, large egg patches or many adults  NO

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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