

STRANDING CONDITION	INSTRUCTIONS
Stranded sea turtle	Completely fill out an STSSN report and submit online ( <a href="http://www.seaturtle.org/strand/">http://www.seaturtle.org/strand/</a> ). Photograph sea turtle and submit photos with report.
Tagged sea turtle (dead)	Contact MTCP Hotline and we may pick this turtle up.
Unidentifiable stranded sea turtle	Photograph sea turtle and save this sea turtle, especially <b>entoplastron bone and/or skull</b> . Contact MTCP Hotline
Stranded leatherback sea turtle	Photograph sea turtle and save this sea turtle. Contact MTCP Hotline we will plan to necropsy this turtle regardless of the condition code.
Sea turtle is entangled or has ingested foreign material	Photograph sea turtle with entanglement in place. Remove entanglement material and photograph it. Mail entanglement material to SCDNR.
Fresh stranding (absolutely no odor)	Call MTCP Hotline and we <b>may</b> retrieve animal for necropsy.
Adult female or male sea turtle (all species) >80 cm	<b>Take keratin sample.</b> Contact MTCP Hotline and we may collect this animal for necropsy.
Dredged killed turtle	<b>Save this turtle and if possible, ice down. DNR will pick it up</b>

Copies of all the SCDNR forms listed above are located on the SCDNR Marine Turtle Program web site at the following page:

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/volres.htm>

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