

Sea Turtle Stranding Assessment

1. Is it normal behavior for a sea turtle to strand? Why or why not?
2. If a sea turtle was found unable to move and the water was cold, then why do you think it stranded?
3. A sea turtle was found stranded with large cuts on its carapace. Why do you think it stranded?
4. If a sea turtle was very lethargic, covered in epibionts, and underweight, why did it strand?
5. A sea turtle has many small punctures in its shell. Why do you think it stranded?
6. Is floater syndrome a human-induced cause or a natural cause for a sea turtle to strand?
7. Is cold-stunning a human-induced or a natural cause for a sea turtle to strand?
8. Many sea turtles strand after ingesting marine debris. What could be done to help prevent sea turtles from stranding due to marine debris ingestion?
9. How could you help prevent sea turtles from stranding due to boat strikes?
10. How could you help prevent sea turtle from stranding due to fishing gear entanglement?