# SEA TURTLE LIFE HISTORY FORM

## CAPTURE INFORMATION

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**GEAR TYPE:**
- [ ] Longline
- [ ] Gill Net
- [ ] Trawl

**GEAR DEPTH:**
- [ ] Surface
- [ ] Midwater
- [ ] Bottom
- [ ] Other

**TIME (24 hr):**

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<th>WATER TEMP (°F)</th>
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**LATITUDE:**
- [ ] deg
- [ ] min
- [ ] N / S

**LONGITUDE:**
- [ ] deg
- [ ] min
- [ ] E / W

- Did turtle slide out/escape from gear? [ ] Y / [ ] N
- Was turtle brought on board? [ ] Y / [ ] N

### IDENTIFICATION (see back)

**SPECIES:**
- [ ] Leatherback
- [ ] Loggerhead
- [ ] Kemp’s ridley
- [ ] Green
- [ ] Hawksbill
- [ ] Olive ridley
- [ ] Unidentified Hardshell
- [ ] Unknown

**CONDITION OF TURTLE AT CAPTURE**
- [ ] Injured
- [ ] Uninjured
- [ ] Unknown

(please check injury status above as well as condition below; complete condition evaluation on p. 2 for any not coded “alive”)

- [ ] Previously dead
- [ ] Fresh dead/comatose/unresponsive
- Attempted resuscitation? [ ] Y / [ ] N
- [ ] Alive
- [ ] Unknown (describe)
- [ ] Other (describe)

### IF GEAR IS A FORM OF HOOK AND LINE, COMPLETE THIS SECTION, AS APPLICABLE:

**HOOK TYPE**
- [ ] “J”
- [ ] Circle
- [ ] other (describe)

**MANUFACTURER/STYLE NO.**

**DEGREE OFFSET**

**BAIT:**
- [ ] Squid
- [ ] Mackerel
- [ ] Sardine
- [ ] Unknown
- [ ] Other (describe)

Caught on hook timer? [ ] Y / [ ] N

- If yes, fill in time elapsed

Was light stick on hook? [ ] Y / [ ] N / [ ] U / Not Applicable

If no, number of gangions to next light stick

**Light stick type (circle):**
- [ ] Chemical
- [ ] LED

**Light stick color (circle):**
- White
- Pink
- Blue
- Green
- Black
- Red
- Yellow
- Purple
- Other
- Unknown

Number of gangions to next float

**HOOK LOCATION** (See Appendix in manual for descriptive figures)

(circle specific location; check box if specifics are not known; annotate drawing on reverse to indicate location as needed):

- [ ] Not Hooked
- [ ] Not Known if Hooked
- [ ] Hooked, but location totally Unknown

**Internal:**
- [ ] Unknown, internal
- [ ] Swallowed (Esophagus)
- [ ] Hook visible? Visible to insertion point / Partial hook / Not visible
- [ ] Beak/Mouth (Circle one)
- [ ] Jaw Location (Check one)
- [ ] upper
- [ ] lower
- [ ] side (mouth only)
- [ ] Check one for mouth:
  - [ ] tongue
  - [ ] gullet
  - [ ] roof of mouth
  - [ ] jaw joint
  - [ ] other (describe)

**External:**
- [ ] Unknown, external
- [ ] Beak/Head/Neck
- [ ] Carapace/Plastron
- [ ] Front Flipper/Shoulder/Armpit
- [ ] Rear Flipper/Groin/Tail

**Was hook removed from this animal?**
- [ ] Y / [ ] N / Unknown / Not Applicable

**Was animal entangled in gear? At capture?**
- [ ] Y / [ ] N / Unknown

**At Release?**
- [ ] Y / [ ] N / Unknown

**How much gear (linear feet) was left on turtle when released?**
- [ ] ft. (estimated/measured)
BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Estimated carapace length (notch-to-tip straight line):  

DIMENSIONS (cm)

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TAGS (identify address on each tag in the comments section)

Flipper Tag Number

Metal (1) or Plastic (2) Position (Flipper) Already Present (1) or Applied by Observer (2) Were Tags Removed?

Y / N

PIT Tag

Scanned? Y / N

Living Tag (describe) Other Tags (describe)

(Put PIT tag label here)

BIOPSY SAMPLES TAKEN? Y (itemize below) / N / Unsuccessful

RELEASE INFORMATION

LATITUDE deg. min N / S  LONGITUDE deg. min E / W

TIME (24 hr)       WATER TEMP (°F)

DATE, if different from capture: YEAR 20 MONTH DAY

FINAL DISPOSITION

Discarded Dead/Comatose/Unresponsive Carcass Marked? Y / N

Salvaged Carcass/Parts Released Alive Taken to Holding Facility Unknown (explain)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS (list all biological samples collected; describe/sketch anomalies):

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IDENTIFICATION CRITERIA

Number of:

Left Lateral Scutes Overlapping Scutes? Y / N / U

Right Lateral Scutes Inframarginal Pores? Y / N / U

Vertebral Scutes 1 Pair Prefrontal Scales? Y / N / U

L. Inframarginal Scutes Lacks Bony Shell? Y / N

R. Inframarginal Scutes Does Nuchal Scute Touch 1st Lateral Scute? Y / N / U

Dorsal Coloration Black Orange/Red-Brown Brown Gray-Green Other

CONDITION EVALUATION FOR TURTLES NOT CODED “ALIVE”

Mark each line on diagram above with a ‘Y’ to indicate positive reflex/response, and ‘N’ for no response.

Rigor Mortis Y / N / U

Rotting Flesh Y / N / U

Foul Smell Y / N / U