

2013- HIMB Hawaii Tags. Message to Cturtle by George Balazs.

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Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 9:06:38 PM
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Subject: HIMB Hawaii tags (fwd)

I'm writing to provide information in response to the message below about tags with the address "Write HIMB, University of Hawaii, Kaneohe 96744."

All such tags were and continue to be produced by my program starting in early 1977 when Inconel 625 alloy was brought into use for this purpose (see Marine Turtle Newsletter 1977, 2:7-8). These tags have been used extensively in the Hawaiian Islands up until about two years ago when we switched exclusively to double PIT tagging. However, as in the past, we continue to make these tags available free to those needing relatively modest quantities throughout the Pacific Region (West Coast USA/Eastern Tropical Pacific to Southeast Asia)- See Marine Turtle Newsletter 1991, 52:14-15. The objective is to supply tags, build capacity/empower local workers, in those cases where tags are urgently needed and/or there are no funds to purchase their own. In this regard, we have worked closely, hand-in-hand, with the SPREP Regional Marine Turtle Conservation Programme based in Apia, Samoa. All data resulting from such taggings belong to the program doing the tagging, and not to my program, although I maintain a database for coordination purposes.

The tag mentioned below is part of a series given to a stranding researcher on the California Coast. I encourage anyone receiving information about "HIMB" Hawaii tags to contact me direct. Aloha.

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On Thu, 5 Aug 1999, Wallace J. Nichols wrote:

> I'm interested in hearing from the researchers using metal flipper
> tags with the return address: HIMB University, Hawaii, 96744
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> We have recovered a tag # X-188.
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> Salutations.

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> J.

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> "Never lose a holy curiosity."

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> - Albert Einstein

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