

Fate of Nesting Green Turtle, HK2

Early October 2012

According to satellite telemetry, the turtle was taken out of water ²⁰¹² since Oct 8, then located at Bai Sha Gang of Xu Wen County of Guangdong Province (廣東省徐聞縣白沙港) since Oct 9. The signals terminated since Oct 14. ²⁰¹²

According to the locals and authority, the turtle was found entangled and dead in a static fishing net (named 丁子網/ 定置網) by fishermen and shipped back to Bai Sha Gang of Xu Wen. The local fishermen buried the turtle along with the satellite tags and flipper tags in the sandy beach of Bai Sha Gang respectfully. Upon my communication with the local authority¹, the officials recovered the buried turtle on ²⁰¹² Oct 18 to take photos and retrieve the tags. The turtle was re-buried on site and tags transferred to Ms. Chen Ling 陳玲² of Administration of Ocean and Fisheries of Guangdong Province (广东省海洋与渔业局, <http://www.gdofa.gov.cn/>). The officials agree to meet and take us to the burial place for site visit.

Await photos and investigation report from Mr. Liang of 徐聞資環處.

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Interesting remarks made by (3) 徐聞漁政 Mr. Chen 陳處長 is that he participated in a release event at XuWen of 100 plus sea turtles, among which a leatherback of 300 kg (600 斤) received as by-catch.