

SEA TURTLE STRANDING AND SALVAGE NETWORK — STRANDING REPORT

OBSERVER'S NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

First _____ M.I. _____ Last _____
 Email _____
 Affiliation _____
 Phone number (_____) _____

STRANDING DATE:

Use two digits for date fields.
 Year 20____ Month____ Day____
 Turtle number by day _____ *Use three digits.*
State coordinators must be notified within 24 hrs; this was done by:
 phone email
 report entered online (seaturtlestranding.com)

STRANDING LOCATION:

State _____ County _____
 Latitude _____ Longitude _____
 Location description _____

SPECIES:

(check one)
 Loggerhead (CC) Kemp's ridley (LK)
 Green turtle (CM) Olive ridley (LO)
 Leatherback (DC) Unidentified
 Hawksbill (EI)
Check unidentified if not positive. Do not guess.

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ENCOUNTER:

(check one)
Traditional Stranding
 Found washed ashore or washing ashore
 Found floating/struggling at water surface
 Found underwater
 Trapped in jetty rocks
Incidental Capture
 Caught by recreational fisherman
 Found in the intake canal of power plant
 Found in dredge equipment
 Entangled in line of pot/trap buoy
 Caught in commercial hook/line fishery
 Caught in commercial net fishery
 Captured during relocation efforts
 Captured during research efforts
 Other _____
Nesting Related
 Caught under boardwalk/dune crossover
 Caught in moveable beach structure
 Hit by a car
 Wandered landward of dune (not hit by car)
 Trapped in man-made rock formation
 Trapped in a natural rock formation
 Fell off of/overturned by seawall
 Trapped by collapsed dune/scarp
 Post-hatchling Washback
 Cold-stunning

PHOTOS:

(submit photos to state coordinator)
 YES (indicate below the completeness of photo series) NO
 Dorsal aspect visible Ventral aspect visible
A complete photo series includes photographs of the dorsal and ventral aspects of the turtle, and all injuries or anomalies.

CONDITION:

(check one)
 Alive
 Mildly decomposed
 Moderately decomposed
 Severely decomposed
 Dried carcass
 Skeletal

EXAMINATION DETAILS:

Type of examination: (check one)
 In-person exam by STSSN participant
 Evaluated from photographs submitted by the public
 Completeness of body: (check all that apply)
 Complete
 Missing head
 Missing all or most (>50%) of one or more flippers
 Missing 50% or more of the shell (body)
 Not determined
 Mouth checked? YES NO UNKNOWN

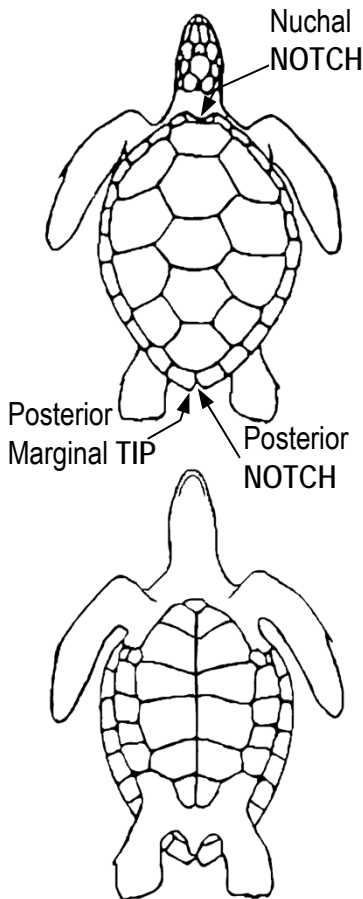
WEIGHT: (do not estimate weight) Choose unit
 Measured weight: _____ kg lb

TAIL MEASUREMENT:

Did the tail extend past the carapace?
At least 5cm/2in (LK or LO), 10cm/4in (CC, CM, EI), or 15cm/6in (DC) Choose unit
 YES, directly measured: _____ cm in
 NO NOT DETERMINED

FATE OR FINAL DISPOSITION:

If the stranded turtle was alive, choose one of the following:
 Alive: immediately released *or* unable to recover
 Alive, taken to rehabilitation facility; where? _____
 Died before reaching rehabilitation facility
If the turtle was found dead or died, choose one of the following:
 Dead and left where found; marked? YES NO
If marked, describe: _____
 Dead; buried, rendered, or otherwise disposed of
 Dead and salvaged; location of salvaged remains? _____
Salvaged for necropsy? YES NO



TAGS:

Contact state coordinator before disposing of a tagged turtle!
 Flipper tags found? YES NO
Check all 4 flippers. If found, record tag number & location.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 PIT tag scan performed? YES NO
Check all 4 flippers. If found, record tag id & location.
 1. _____
 2. _____
 Possible tag scars? YES NO
 Check all locations of possible tag scars:
 Front left Front right Rear left Rear right
 Living tag found? YES NO
 If found, photograph & record scute number & side.

