

Sea Turtle Stranding Report A

Stranding Date: 7/6

Time: 3:30 pm

Stranding Location: Charleston Harbor

State: SC **City:** Charleston

Location Description: very hot outside, high tide

Activity: very heavy boat traffic, high level of fishing activity

Species: (check one)

Loggerhead

Green

Leatherback

Hawksbill

Kemp's Ridley

Olive Ridley

Unidentified

Sex:

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Flipper Tags? Yes No

Tag # _____

PIT tag Yes No

Tag# _____

Carapace Measurements:

Carapace length: 91 cm

Carapace width: 60 cm

Weight: unknown

Sea Turtle Condition:

Large cracks on the carapace. Sea turtle seems very lethargic. Moderate epibiont load (organisms living on skin and shell); mainly barnacles.

Sea Turtle Stranding Report B

Stranding Date: 1/28

Time: 8:45 am

Stranding Location: Cherry Grove Beach

State: SC **City:** North Myrtle Beach

Location Description: Air and water temperature is cold

Activity: Minimal activity on the beach and in the water.

Species: (check one)

Loggerhead

Green

Leatherback

Hawksbill

Kemp's Ridley

Olive Ridley

Unidentified

Sex:

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Flipper Tags? Yes No

Tag # _____

PIT tag Yes No

Tag# _____

Carapace Measurements:

Carapace length: 58 cm

Carapace width: 56 cm

Weight: Rough approximation—40 lbs

Sea Turtle Condition:

Sea turtle was found washed up on the beach. At first it appeared dead, but was able to observe breathing. Sea turtle is having a very hard time moving flippers and head. No wounds and no fishing gear present. No presence of organisms living on sea turtle (epibiont load).

Sea Turtle Stranding Report C

Stranding Date: 5/12

Time: 7:15 pm

Stranding Location: Folly Beach by the county park
State: SC **City:** Folly Beach

Location Description: Dusk; high tide

Species: (check one)

Loggerhead

Green

Leatherback

Hawksbill

Kemp's Ridley

Olive Ridley

Unidentified

Activity: High amount of fishing activity. Surf fishermen and people fishing from boats.

Sex:

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Flipper Tags? **Yes** **No**

Tag # Right: 56448 **Left:** 56449

PIT tag **Yes** **No**

Tag# _____

Carapace Measurements:

Carapace length: 65 cm

Carapace width: 48 cm

Weight: undetermined

Sea Turtle Condition:

Sea turtle appears to have something caught in its throat. Holds mouth open. Thin, deep cut on left flipper. Minimal epibiont load (organisms living on skin or shell).

Sea Turtle Stranding Report D

Stranding Date: 8/14

Time: 4:25 am

Stranding Location: Isle of Palms, near Wild Dunes

State: SC **City:** Isle of Palms

Location Description: High tide, warm air & water temperature.

Activity: Large crowds on the beach; people surfing and swimming in the water.

Species: (check one)

Loggerhead

Green

Leatherback

Hawksbill

Kemp's Ridley

Olive Ridley

Unidentified

Sex:

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Flipper Tags? Yes No

Tag # _____

PIT tag Yes No

Tag# _____

Carapace Measurements:

Carapace length: 76 cm

Carapace width: 75 cm

Weight: Appears to be an adult; appx. 130 lbs

Sea Turtle Condition:

Sea turtle is missing left front flipper; wound appears fresh. Small punctures in the sea turtle's carapace. Sea turtle was still in the water close to the shore.

Sea Turtle Stranding Report E

Stranding Date: 4/25

Time: 10:07 am

Species: (check one)

Loggerhead

Green

Leatherback

Hawksbill

Kemp's Ridley

Olive Ridley

Unidentified

Stranding Location: Kiawah Island

State: SC **City:** Kiawah Island

Location Description: Low tide; cool water & air temperature

Activity: People walking on beach; low level of boat activity in the water.

Sex:

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Flipper Tags? Yes No

Tag # _____

PIT tag Yes No

Tag# _____

Carapace Measurements:

Carapace length: 72 cm

Carapace width: 63 cm

Weight: Seems severely underweight

Sea Turtle Condition:

Sea turtle was found by people kayaking. Called hotline because turtle appeared unable to dive underneath the water. This was confirmed. Turtle cannot go beneath the surface. Large amount of algal growth on carapace. Seems active on the surface of the water.

Sea Turtle Stranding Report F

Stranding Date: 6/16

Time: 12:18 pm

Species: (check one)

Loggerhead

Green

Leatherback

Hawksbill

Kemp's Ridley

Olive Ridley

Unidentified

Stranding Location: Sullivan's Island

State: SC **City:** Sullivan's Island

Location Description: Hot air temperature and warm water temperature. High tide

Activity: Large amount of people on the beach and in the water.

Sex:

Undetermined

Male

Female

Condition: (check one)

Alive

Dead

Decomposed

Skeleton

Tags:

Flipper Tags? Yes No

Tag # _____

PIT tag Yes No

Tag# _____

Carapace Measurements:

Carapace length: 56 cm

Carapace width: 48 cm

Weight: Extremely underweight

Sea Turtle Condition:

The sea turtle is very underweight! It is also very lethargic; turtle is barely moving. It may not last the car ride to the hospital. It has a very large epibiont load (organisms living on skin or shell). It's covered in barnacles on its carapace and flippers. Also lots of algae growing on the carapace. Turtle is in very poor condition. No wounds or fishing gear entanglement.