



# SEA TURTLE ENTANGLEMENT REPORT FORM

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FIELD #: \_\_\_\_\_

Shaded area for NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) use only **EVENT CONFIRMATION:**  Confirmed  Probable  Not confirmed

**INITIAL OBSERVATION:** Observer name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Observer 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 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 taken:  Yes  No Video taken:  Yes  No

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 in instructions)

If Yes, how far? \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in  actual  est.

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  kg  lb  actual  est.

Sex determined by:  Necropsy  Tail length (adults only)  N/A

**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**

Line attached to bottom gear:  Yes  No If Yes, bottom gear:  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)

Line attached to bottom gear :  Yes  No If Yes, bottom gear:  Pot(s)  Net  Unknown  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Net**

Type:  Monofilament  Multifilament (e.g. nylon)  Unknown

\_\_\_\_ **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:

**Net** Estimated stretched mesh size: \_\_\_\_\_  cm  in ID number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Pot(s)** Number of pots: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Pot description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Buoy(s)** Number of buoys: \_\_\_\_\_

	Buoy 1	Buoy 2	Buoy 3
Type	_____	_____	_____
Color/Pattern	_____	_____	_____
ID Number(s) / Letter(s)	_____	_____	_____

**Line(s)**

Number of lines: \_\_\_\_\_ Color 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Color 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Color 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 (LIVE animals): (Check one)

Disentangled & released  Entangled / no action taken  Relocated to: \_\_\_\_\_

Partially disentangled & released. Gear left: \_\_\_\_\_  Entangled / not relocated  Euthanized

Collected for treatment at: \_\_\_\_\_  Lost during disentanglement  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## CARCASS / SAMPLE DISPOSITION (DEAD animals): (Check all that apply)

Left at site  Necropsied  Biopsied

Towed ashore  Scientific collection  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Buried  Off beach  On beach  Educational collection  Unknown

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

Tag / mark type	Numbers	Location on animal	Applied	Present
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_____	_____	_____	<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. Check all that apply. Note the specific location, # wraps, partial or complete circumference, tight vs. loose, if gear left at that location, etc.).

Body area involved	Movement impaired	Indentation	Skin abraded	Muscle exposed	Bone exposed	Swelling	Discoloration	Tissue necrotic/sloughing
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<input type="checkbox"/> Front flippers Description:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Carapace / plastron Description:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Rear flippers Description:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**BEHAVIORAL OBSERVATIONS**

**Response to Approach and Handling:** Check one.

Vigorous movement       Movement slow, sluggish, or weak       Unconscious / Unresponsive       Could not evaluate

**Response Upon Release:** Check one from each row below.

Vigorous movement       Movement slow, sluggish, or weak       Movements abnormal (e.g. uncoordinated, circling, listing)       Could not evaluate

Dives and/or swims away within 1 minute       Remains at surface and/or does not swim deliberately away within 1 minute

**Describe Behavior:**

**EVENT SUMMARY AND ADDITIONAL REMARKS:**

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