

SECTION 9: TURTLE CONSERVATION

102

Which species of turtle nest in this OT?

GENERAL

103

Which species of turtle are found in the waters of this OT?

GENERAL

104a

Have you noticed any changes in the number (abundance) of sea turtles **in this OT's waters**? First of all can you tell me if you've noticed a change in abundance overall?

YES

NO

If NO, go to Q105a

If the interviewee answers YES, you should go on to ask about changes in abundance of each of the species in Q104b&c

104b

For each of the species of turtle or turtles in general, have numbers in the waters increased, decreased or stayed the same **compared to 5 years ago**?

104c

For each of the species of turtle or turtles in general, have numbers in the waters increased, decreased or stayed the same **since you can remember**?

GREEN	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
LEATHERBACK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
LOGGERHEAD	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
HAWKSBILL	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
GENERAL	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK

105a

Have you noticed any changes in the number (abundance) of sea turtles **nesting on the beaches in this OT**? First of all, can you tell me if you've noticed a change in abundance overall?

YES

NO

If NO, go to Q107

If the interviewee answers YES, you should go on to ask about changes in abundance of each of the species in Q105b&c

105b

For each of the species of turtle or turtles in general, have numbers of nesting turtles increased, decreased or stayed the same **compared to 5 years ago**?

105c

For each of the species of turtle or turtles in general, have numbers of nesting turtles increased, decreased or stayed the same **since you can remember**?

GENERAL	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
LEATHERBACK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
LOGGERHEAD	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
HAWKSBILL	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK
GREEN	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK	INCREASE	DECREASE	SAME	DK

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IF YOU HAVE NOTICED CHANGES: For each species of turtle, or for turtles in general, why do you think numbers of turtles have changed?

Reasons for change in numbers at sea and on beaches? (list as many as given)

GENERAL

LEATHERBACK

LOGGERHEAD

HAWKSBILL

GREEN

107

Can you describe any laws regarding marine turtle fishing in the OTs waters?

YESNO

If no go to Q 108

107a

If yes, what are they?

108

Can you describe any laws regarding the purchase of marine turtle products in the OT?

YESNO

If no go to Q 109

108a

If yes, what are they?

109

Are you aware of any activities that infringe on these laws?

YESNO

If no go to Q 110

109a

If yes, what are they?

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ANY INFORMATION GIVEN DURING THIS INTERVIEW IS HELD IN CONFIDENCE.

109b

Who is engaged in activities that infringe on these laws? *Check all that are relevant.*

NATIVENATURALISEDRESIDENTVISITOROTHERS (Specify)DONT KNOWNO ANSWER

110

Do you agree, disagree, or have no opinion about each of the following statements?

Turtle fishing should be unregulated.

YES, UNREGULATEDNO OPINIONNO, SHOULD BE REGULATEDNA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

Turtles should be used as a tourist attraction rather than as a source of food.

YES, TOURIST ATTRACTIONNO OPINIONNO, SOURCE OF FOODNA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE USED

Turtles are economically valuable in this OT.

YES, ECONOMICALLY VALUABLENO OPINIONNO, NOT ECONOMICALLY VALUABLE

Tourists should be allowed to purchase sea turtle shell and take it home with them.

YES, PURCHASE SHELLNO OPINIONNO, DON'T PURCHASENA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

Tourists should be allowed to purchase sea turtle meat.

YES, PURCHASE MEATNO OPINIONNO, DON'T PURCHASENA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

Existing laws protecting marine turtles are effectively enforced.

YES, LAWS EFFECTIVENO OPINIONNO, LAWS INEFFECTIVENA: NO LAWS IN PLACE

Some income from tourism should be used to support sea turtle conservation efforts.

YES, TOURISM SHOULD SUPPORTNO OPINIONNO, TOURISM SHOULD NOT SUPPORT

Turtles should be used both as tourist attractions and as a source of food.

YES, TOURISM & FOODNO OPINIONNO, NOT TOURISM & FOODNA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

Turtles play an important ecological role in our natural environment.

YES, IMPORTANT ECOLOGICAL ROLE

NO OPINION

NO, ECOLOGICALLY UNIMPORTANT

Turtle fishing should be stopped until more information is known on the size and health of the populations.

YES, STOP & FIND OUT MORE

NO OPINION

NO, CONTINUE FISHING

NA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

The government needs to do more to ensure that existing laws regarding marine turtles are effectively enforced.

YES, GOVERNMENT SHOULD DO MORE

NO OPINION

NO, GOVERNMENT DOING ENOUGH

NA: NO LAWS EXIST

Local people should be allowed to catch and eat sea turtles, provided it doesn't threaten the regional population.

YES, ALLOW LOCAL USE

NO OPINION

NO, NO LOCAL USE

NA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

Turtles are culturally valuable in this OT.

YES, CULTURALLY VALUABLE

NO OPINION

NO, NOT CULTURALLY VALUABLE

The government needs to actively work to protect sea turtles.

YES, GOVERNMENT SHOULD ACTIVELY PROTECT

NO OPINION

NO, GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T ACTIVELY PROTECT

As turtles are migratory, they should be managed in cooperation with neighbouring states.

YES, SHOULD BE MANAGED WITH NEIGHBOURS

NO OPINION

NO, SHOULDN'T BE MANAGED WITH NEIGHBOURS

Turtle fishing should be stopped completely.

YES, SHOULD BE STOPPED

NO OPINION

NO, SHOULDN'T BE STOPPED

NA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

Local people should be allowed to purchase sea turtle meat.

YES, ALLOW LOCAL PURCHASE

NO OPINION

NO, NO LOCAL PURCHASE

NA: TURTLES SHOULDN'T BE FISHED

It is important that sea turtles exist in the wild in the future.

YES, IMPORTANT THAT THERE ARE WILD TURTLES

NO OPINION

NO, WILD TURTLES UNIMPORTANT

Turtles should be protected, regardless of their use to humans.

YES, SHOULD BE PROTECTED REGARDLESS

NO OPINION

NO, SHOULD NOT BE PROTECTED REGARDLESS

Do you have any general comments on turtle conservation issues that you are willing to share with us? Or do you have any questions about this study? *(Please record questions and answers here - continue on a separate sheet if necessary)*