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DOC/NOAA Fisheries
Pacific Islands Region
Longline Observer Program
Sea Turtle Biological Data Form

Trip No. ☐☐☐☐☐☐

Set No. ☐☐

Species Code ☐☐☐

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

	Day	Month	Year	Hour	Minute
Date/Time	☐☐	☐☐	2 0 ☐☐	☐☐	☐☐

Latitude — Deg. ☐☐ Decimal Min. ☐☐.☐ N/S ☐

Landed ☐ ✓

Longitude — Deg. ☐☐☐ Decimal Min. ☐☐.☐ E/W ☐

Tags Present? ☐   Y Yes / N No / U Unk.

Release

	Day	Month	Year	Hour	Minute
Date/Time	☐☐	☐☐	2 0 ☐☐	☐☐	☐☐

Disposition Code 0 ☐

Latitude — Deg. ☐☐ Decimal Min. ☐☐.☐ N/S ☐

Tags Removed? ☐ ✓

Longitude — Deg. ☐☐☐ Decimal Min. ☐☐.☐ E/W ☐

Tags Applied? ☐ ✓

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

Hooking/Entanglement

Hooked ? ☐   Y Yes / N No / U Unknown

Entangled ? ☐

Hook Location 0 ☐

Entangle Location 0 ☐

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

Gear Removal ☐☐

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

Describe hook or line and length left on animal:

_____

_____

Morphology

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.)

Carapace Scute Counts

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

No. of Left Costal Scutes ☐

No. of Right Costal Scutes ☐

No. of Vertebral Scutes ☐

No. of Inframarginal Scutes ☐

Dorsal Coloration 0 ☐

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

Other dorsal color:
_____

Measurements

Round to the nearest half cm.

Carapace Length (curved) ☐☐☐.☐ cm

Carapace Width (curved) ☐☐☐.☐ cm

Plastron Length ☐☐☐.☐ cm

Tail Length ☐☐.☐ cm

Carapace Length (straight) ☐☐☐.☐ cm

Carapace Width (straight) ☐☐☐.☐ cm

Light Device

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

Color Code ☐☐

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

Proximity Code 0 ☐

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

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Sea Turtle Biological Data Form Comments

Comments:

Injuries Description:

Identifying Characteristics:

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