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Hola George,

Sorry I didn't write sooner, but I've been in the backwoods at Nancite for the last five months and wasn't receiving mail from the States. It was rather nice; no mail, phone calls, bills, deadlines, etc.

→ caught from our boat in the wif of Papaya's

Early on in my trip (July-August) I encountered a female olive ridley with what I believed was a fibropapilloma around her eye. I photographed the eye, but unfortunately that roll of film was ruined when a nesting female dragged my backpack into the water during the August arribada (never leave anything on the beach during an arribada!). The second fibropapilloma I encountered was during the September arribada. It was a nesting female and she had huge "Cauliflowers" on her "shoulders". I didn't have a camera for a photo; another turtle-related equipment problem. There was no October arribada this year and I only saw the first 3 nights of the November arribada. No turtles with fibropapillom were found. If you're interested in photos for documentation, Janice Grumbles and Dave Rostal from my lab supposedly have a "not-so-good" slide of a turtle they encountered in September with a fibropapilloma. Let me know if you're interested in obtaining a copy.

I Hope the workshop went well Dec 4-6, wish I could have attended. Let me know if you need more info, and have a good holiday season. Hope to see you in February.

Cheers,

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