

Green sea turtle found dead



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Honey Girl, a green sea turtle, was found dead yesterday at Laniākea Beach with her shell and head cut off. The 200-pound female, who was thought to be about 30 years old, was also missing a flipper.

Laniākea Beach regular 'Honey Girl' apparently slaughtered for meat

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The state is investigating the killing of a green sea turtle found by beachgoers on Laniākea Beach near Hale'iwa yesterday morning.

The turtle, one of a group of 20 that regularly comes to bask in the sun on the beach commonly called "Turtle Beach," had its shell and head cut off and was missing a flipper, said Patrick Doyle, project coordinator for Malama Na Honu, a volunteer group of turtle guardians.



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"It was slaughtered," Doyle said. "Her name was Honey Girl and she was a regular at Laniākea

NUMBERS TO CALL

To report a marine turtle stranding or sighting, call 983-5730.

Anyone with information about the death of the turtle should call 643-DLNR.

Beach.

"We were all in tears. She came up almost daily."

The 200-pound female sea turtle was found partially buried in the sand. She is thought to be about 30 years old, a turtle in the prime of her reproductive life.

The green sea turtle is consid-

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