



Aerial survey of marine turtle rookeries of the Pilbara Region of Western Australia

Status Flights completed, analysis underway

Aims To perform an aerial survey of marine turtle rookeries in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. All sandy beaches of islands and mainland from Cape Keraudren westward to include Tent Island in the Exmouth Gulf were surveyed in order to determine the number of turtle tracks of each species along this section of the Pilbara coastline.

Relevance This project fulfils two goals of the NWSFTCP's Strategic Conservation Plan:

- Produce an inventory of turtle nesting locations and seasonality (spatial and temporal distribution)
- Test new research methodologies that will improve monitoring efficiency including aerial survey

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