

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

Trip No.
Set No.

Species Code
 504 Loggerhead Sea Turtle
 502 Green Sea Turtle
 506 Leatherback Sea Turtle
 503 Hawksbill Sea Turtle
 505 Olive Ridley Sea Turtle
 500 Unid. Hard Shell Sea Turtle
 501 Unidentified Sea Turtle

Photo?
 Specimen?
 Sketch?
 Tag?
 Comment? (Enter comments on back of this form.)
 Associated Form Code
 Associated Form Page No.
 Associated Form Line No.

Capture

Date/Time Day Month Year Hour Minute
 2 0

Latitude Deg. Decimal Min. N/S
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Longitude Deg. Decimal Min. E/W
 .

Boarded 0
 01 Boarded w/ Dipnet
 02 Boarded w/o Dipnet
 03 Not Boarded

Tags Present? Y Yes
 N No
 U Unk.

Release

Date/Time Day Month Year Hour Minute Disposition Code
 2 0 0
 03 Relsd. injured
 04 Died

Latitude Deg. Decimal Min. N/S
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Longitude Deg. Decimal Min. E/W
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Tags Removed?
 Tags Applied?

Hooking/Entanglement

Hooked? Y Yes
 N No
 U Unknown

Entangled?

Hook Location
 Entangle Location

01 Ingested (in esophagus) 10 Upper beak
 03 Front Flipper 11 Lower beak
 04 Body/Shell 12 Side of mouth
 05 Unknown 13 Tongue/Glottis
 06 Tail 14 Head/Neck
 07 Rear Flipper 15 Roof of mouth
 20 Other 16 Mouth unknown

Gear Removal
 00 Unknown
 02 Fell from gear while in water.
 03 Fell from gear once out of water.
 05 Removal req. cutting gear/animal
 06 Removal with no cutting.
 12 Dehooker
 99 Other

Remaining Gear X None
 H Hook
 L Line
 B Both Hook and Line

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 Lateral Scutes
 No. of Right Lateral 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 (straight) . cm
 Tail Length . cm
 Carapace Length (straight) . cm
 Carapace Width (straight) . cm

Describe hook or line and length left on animal:

Light Device

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

Color
 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 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

