

Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) Reports

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The Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) was formally established in 1980 to collect information on and document strandings of marine turtles along the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coasts. The network encompasses the coastal areas of the eighteen state region from Maine through Texas, and includes portions of the U.S. Caribbean. Data are compiled through the efforts of network participants who document marine turtle strandings in their respective areas and contribute those data to the centralized STSSN data base.

These reports summarize marine turtle strandings documented through the efforts of the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN). These numbers are considered minimum stranding figures, as they are reported strandings only, not all stranding events. Effort expended in the collection of stranding data varied both geographically and temporally. Coverage ranges from systematic weekly (or more frequent) sampling to no sampling at all in some areas. All six species known to inhabit the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and U.S. Atlantic are included, these include: loggerheads (*Caretta caretta*), greens (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridleys (*Lepidochelys kempi*), hawksbills (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), leatherbacks (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*).

True strandings are defined as turtles which wash ashore dead or alive, or are found floating dead or alive (generally in a weakened condition). Other reports received are not included in these reports. Headstarted turtles are hatched and raised in captivity for approximately one year before being tagged and released. Strandings of headstarted turtles are excluded because they may represent a bias if their stranding was an artifact of captive rearing and release. Reports of incidentally captured turtles, posthatchlings and live sighting reports received through the network were archived, but are not included in this report as these records are not considered to be true strandings.

Using the Online Reports, one can obtain basic stranding information. Queries can include Region, Zone, State, County, Species, Year and Month.

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Users with the intent to publicly present or publish these data are strongly encouraged to consult and/or collaborate with contributing network coordinators.

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Zone Maps

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[Map of Gulf of Mexico Zones](#)

[Map of Southern Atlantic zones](#)

[Map of Northern Atlantic zones](#)

STSSN Annual Turtle Strandings by Year, Zone and Species as of 01/14/2008

All years

Zone : Gulf of Mexico..... 06 = Crystal River - Tarpon Springs, Gulf of Mexico..... 07 = Apalachee Bay offshore waters

YEAR	ZONE	LOGGER	LEATHER HAWKS		KEMP'S	OLIVE	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
		HEAD	GREEN	BACK	BILL	RIDLEY		
Manatee								

STSSN Monthly Turtle Strandings by Year, Zone and Species

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Year	Zone	Loggerhead	Green	Leather	Hawk	Kemp	Olive	Unknown	Total
1998	06	2	14	1	0	10	0	0	27
1998	07	9	1	0	0	1	0	2	13
1998	[ALL ZONES]	11	15	1	0	11	0	2	40
1999	06	2	6	1	1	7	0	2	19
1999	07	6	1	1	0	4	0	1	13
1999	[ALL ZONES]	8	7	2	1	11	0	3	32
2000	06	4	9	1	0	8	0	0	22
2000	07	9	3	0	0	4	0	0	16
2000	[ALL ZONES]	13	12	1	0	12	0	0	38
2001	06	7	22	0	7	5	0	3	44
2001	07	8	0	0	0	9	0	0	17
2001	[ALL ZONES]	15	22	0	7	14	0	3	61
2002	06	4	15	0	0	6	0	1	26
2002	07	5	4	1	0	7	0	0	17
2002	[ALL ZONES]	9	19	1	0	13	0	1	43
2003	06	4	13	0	0	3	0	0	20
2003	07	4	2	0	1	2	0	1	10
2003	[ALL ZONES]	8	15	0	1	5	0	1	30
2004	06	8	13	0	0	2	0	0	23
2004	07	9	2	0	0	5	0	0	16
2004	[ALL ZONES]	17	15	0	0	7	0	0	39
[ALL YEARS]	[ALL ZONES]	81	105	5	9	73	0	10	283
YEAR	ZONE	LOGGER HEAD	LEATHER GREEN BACK	HAWKS BILL	KEMP'S RIDLEY	OLIVE RIDLEY	UNKNOWN	TOTAL	

Whales

Sea

Incidental Take

Ble (b) Study

Citrus County
Same discharge canal
no new intake
impacted on discharge
cross Florida barge canal



