

# SEA TURTLE STRANDING AND SALVAGE NETWORK – STRANDING REPORT

## OBSERVER'S NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE:

First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Area code/Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

## STRANDING DATE:

Year 20\_\_\_\_ Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_

Turtle number by day \_\_\_\_

State coordinator must be notified within 24 hrs;

this was done by ☐ phone (561)575-5407

☐ email ☐ fax (561)743-6228

## SPECIES: (check one)

☐ CC = Loggerhead

☐ CM = Green

☐ DC = Leatherback

☐ EI = Hawksbill

☐ LK = Kemp's ridley

☐ LO = Olive ridley

☐ UN = Unidentified

Check Unidentified if not positive. Do Not Guess.

Photos taken? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Species verified by state coordinator? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## SEX: (check one)

☐ Immature, undetermined

☐ Female ☐ Male

How was sex determined?

☐ Necropsy

☐ Tail length (adult only)

Length of tail beyond carapace \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

## STRANDING LOCATION: ☐ Offshore (Atlantic or Gulf beach) ☐ Inshore (bay, river, sound, inlet, etc)

State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptive location (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITION: (check one)

☐ 0 = Alive

☐ 1 = Fresh dead

☐ 2 = Moderately decomposed

☐ 3 = Severely decomposed

☐ 4 = Dried carcass

☐ 5 = Skeleton, bones only

## FINAL DISPOSITION: (check one)

☐ 1 = Left on beach where found; painted? ☐ Yes\* ☐ No(5)

☐ 2 = Buried: ☐ on beach / ☐ off beach; carcass painted before buried? ☐ Yes\* ☐ No

☐ 3 = Salvaged: ☐ all / ☐ part(s), what/why? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4 = Pulled up on beach/dune; painted? ☐ Yes\* ☐ No

☐ 6 = Alive, released

☐ 7 = Alive, taken to rehab. facility, where? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 8 = Left floating, not recovered; painted? ☐ Yes\* ☐ No

☐ 9 = Disposition unknown, explain \_\_\_\_\_

\*If painted, what color? \_\_\_\_\_

## TAGS: Contact state coordinator before disposing of any tagged animal!!

Flipper tags present? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Check all 4 flippers. If found, record tag number(s) / tag location / return address

PIT tag scan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If found, record number / tag location

Coded wire tag scan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If positive response, record location (flipper)

Checked for living tag? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If found, record location (scute number & side)

## CARAPACE MEASUREMENTS: (see drawing)

### Using calipers

Circle unit

Straight length (NOTCH-TIP) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

Straight width (Widest Point) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

### Using non-metal measuring tape

Circle unit

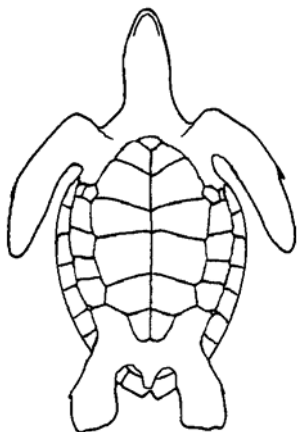
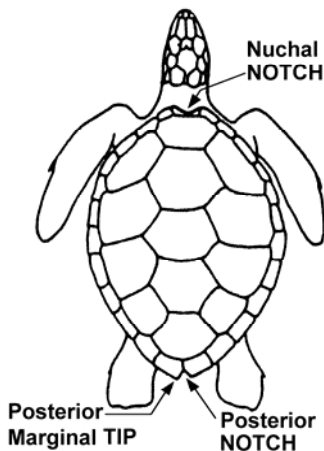
Curved length (NOTCH-TIP) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

Minimum length (NOTCH-NOTCH) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