 Tracking gear found? YES NO If present, describe.
Do not dispose of turtle or remove gear; consult STSSN coordinator.

CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS:

Measurements were: Actual Estimated
Using calipers Choose unit
 Straight length (notch-tip) _____ cm in
 Minimum length (notch-notch) _____ cm in
 Straight width (widest point) _____ cm in
Using non-metal measuring tape Choose unit
 Curved length (notch-tip) _____ cm in
 Minimum length (notch-notch) _____ cm in
 Curved width (widest point) _____ cm in

ANTHROPOGENIC MATERIAL

Was there any man-made material found on the turtle (e.g., fishing gear, tar, or oil)? YES NO If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

If man-made material was present, please answer the following questions. (check all that apply)

Were any fishing hooks present on the turtle? YES NO

If yes, was the gear collected? YES NO

Was line <0.5 cm dia. present on the turtle (fishing line)? YES NO

If yes, was the gear collected? YES NO

Was the turtle entangled in line ≥0.5 cm dia. (nautical rope)? YES NO

If yes, was the gear collected? YES NO

Was the turtle entangled in fishing net? YES NO

If yes, was the gear collected? YES NO

Was there any tar or oil present? YES NO

If yes, were any samples collected? YES NO

Was there any other man-made material present? YES NO

Please describe the material:

Where were the hooks located? Mouth Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Where was the line located? Mouth Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail Cloaca

Where was the line located? Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Where was the net located? Head Neck Carapace Plastron
 Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Where was the tar or oil located? Mouth Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Where was the material located? Mouth Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

INJURIES

Were any injuries externally evident? YES NO If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

If injuries were evident, please answer the following questions. (check all that apply)

Were there any definitive vessel-strike injuries evident? YES NO

Where were these injuries located? Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Were there any blunt force injuries evident? YES NO

Where were these injuries located? Head Carapace Plastron

Were there any shark-bite injuries evident? YES NO

Where were these injuries located? Head Neck Carapace
 Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Were there any amputations of unknown cause evident? YES NO

Where were these amputations located? Front left flipper

How many amputations were present? _____

Front right flipper Rear left flipper Rear right flipper

Was there an incised wound evident? YES NO

Where was the wound located? Head Neck Carapace

(e.g., clean cuts, as created by knife; typically longer than wide)

Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Was there a perforating or penetrating wound evident? YES NO

Where was the wound located? Head Neck Carapace

(a wound that is typically deeper than wide)

Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Was there a wound indicative of entanglement or ingestion of anthropogenic material without this material being present? YES NO

Where was the wounds located? Head Neck Carapace

Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Was there a furrow on the edge of the beak? YES NO

Was there some other type of injury evident (not already described)? YES NO

Please describe:

DISEASES AND LEECHES

Were any diseases or leeches externally evident? YES NO If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

If diseases or leeches were evident, please answer the following questions. (check all that apply)

Were there any fibropapilloma-like tumors present? YES NO

If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

Were eye tumors present? YES NO

Were mouth tumors present? YES NO

Did any of the tumors have a papillary texture? YES NO

Were there any non-fibropapilloma-like tumors present? YES NO

If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

Please describe:

Were there any external skin lesions evident? YES NO If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

Which of the following best describes the lesions? Superficial crusts on the skin surface Deep lesions exposing underlying tissue
 Both superficial crusts and deep lesions were present Neither

Which best describes the extent of superficial crusts? Found only in single area or in a few small, isolated areas Found over large areas

Where were the superficial crusts found? Head Neck Carapace Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Which best describes the extent of the deep lesions exposing underlying tissues?

Found only in single area or in a few small, isolated areas Found over large areas

Where were the deep lesions found? Head Neck Carapace Plastron Front flipper Rear flipper Tail

Were there any leeches or leech eggs evident? YES, small isolated egg patches or few adults

If yes, were photos taken? YES NO

YES, large egg patches or many adults NO

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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