# 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 LOCATION:

State _____ County _____
Latitude _____ Longitude _____
Location description _____
_____

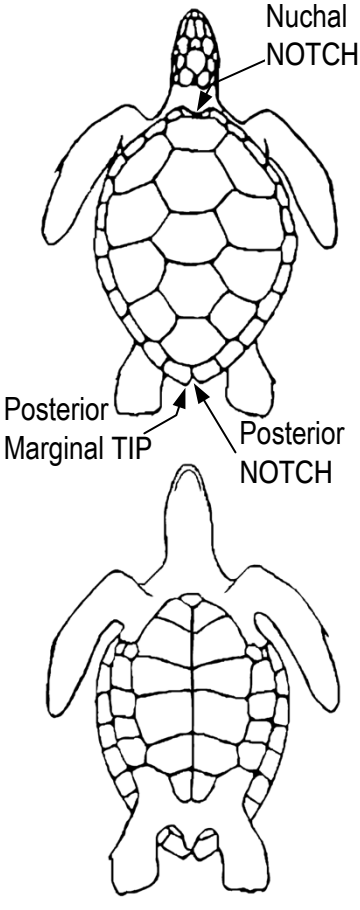
## CIRCUMSTANCES OF ENCOUNTER: (check one)

**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*




## 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 |

## 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)*

## SPECIES: (check one)

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

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

## 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
□ 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

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

Was line <0.5 cm dia. present on the turtle (fishing line)? □ YES □ NO
If yes, was the gear collected? □ YES □ NO
Where was the line located? □ Mouth □ Head □ Neck □ Carapace □ Plastron □ Front flipper □ Rear flipper □ Tail □ Cloaca

Was the turtle entangled in line ≥0.5 cm dia. (nautical rope)? □ YES □ NO
If yes, was the gear collected? □ YES □ NO
Where was the line located? □ Head □ Neck □ Carapace □ Plastron □ Front flipper □ Rear flipper □ Tail

Was the turtle entangled in fishing net? □ YES □ NO
If yes, was the gear collected? □ YES □ NO
Where was the net located? □ Head □ Neck □ Carapace □ Plastron □ Front flipper □ Rear flipper □ Tail

Was there any tar or oil present? □ YES □ NO
If yes, were any samples collected? □ YES □ NO
Where was the tar or oil located? □ Mouth □ Head □ Neck □ Carapace □ Plastron □ Front flipper □ Rear flipper □ Tail

Was there any other man-made material present? □ YES □ NO
Please describe the material:
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 □ YES, large egg patches or many adults □ NO
If yes, were photos taken? □ YES □ NO

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____