



SEA TURTLE ENTANGLEMENT REPORT FORM

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FIELD #: _____

Shaded area for NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) use only

NMFS #: _____ EVENT CONFIRMATION: ☐ Confirmed ☐ Probable ☐ Not confirmed Reasoning: _____

INITIAL OBSERVATION: Observer name: _____ Phone: _____

Observer address / affiliation: _____

Observation date: _____ (mm / dd / yyyy) Time: _____ ☐ am ☐ pm

Turtle condition: ☐ Alive ☐ Fresh dead ☐ Moderately decomposed ☐ Severely decomposed ☐ Dried carcass ☐ Skeleton ☐ Unknown

EXAMINATION / RESPONSE: Responder name: _____ Phone: _____

Responder address / affiliation: _____

Response date: _____ (mm / dd / yyyy) Time responder arrived on scene: _____ ☐ am ☐ pm

Turtle condition: ☐ Alive ☐ Fresh dead ☐ Moderately decomposed ☐ Severely decomposed ☐ Dried carcass ☐ Skeleton ☐ Unknown

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION: Photos / video taken: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, disposition: ☐ Initial observer ☐ STDN member ☐ NMFS

Documentation of: ☐ Turtle in gear ☐ Injuries / entanglement site ☐ Buoy colors, numbers and any other identifiable feature(s)

LOCATION: State: _____ County: _____ Nearest port / town: _____

Locality details: _____ Stranded ashore: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Latitude: _____ N Longitude: _____ W

TURTLE DATA: Species or description: _____

Straight carapace length:** _____ ☐ cm ☐ in ☐ actual ☐ est.

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Not examined ☐ CBD

Curved carapace length:** _____ ☐ cm ☐ in ☐ actual ☐ est.

Does tail extend beyond carapace? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Carapace length is measured from nuchal notch to posterior tip (see diagram on back)

If Yes, how far? _____ ☐ cm ☐ in ☐ actual ☐ est.

Weight: _____ ☐ kg ☐ lb ☐ actual ☐ est.

Sex determined by: ☐ Necropsy ☐ Tail length (adults only) ☐ N/A

Was turtle: ☐ Anchored ☐ Free-swimming ☐ Unknown

Describe behavior in gear: _____

GEAR TYPE: Indicate the primary (in contact with turtle) entangling gear with a "P" and secondary gear with an "S". Fill out all applicable details.

Vertical Line with Surface Buoy

Gear anchored / weighted: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, anchored by: ☐ Pot(s) ☐ Net ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: _____

Length of line between turtle and surface buoy: _____ ☐ cm ☐ in ☐ actual ☐ est.

Line Only (no buoy)

Type: ☐ Monofilament ☐ Multifilament (e.g. nylon or poly rope) ☐ Unknown

Hook(s) present: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, where attached to turtle: ☐ Not attached ☐ Mouth ☐ Ingested (past mouth) ☐ Soft tissue (not mouth)

Gear anchored / weighted: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, anchored by: ☐ Pot(s) ☐ Net ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: _____

Net

Type: ☐ Monofilament ☐ Multifilament (e.g. nylon) ☐ Unknown

Estimated stretched mesh size: _____ ☐ cm ☐ in Net ID number(s): _____

Fish Trap (pound net / weir)

Location: ☐ Free-swimming in trap ☐ Entangled in leader ☐ Entangled in trap ☐ Other (describe in Additional Remarks)

Other Describe: _____

GEAR DETAILS:

Number of pots: _____ Pot ID Number(s): _____

Number of buoys: _____

Buoy ID number(s): Buoy 1: _____ Buoy 2: _____ Buoy 3: _____

Buoy color(s): Buoy 1: _____ Buoy 2: _____ Buoy 3: _____

Line color(s): Line 1: _____ Line 2: _____ Line 3: _____

Biofouling present on gear: ☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, % of visible gear covered by biofouling: _____ % (describe type of biofouling in Additional Remarks)

Gear retrieved: ☐ Yes- all ☐ Yes- partially ☐ No If Yes, disposition: ☐ Initial observer ☐ STDN member ☐ State agency ☐ NMFS Gear Team