Curved width (Widest Point) \_\_\_\_\_ cm / in

Circle unit

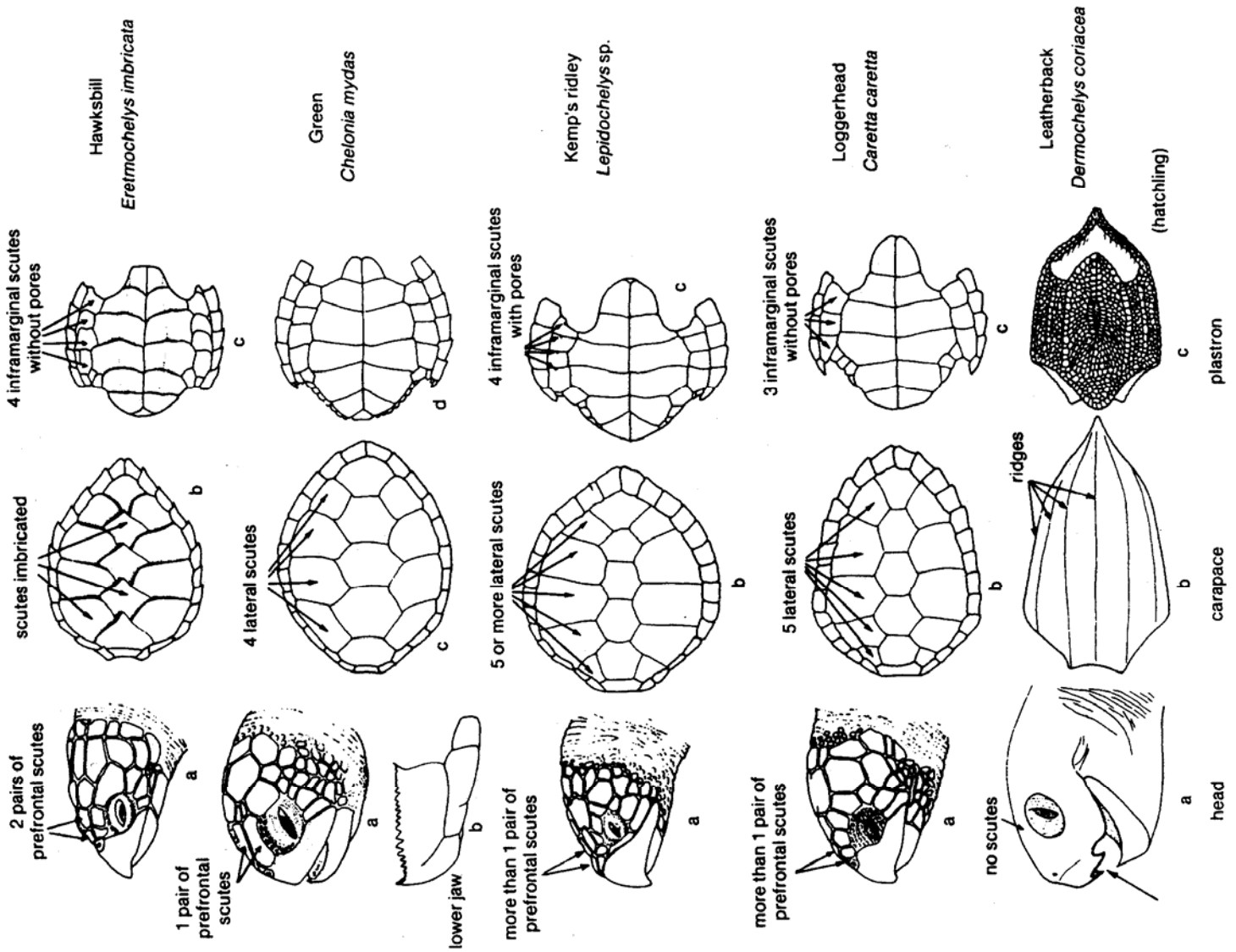
Weight ☐ actual / ☐ est. \_\_\_\_\_ kg / lb



Mark wounds / abnormalities on diagrams at left and describe below (note tar or oil, gear or debris entanglement, propeller damage, epibiota, papillomas, emaciation, etc.). Please note if no wounds / abnormalities are found.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PICTURE GUIDE TO SPECIES OCCURRING IN THE AREA



PLEASE FAX TO (561)743-6228, THEN PLEASE USE AN ENVELOPE AND MAIL ORIGINAL FORM TO:

FLORIDA STSSN COORDINATOR  
 FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
 FISH & WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
 19100 SE FEDERAL HIGHWAY  
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