

NOAA Sea Turtle Sighting Data Submission Form

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1. Sighting Date *

If unknown, please estimate.

Example: January 7, 2019

2. Sighting Time

Example: 8:30 AM

3. Location (area, city, state) *

Example: Doheny State Beach, Dana Point, California

4. Latitude *

Please enter coordinate in decimal degrees format (example: 32.991208). If you do not know the coordinates, please open google maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>), click on the approximate location that you sighted the sea turtle, and record the that latitude coordinate that appears.

5. Longitude *

Please enter coordinate in decimal degrees format (example: -117.275169). If you do not know the coordinates, please open google maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>), click on the approximate location that you sighted the sea turtle, and record the that longitude coordinate that appears.

6. Behavior

Check all that apply.

- Swimming
 Foraging (i.e., eating)
 Resting

Other: _____

7. Size

Please estimate the widest part of the carapace (i.e., shell) width. Example: approximately 3 feet wide

8. Species

Based on the photos below, please select the sea turtle species. If you could not see well enough, please select "I don't know."

Mark only one oval.

- Green
 Loggerhead
 Leatherback
 Olive ridley
 Hawksbill
 I don't know

9. Please indicate any unique physical features:

Skip question if none observed.

Check all that apply.

- Algae on carapace
- Barnacles on carapace
- Tumors
- Missing flippers
- Flipper tags

Other: _____

10. Images

Please upload any images taken (this form can accept a total of 1 GB)

Files submitted:

11. Is there anything else you would like us know?

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