DISENTANGLEMENT OUTCOME: (Check one)

☐ Disentangled and released

☐ Entangled / no action taken

☐ Relocated to: _____

☐ Partially disentangled and released

☐ Entangled / not relocated

☐ Euthanized

Release behavior: _____

☐ Lost during disentanglement

☐ Other: _____

☐ Collected for treatment at: _____

☐ Died during disentanglement

CARCASS / SAMPLE DISPOSITION: (Check all that apply)

☐ Left at site

☐ Necropsied

☐ Other: _____

☐ Towed ashore

☐ Scientific collection

☐ Unknown

☐ Buried off beach

☐ Educational collection

☐ Buried on beach

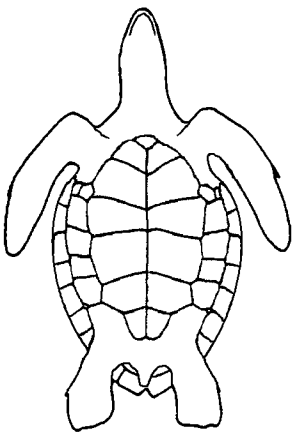
☐ Biopsied

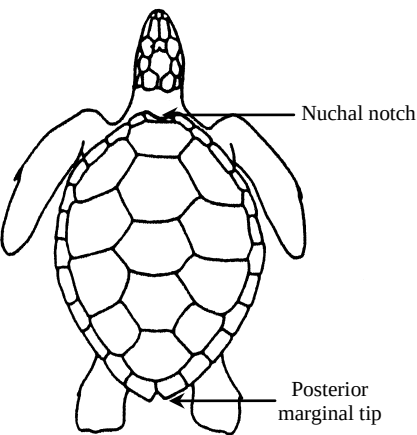
TAG / MARK DATA: Checked for flipper tags: ☐ Yes ☐ No Scanned for PIT tags: ☐ Yes ☐ No					
Tag / mark type	Number	Location on animal	Applied	Present	

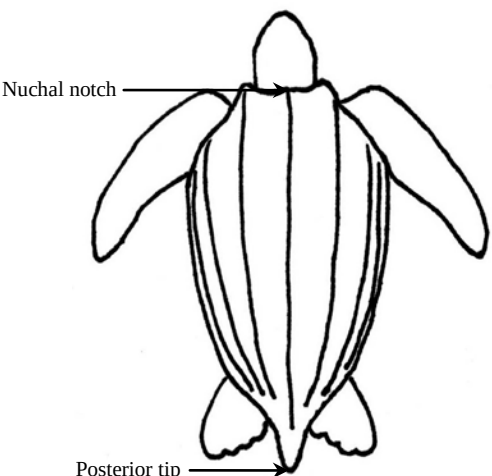
ENTANGLEMENT / WOUND DESCRIPTION: *Use table below to describe the entanglement configuration and any wounds associated with the entanglement site.*

Body area involved	Description (Specific location, # wraps, partial or complete circumference, tight vs. loose, etc.)	Wound description at entanglement site (mark all that apply)					
		Indentation	Abrasion	Laceration	Swelling	Bleeding	None
☐ Head / neck							
☐ Front flippers							
☐ Carapace / plastron							
☐ Rear flippers							

ENTANGLEMENT / WOUND DIAGRAM: *Below, please provide a diagram of entangling gear, new or healed wounds, abnormalities and / or tag locations.*







EVENT SUMMARY AND ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

DISCLAIMER

These data should not be used out of context or without verification. This should be strictly enforced when reporting signs of human interaction.

The collection of information on sea turtle entanglement is necessary to ensure sea turtles are being conserved and protected, as mandated by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Your voluntary collection and submission of this information will help achieve this objective. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average one hour per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Personal identifiers and any commercial information will be kept confidential to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), the Department of Commerce FOIA regulations (15 CFR Part 4, Subpart A), the Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. 1905), and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to (NMFS, Northeast Region Protected Resources Division, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930).