



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

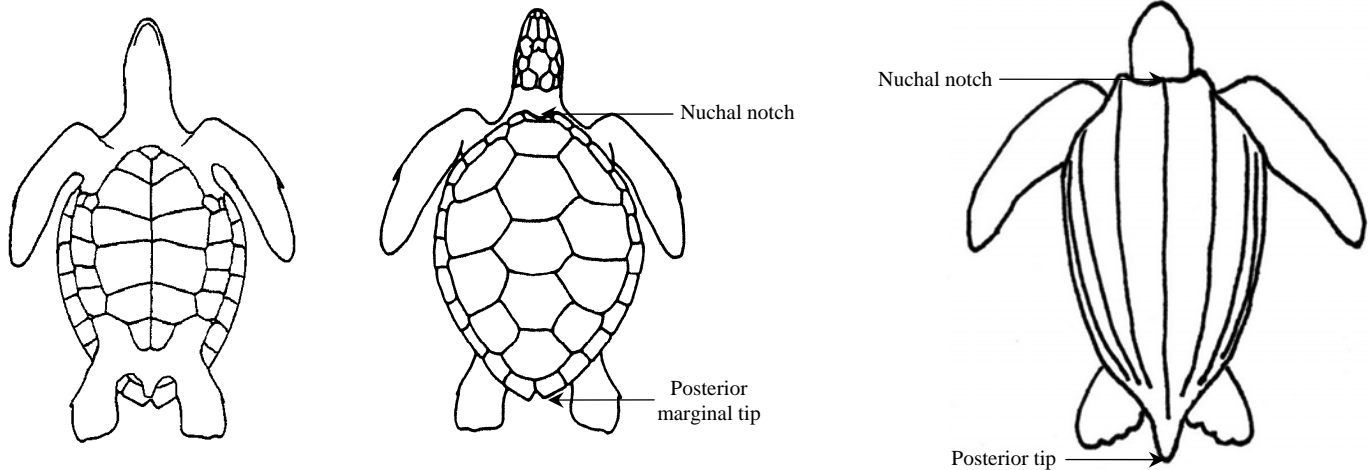
TAG / MARK DATA: Checked for flipper tags: Yes No Scanned for PIT tags: Yes No

Tag / mark type	Number	Location on animal	Applied	Present
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Head / neck		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Front flippers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Carapace / plastron		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rear flippers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

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