



Letters to
the Editor

Why some turtles have to go

Dear Editor,

Lots of people are unaware of what's happening on the North Shore & other places of our islands. Ever since the Turtles became protected by the law, they have been multiplying by the hundreds. Turtles eat seaweed or what is also known as "Limu". Limu serves as food for fish, crab, wana and so forth. Fish also use the Limu for laying their eggs & hiding their young inside. We too also eat Limu. I have talked to D.L.N.R., wrote a few letters and also sent pictures of our almost dead reef. They have no answers so their excuse to me was that of the fresh water run off. We've been having fresh water run off ever since life began, this is not the answer ever. I have talked to lots of local fishermen and people from Australia, Japan, Canada & the mainland. After learning of the turtles and the damage they are doing, 100% argue something has to be done. We need to do something fast before hundred of species of fish, crab and shrimp are gone forever. I know our reefs have been over fished, Limu has been picked & sold by humans, but just like the turtles, our limu must be protected so our fish, shrimp, and many other sea creatures can survive. I know this is a very touchy subject, but we must not think about our feelings for the turtles only, but how we can help balance nature. Think About It!

A concerned citizen, William H. K. Herron Sr.



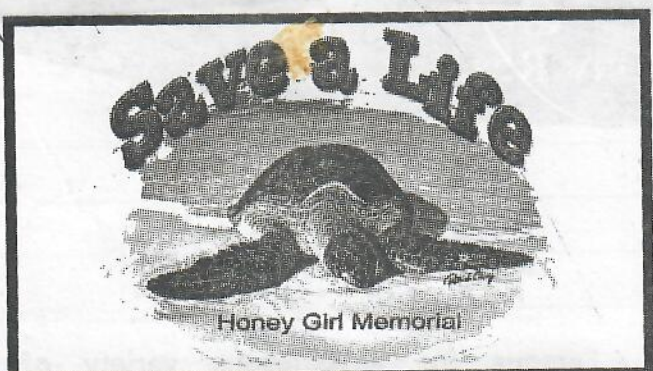
"E Ala Na Moku Kai Liloloa"

Is overpopulation of sea turtles destroying ocean life and leading to an open hunting season? One man thinks so. Read his letter on page 8. (Ted Merrill photo)



NORTH SHORE NEWS October 7, 2009 VOLUME 26, NUMBER 20

North Shore News



5-19-2010

REPORT INJURY & ABUSE NOAA Federal Enforcement: 800-853-1964
 Monk Seal Hotline: 888-256-9840
www.seaturtlesinternational.org