Observer ID

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Longline Observer Program

Trip No.

Set No.

Sea Turtle Biological Data Form

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.)

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Capture

Date/Time — Day | Month | Year (2 0) | Hour | Minute

Latitude — Deg. | Decimal Min. | N/S

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 (2 0) | Hour | Minute

Disposition Code (0)

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

Latitude — Deg. | Decimal Min. | N/S

Longitude — Deg. | Decimal Min. | E/W

Tags Removed? ☐ ✓

Tags Applied? ☐ ✓

Hooking/Entanglement

Hooked ?

Y Yes
N No
U Unknown

Entangled ?

Hook Location

Entangle Location

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

Gear Removal

00 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.
12 Dehooker
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?

Inframarginal scutes with pores?

One pair of prefrontal scales?
(N implies more than one pair.)

Y Yes
N No
U Unknown

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

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: