



South Pacific

Sea Turtle C.A.R.E.

CONSERVATION, AWARENESS, RESEARCH, EDUCATION

SeaLab Environmental Education Trust, in collaboration with the Auckland University of Technology and the Department of Conservation has initiated this project. SeaLab is a non-profit charitable trust focusing on marine environmental awareness in New Zealand and throughout the South Pacific.

The aim of this project is to increase our knowledge, and promote public awareness of sea turtles occurring in New Zealand waters. All five sea turtle species that have been encountered around New Zealand are threatened or endangered.

The data collected will help to build a better picture of when and where these species are most often encountered. You can help by providing vital information on turtle sightings by sending in the completed form to:

SeaLab Environmental Education Trust, PO Box 91129, AMSC, Auckland
or call the Department of Conservation: 0800 DOC HOT line (0800 362 468)

If any sick, injured, or stranded turtles are encountered, please notify the Department of Conservation hotline: 0800 DOC HOT line (0800 362 468) immediately.

If you would like to support the project you can make a donation through our website www.sealab.co.nz.
For more information please feel free to contact us on (09) 373 2050.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All sea turtles are protected in accordance with the New Zealand Wildlife Act 1953 and The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). If a sea turtle is encountered please follow these simple rules:

- Restrict your boat speed to 6 knots (10 kph) when approaching or near to individuals in the water.
- When your vessel is closer than 10 m put your engine in neutral to avoid disturbance and injury to animals, e.g. prop contact.
- If diving do not attempt to touch, ride or chase animals; avoid blocking their path and maintain a distance of at least 2 m.
- If an animal is found stranded, entangled or injured contact DOC immediately. Avoid handling the animal unless it is in immediate danger.

REPORTING A SIGHTING

Please use the form below to provide as much information as possible of turtle encountered.

Office only - Record No:	
Location:	Date:
Time:	Sea depth: m Sea temp: Deg. C
Latitude: S	Longitude: E
Sighting type: <input type="checkbox"/> Underwater <input type="checkbox"/> From boat <input type="checkbox"/> Offshore <input type="checkbox"/> From aircraft	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Habitat: <input type="checkbox"/> Beach <input type="checkbox"/> Estuary <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal <input type="checkbox"/> Open sea <input type="checkbox"/> Offshore island	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Species:	Size: m (length of shell)
Markings:	
ID character used: <input type="checkbox"/> Colour <input type="checkbox"/> Shell <input type="checkbox"/> Size <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Turtle description: <input type="checkbox"/> Live <input type="checkbox"/> Dead <input type="checkbox"/> Stranded <input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Incidental catch	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Tagged: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tag number(s):
Behaviour: <input type="checkbox"/> Feeding <input type="checkbox"/> Resting <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Entangled: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Debris description:
Action taken (if captured/rescued):	
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Image taken: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Type: Sent to:	
Contact name: Mobile:	
Phone: (.....)..... Email:	
Address:	
Comments:	
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