

**ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM**

Project: Egmont Channel, Tampa Bay

**INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY**

Date 03 / 16 / 97 Time(24hr) 0530  
Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta, loggerhead  
Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Tampa Bay, Egmont Channel, Buoys 11-12, 9-10.  
Location of Take: Latitude 27°37'00"N Longitude 82°51'04"W  
Vessel Name and Company Dredge Stuyvesant, Stuyvesant dredging company  
Type of Dredging Activity Hopper, maintenance.  
Load # 58 Times: Start 0345 End 0530 Dump 0645  
Sampling Method (overflow, inflow, etc.) 100% overflow, one large mid skimmer screened.  
Samples Recovered From Port side of the mid skimmer.  
Condition of Screening Good  
Draghead Deflector? Yes  No   
Condition of Deflector Good  
Weather Conditions Skies clear, Winds NE 15 knots, Seas 2'-4' Tide Flood  
Water Temperature: Surface 73° Column \_\_\_\_\_ C or  (circle one)  
Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Fresh dead, sampled right rear flipper and  
partial carapace, about 25% of the turtle. The turtle had no foul  
odor, ventral skin had no signs of postmortem color changes.

Measurements--

Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments sampled (in metric when possible, indicate if not):

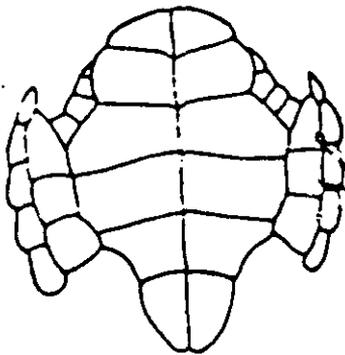
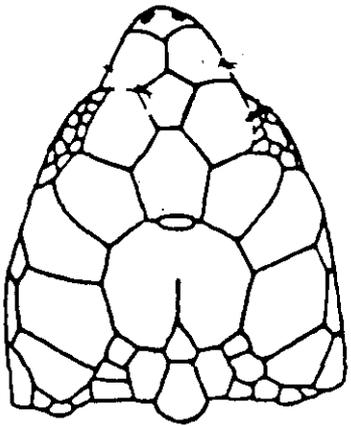
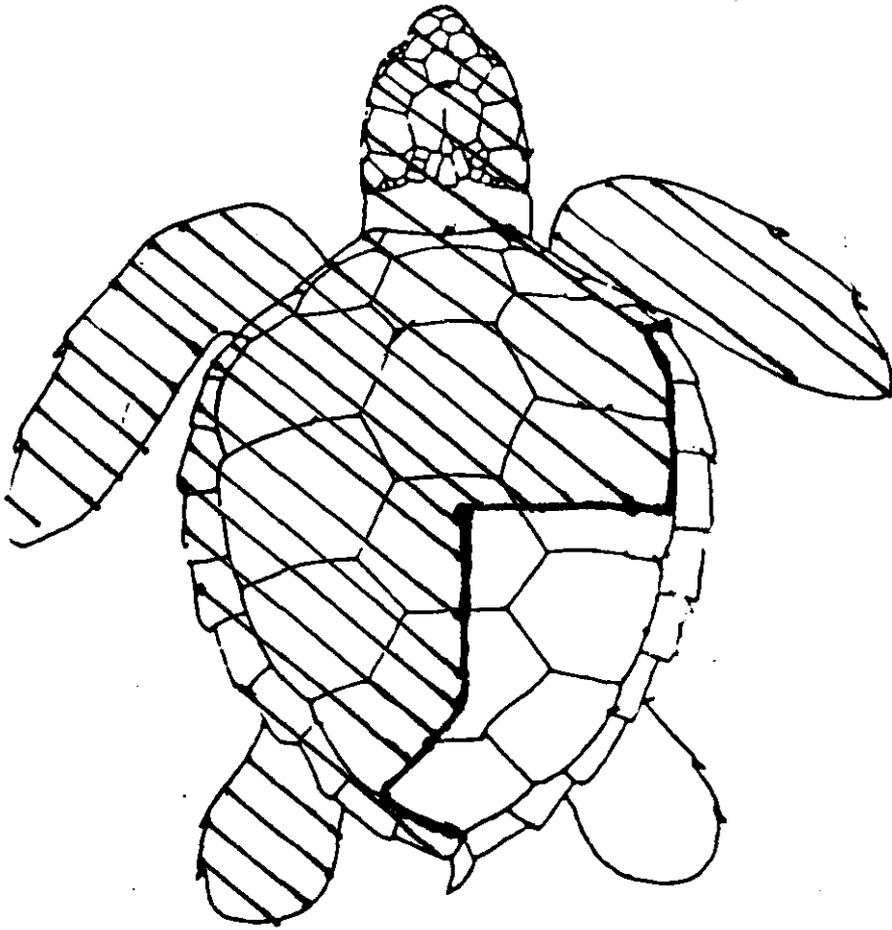
Head Width Missing  
Plastron Length Most missing Width Most missing  
Carapace S. L. Length Estimated 57 cm S.L. Width Estimated 40  
Carapace O.C. Length NA O.C. Width NA

Turtle Tagged? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  Tag # \_\_\_\_\_ Tag Date / /

Comments No bow thruster was used during the load. The turtle was  
frozen in case the dredge picks up anymore pieces in the next  
couple of days. The turtle was photographed and measured. The  
right rear flipper was 24 cm in length and 12.5 wide and had  
two claws. Total length of piece was 44cm and 30 cm wide.

Observer's Name Eric Westerman, Cheryl Ryder

Dredge Stuyvesant  
03-16-97  
Egmont Channel, Tampa Bay  
Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*)



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