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Sea Turtle Biological Data Form

Species Code 

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- CC Loggerhead
- CM Green
- DC Leatherback
- EI Hawksbill
- LV Olive Ridley
- UH Unid. Hard Shell
- UT Unidentified

- Photo?  ✓
- Specimen?  ✓
- Sketch?  ✓
- Tag?  ✓
- Comment?  ✓ (Enter comments on back of this form.)

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Capture

Release

Date/Time 

Day	Month	Year	Hour	Minute
		20		

Date/Time 

Day	Month	Year	Hour	Minute
		20		

Disposition Code 

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Latitude 

Deg.	Decimal Min.	N/S

 Landed  ✓

Latitude 

Deg.	Decimal Min.	N/S

 Tags Removed?  ✓

- 01 Previously dead
- 02 Relsd. unharmed
- 03 Relsd. injured
- 04 Died
- 05 Escaped
- 06 Treated as catch
- 07 Other/Unknown

Longitude 

Deg.	Decimal Min.	E/W

 Tags Present? 

Y Yes
N No
U Unk.

Longitude 

Deg.	Decimal Min.	E/W

 Tags Applied?  ✓

Hooking/Entanglement

Morphology

Measurements

Hooked? 

Y Yes
N No
U Unknown

 Entangled?

Skin Covered Carapace?   
(N implies carapace is covered w/ scutes.)

Overlapping Scutes? 

Y Yes
N No
U Unknown

Inframarginal scutes with pores?   
One pair of prefrontal scales?   
(N implies more than one pair.)

Round to the nearest half cm.

Carapace Length (curved) 

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 cm

Carapace Width (curved) 

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 cm

Plastron Length 

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 cm

Tail Length 

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 cm

Carapace Length (straight) 

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 cm

Carapace Width (straight) 

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 cm

Hook Location 

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Entangle Location 

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- 01 Ingested (in esophagus)
- 02 Head/Beak/Mouth
- 03 Wing/Front Flipper
- 04 Body/Shell
- 05 Unknown
- 06 Tail
- 07 Leg/Foot/Rear Flipper

(Enter the no. of scutes in the boxes.)

Carapace Scute Counts 

Carapace Scute Counts	No. of Left Costal Scutes	<input type="text"/>
	No. of Right Costal Scutes	<input type="text"/>
	No. of Vertebral Scutes	<input type="text"/>
	No. of Inframarginal Scutes	<input type="text"/>

Dorsal Coloration

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- 01 Orange/Red
- 02 Grayish
- 03 Other, give color below

Other dorsal color:

Gear Removal 

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- 00 Unknown
- 01 Fell from gear, point unknown
- 02 Fell from gear while in water.
- 03 Fell from gear once out of water.
- 04 Fell from gear by force of roller.
- 05 Removal req. cutting gear/animal
- 06 Removal with no cutting.
- 99 Other

Remaining Gear 

X None
H Hook
L Line
B Both Hook and Line

Light Device

Complete only if light devices were used and the light device type has been indicated on the gear configuration form.

Color Code 

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01 Blue	06 Yellow	11 Red
02 Green	07 Magenta	12 Orange
03 Black	08 Mixed	13 Silver/Metal
04 Pink	09 Other	
05 White	10 Clear	

Proximity Code 

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00 On this branch line
01 Light is 1 branch line away
02 Light is 2 branch lines away
03 Light is 3 branch lines away
04 None in vicinity

Describe hook or line and length left on animal:  
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***Sea Turtle Biological Data Form Comments***

**Comments:**


**Injuries Description:**


**Identifying Characteristics:**
