

Share the Beach



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Photo: Loggerhead / NOAA Fisheries

Just a Reminder

Sept. 12 - Next Meeting

From You

We would like to hear from you! Please prepare suggestions for next year and bring them to the next meeting or you can email them to us at:

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Share the Beach Update

Thank you for all of your hard work. We are having a very successful season due to your dedication. We have less than 2 months left in the season, so lets give it all we've got.

- Help us keep an eye on the weather. We are in the middle of the worst time for hurricanes and off the coast of Africa we now have Tropical Depression 4.
- Make sure all the nests on your beach are being checked at all the scheduled times. Even if no sound is heard, if the nest is past day 55 they must be checked at 10pm and 12am! We have had nests surprise us when not expected and it is crucial that we are there when they hatch. Two nests so far have hatched when no one was watching them and proven that disorientation is still the main concern. We followed the tracks to the road and

under houses and most of the hatchlings were never found.

- We still need help with nest sitting at Orange Beach. They have many going at the same time starting this week. Please call us if you can help at any time.



Photo: Hawksbill/ NOAA Fisheries

Nest Update

Note: Numbers as of 8/29/02

Survival Percentage: 82%

Total Hatchlings: 3,070

Average Incubation Day: 64

Note: Five of the last 10 nests have hatched before day 60.

Hatched Nests by Team

Laguna Key: B1, B2, B5, B6

Orange Beach: H1, H2

West Beach #2: C1

AL Point: I1, I4, I5, I7

West Beach #1: D1, D2

Bon Secour: A1-A14, A16, A17, A18

Gulf State Park: G2, G3

Determined False Crawls:

I2, I3, G1

FYI

There were two unmarked nests found at Orange Beach. One by Perdido Beach Resort and the other across from St. Thomas Catholic Church. The one at the Resort was washed out and the one near St. Thomas hatched (tracks were found), but we were unable to find the nest.