

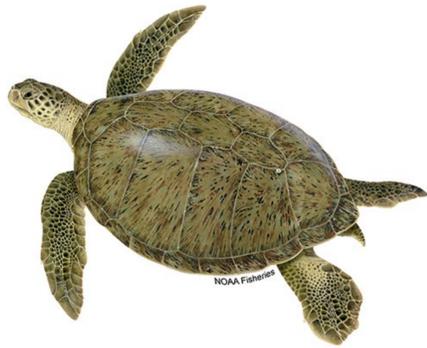


Proposed Rule Designating Critical Habitat for Green Sea Turtle

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Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)



Left-facing green turtle illustration. Credit: Jack Homady for NOAA Fisheries.

Protected Status

ESA ENDANGERED

Central South Pacific DPS

ESA THREATENED

Central North Pacific DPS

North Atlantic DPS

Central West Pacific DPS

East Pacific DPS

South Atlantic DPS

Quick Facts

WEIGHT Adult: 250 to 400 pounds

LENGTH Adult: 3 to 4 feet

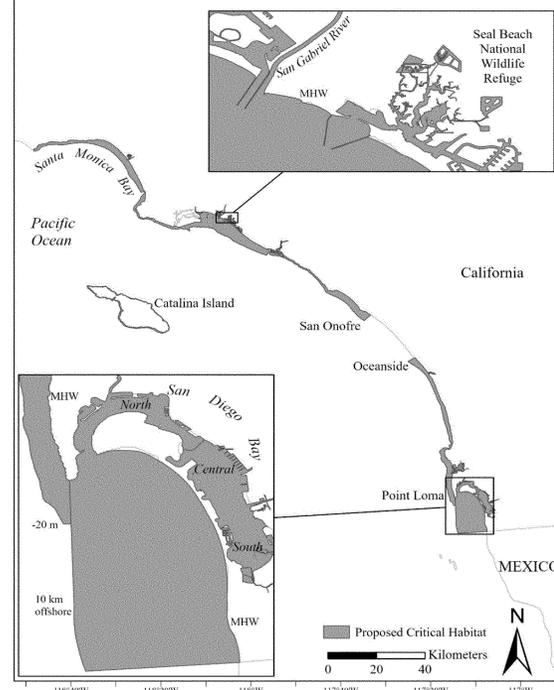
LIFESPAN Unknown, but estimated to be 70 years or more

THREATS Bycatch in fishing gear, Climate change, Direct harvest of turtles and eggs, Disease, **Loss and degradation of nesting and foraging habitat**, Ocean pollution/marine debris, **Vessel strikes**

National Marine Fisheries Service

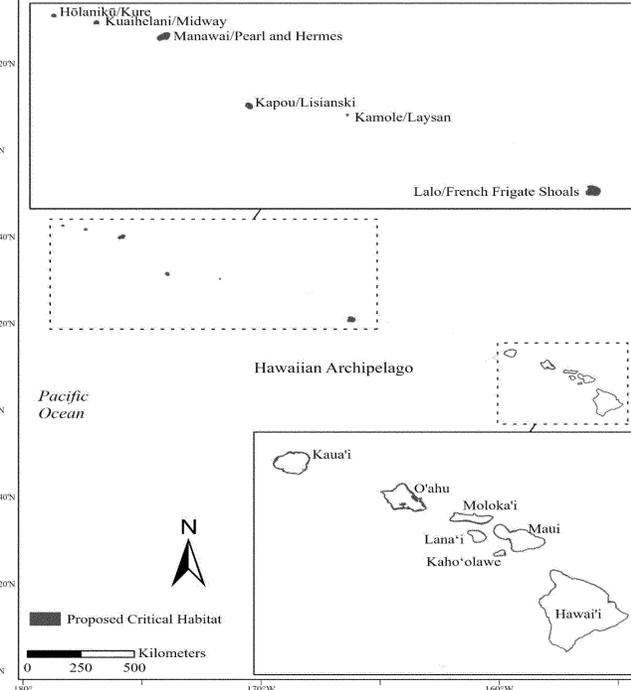
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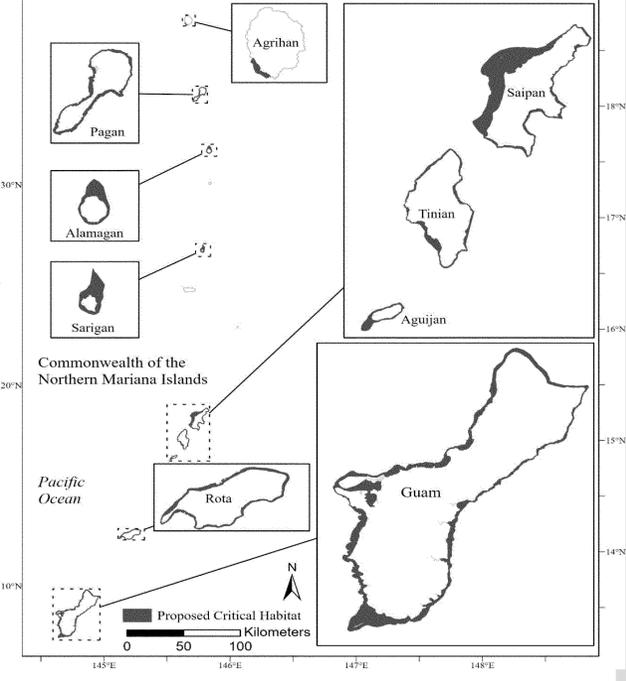
Proposed Critical Habitat for the Central North Pacific DPS of Green Turtles

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Proposed Critical Habitat for the Central West Pacific DPS of Green Turtles

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Critical Habitat

Critical habitat is defined in section 3 of the Endangered Species Act as: (1) the specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it is listed on which are found those physical and biological features that are essential to the conservation of the species and that may require special management considerations or protections; and (2) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon a determination by the Secretary that such areas are essential for the conservation of the species.

Section 7(a)(4) of the Endangered Species Act requires Federal agencies to confer with the Services on any action that is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat.

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