

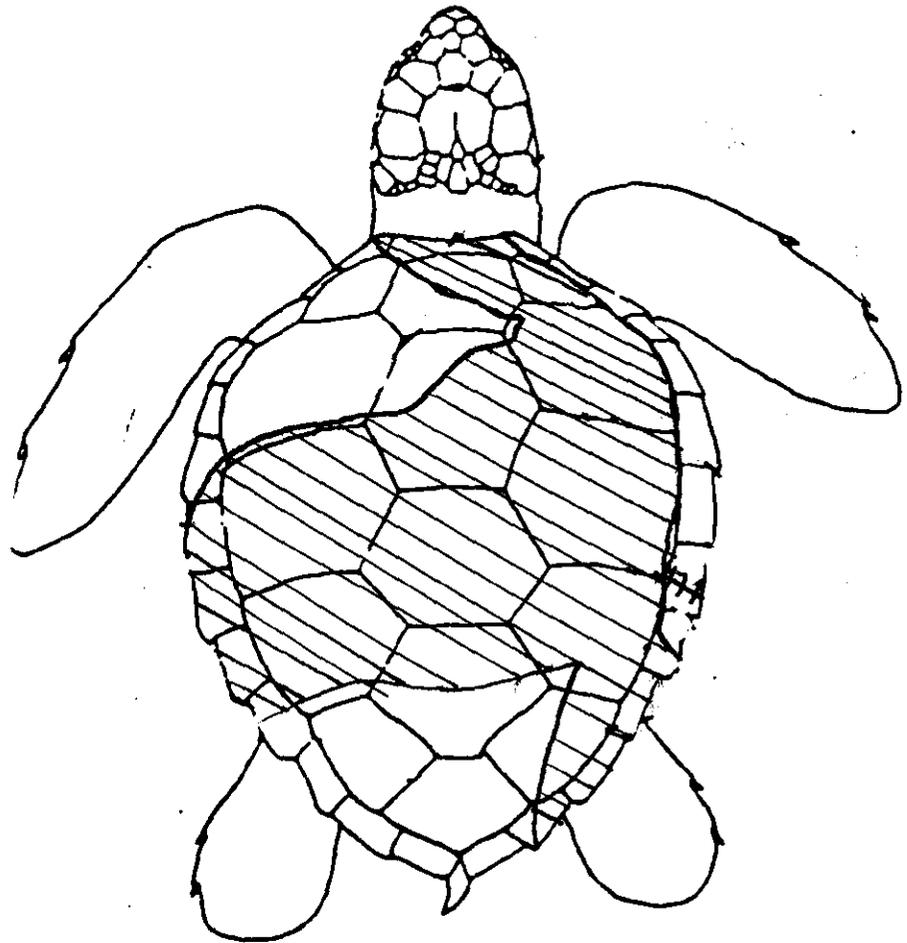
ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: Egmont Channel, Tampa Bay

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 04 / 09 / 97 Time(24hr) 0150
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 # 170 Times: Start 2255(4-8-97) End 0150 Dump 0250
Sampling Method (overflow, inflow, etc.) 100% overflow, one large mid skimmer screened.
Samples Recovered From Starboard draghead, 49 cm intestine from overflow
Condition of Screening Good
Draghead Deflector? Yes X No _____
Condition of Deflector ok, one or two small chains broken, not large enough for this
Weather Conditions Skies cloudy, Winds NE 5-8 knots, turtle to go through.
Water Temperature: Surface 74° Column _____ Seas 2'-3' Tide .92 C or F (circle one)
Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled Fresh dead, the turtle had no foul odor and
the ventral skin had no signs of postmortem color change. About
65% of the carapace and all the major organs and intestines
were missing, with the exception of 49 cm intestines that were
Measurements-- sampled in the overflow screening.
Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments sampled (in metric when possible, indicate if not):
Head Width 16.4 cm
Plastron Length 58.5 cm Width 58 cm
Carapace S. L. Length 96 cm S.L. Width 68 cm
Carapace O.C. Length NA O.C. Width NA
Turtle Tagged? Yes _____ No X Tag # _____ Tag Date / /
Comments The turtle was found with it's posterior end wedged into
the dragarm bars on the inner side of the draghead. The turtle
was an adult female loggerhead. The turtle was photographed in
the draghead and both dorsal and ventral sides. Disposition of
the turtle, the turtle will weighted down and dumped at the disposal
area.
Observer's Name Eric Westerman, Cheryl Ryder

Dredge Stuyvesant
04-09-97
Egmont Channel, Tampa Bay
Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*)
Fresh Dead

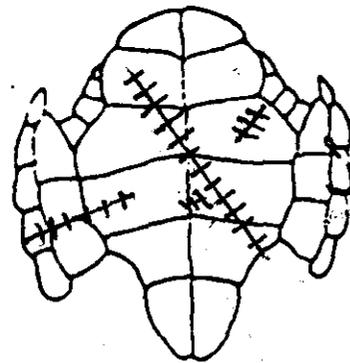
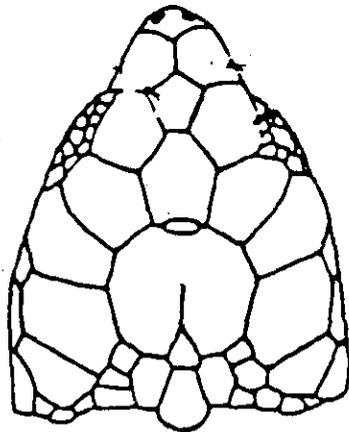


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