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BASKING HAWAIIAN SEA TURTLES
Green turtles (now called olive ridges) are native to Hawaii and can be found in shallow coastal waters of our islands. The turtles commonly come ashore to feed on seaweed (limu) growing on the bottom. During recent years, green turtles have begun to crawl out on the sand and rocks to bask and rest, primarily during the daylight hours. This basking is a natural behavior special to Hawaiian green turtles.
Green turtles are a Threatened Species protected by both state and federal law. It is illegal to disturb them in the ocean or on the beach, and fines can be imposed for doing so. If you see a green turtle basking or sunning ashore, please do not walk close. They will crawl back into the water when they are ready. Enjoy the beauty of these animals from both above and below water. *Melissa*



























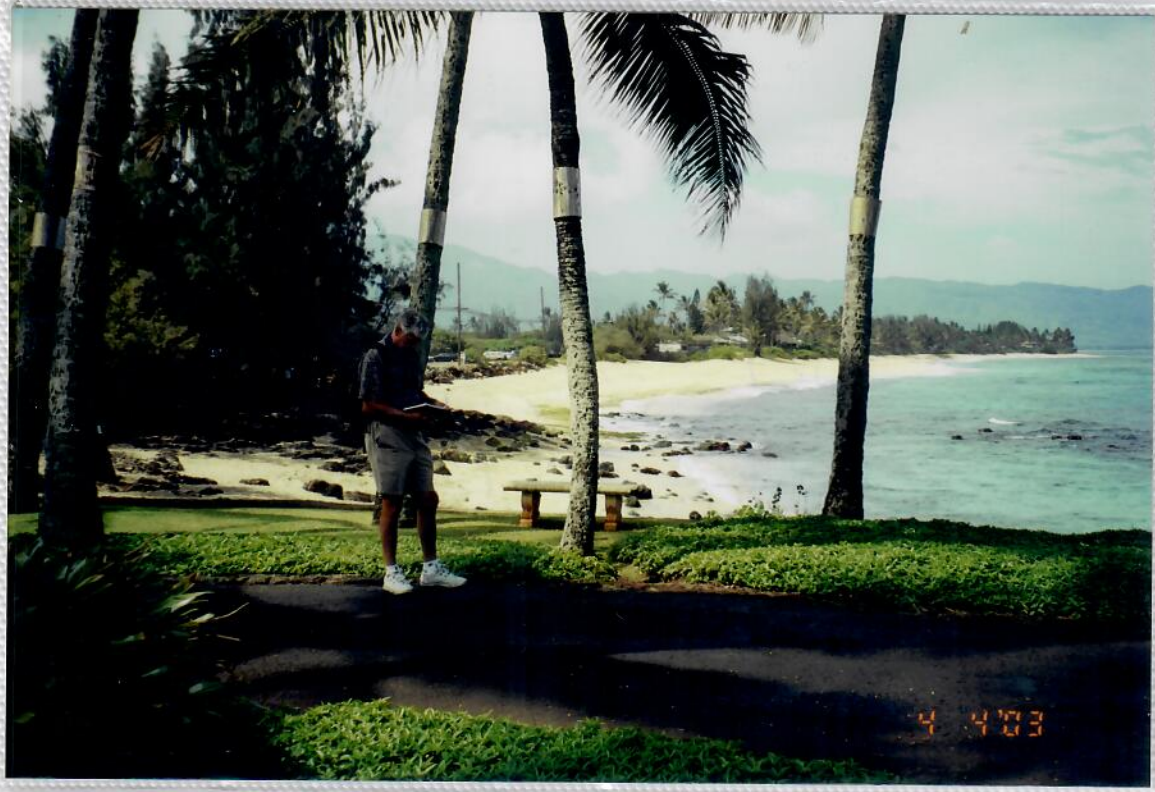












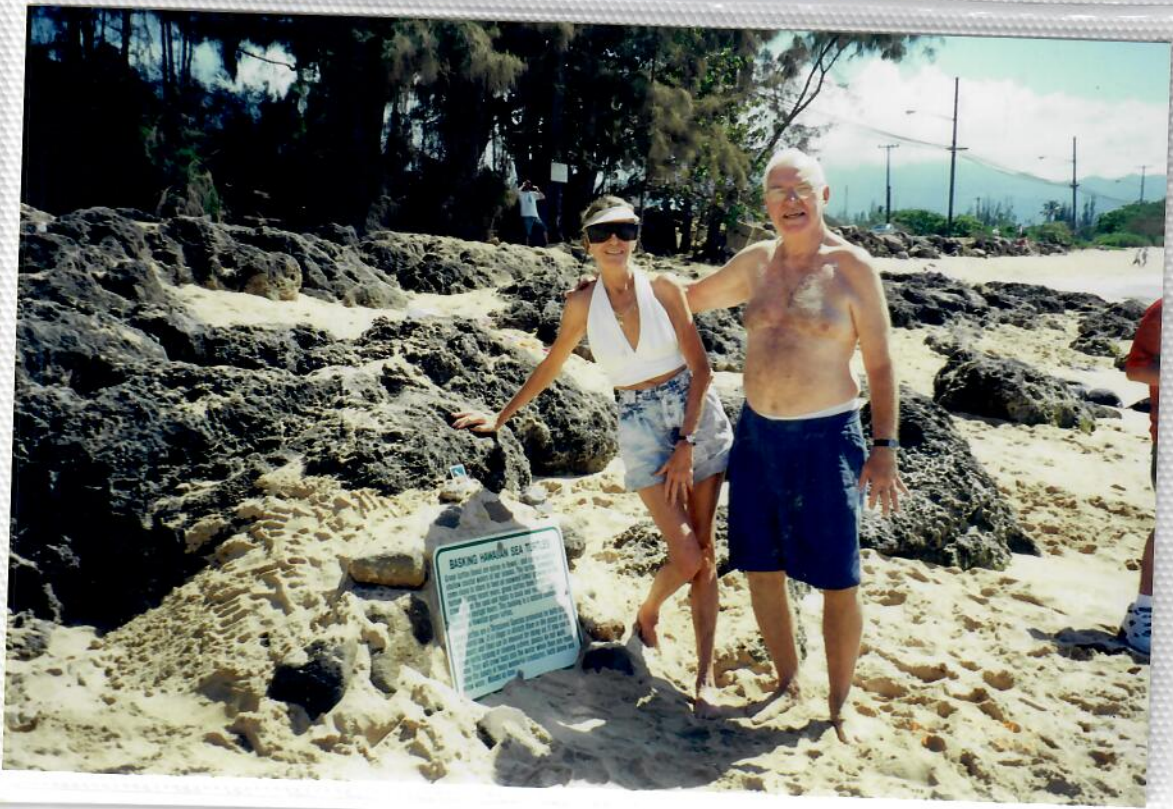
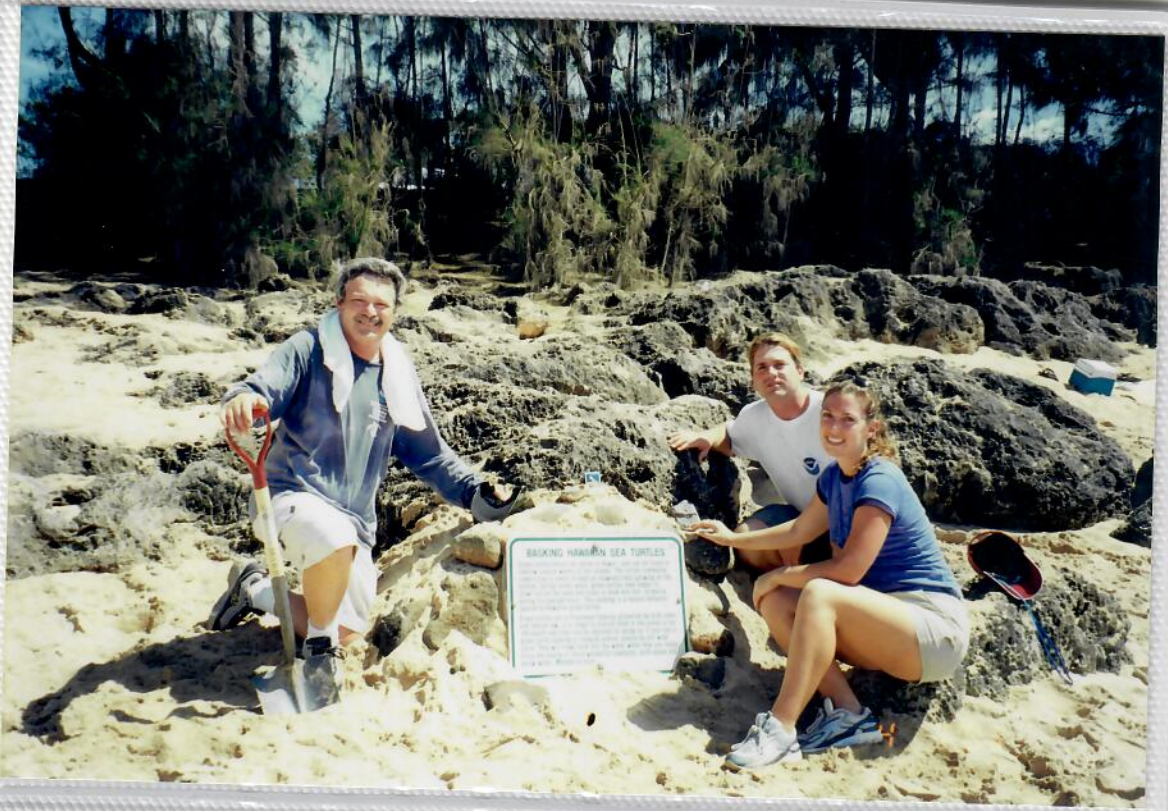
















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