

# Sea Turtle Necropsy Data Sheet



Necropsy Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Data Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_

Necropsy Technician(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sea Turtle Stranding Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Turtle Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sea Turtle Species:

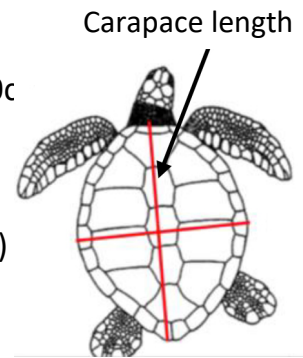
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|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead    | <input type="checkbox"/> Green     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherback   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawksbill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kemp's Ridley | <input type="checkbox"/> Flatback  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive Ridley  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown   |

Scientific name: \_\_\_\_\_

Carapace Length: \_\_\_\_\_

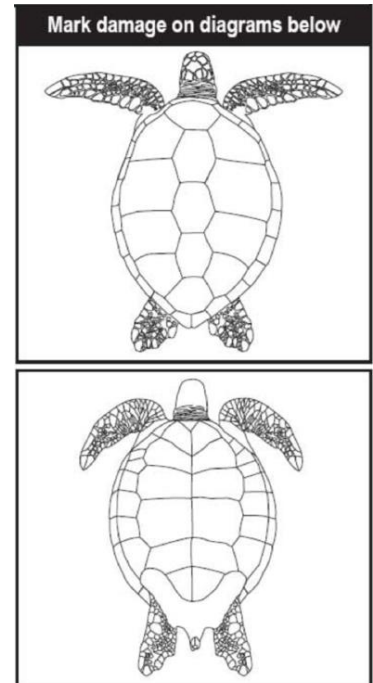
## Estimated Age based on Carapace Length:

- Hatchling (<5cm)
- Post-hatchling (5-10cm)
- Juvenile (10-60cm)
- Sub-adult (60-90cm)
- Adult (>90cm)



## External Examination:

Barnacles present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Entangling materials attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Slicing wounds? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Entangling material: <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing line <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing net <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing hook <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic <input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe:
Bite wound? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Other external observations, describe:
Tumors present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	



## Internal Examination:

Muscles: <input type="checkbox"/> strong/big muscles <input type="checkbox"/> some/small muscle <input type="checkbox"/> no muscle
Heart: <input type="checkbox"/> no findings <input type="checkbox"/> trauma, describe: _____
Liver: <input type="checkbox"/> no findings <input type="checkbox"/> trauma, describe: _____
Digestive System: Esophagus: <input type="checkbox"/> empty <input type="checkbox"/> contents, describe: _____ Crop: <input type="checkbox"/> empty <input type="checkbox"/> contents, describe: _____ Stomach: <input type="checkbox"/> empty <input type="checkbox"/> contents, describe: _____ Small intestine: <input type="checkbox"/> empty <input type="checkbox"/> contents, describe: _____ Large intestine: <input type="checkbox"/> empty <input type="checkbox"/> contents, describe: _____
Lungs: <input type="checkbox"/> no findings <input type="checkbox"/> trauma, describe: _____
Fat: <input type="checkbox"/> lots of fat <input type="checkbox"/> some fat <input type="checkbox"/> no fat
Cause of death:

**How does trash get into the ocean? Can trash in your neighborhood make its way to the sea?**

**How can we stop marine debris from killing other sea turtles and animals in the ocean?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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