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SIGHTING REPORTS
AND LETTER - G.H. BALAZS

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Mr. George Blozo
c/o HIMB
Box 1346
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

May 16, 1973

Dear George,

I hope you had more luck with your turtle net than you had Saturday morning. Did you tag anything be besides a couple of mermaids? Thank you having me come along on your turtle tagging adventure. I enjoyd it found it very interesting and educational even though there weren't any turtles.

I tried to get some information about turtles for you by talking to some Kohala people. I didn't realize how many people catch turtles along the Kohala coast. I did manage to get a general location where a lot of turtles are seen and caught.

Our Vice Principal Mr. Jerry Sakamoto does a lot of spear fishing and turtle catching. He says he's seen a lot of turtles between the Loran station and Lapaa Beach Park. He's also seen a lot of them in the area where we first had the net on Saturday morning, but a lot closer to the breakwater.

He thinks that most of the turtles are generally located along the north Kohala coast where there's

hardly any boating activity. The rough waters of the Alenuihaha Channel would prevent you from catching the turtles by net and boat except on days of very good weather. If you've got any questions he'd be glad to help in any way. He'll be here during the summer and would enjoy talking to you the next time you come to the Big Island.

I've heard that there's a man who catches a lot of turtles regularly along the North Kohala coast from Pololu to Kauhola Point. From what I've been told I don't think he understands the purpose of the tags and has never bothered to send any back to HIMB. If you'll send me a list of the information you want I'll approach him and try to explain.

After discussing the purpose of turtle tagging in our Oceanography class we came to the conclusion that Marine research performed by the University doesn't recive enough publicity. This is one on the reasons why people don't send back the tags and why a lot of their projects aren't enthusiastically supported by the public.

We could help you in the area of informing

the community and urging them to cooperate. at our next PTA meeting, on May 31, I could inform the members of what you're doing and ask for information and help. The parents have begun to show much interest in Marine research since Sam Herrick gave a presentation and showed Barry Bill's slides of MOP at our last meeting. We could also write an article about turtle tagging for our weekly community paper.

Last Sunday morning I drove to Ala Loa and was very surprised to see a turtle lying on its back and flapping its flippers. Some men speared the 20 pound, 20 inch green sea turtle in a bay just west of Pololu. Sorry, it didn't have a tag, although I almost talked them into giving me their turtle so you could tag it! No, not really, but I did try to get as much information out of them for you as was possible.

Its quite a coincidence that I've met a turtle tagger on Saturday and then carried a turtle on the very next day which is only the second time since I've touched a turtle 13 years ago.

Its also quite a coincidence that we both know Jeanette Lai. Why did you mention

her name in particular instead of the other girls who worked on the net like maybe a Carlisa, Judi, Diane, Terri or a Colleen. Strange! Jeanette might remember me as the French delegate in a black sweater and serving on the Marine Environment Control commission at the Model U.N. conference.

I'd like to meet your friend in Tahiti and observe how the Tahitian department manages their fisheries. I'll be in Tahiti with the Foundation for Study in Hawaii and Abroad to study the French language and civilization under the auspices of Punahou school. I'll arrive in Papeete on Wednesday, July 11 and will be living with host families. From July 18 to Aug. 3 I'll be attending classes at the Lycée de Gauguin and from Aug. 3-11 will be continuing our classes at Iva. We return to Honolulu on Aug. 14 and will receive 2 ½ credit in French language and ½ credit in Pacific area studies. I'd appreciate it if you'd ask your friend if it would be possible to meet him sometime during my stay there as I am very interested in Marine biology.

It's too bad you missed the talent show because Wanette sang beautifully. She sang "Laurie" and "God Bless My Daddy." and won a trophy. She fibbed to you because she was embarassed and didn't want you to hear her sing.

How did you like chasing sheep up on the mountains? Or were the sheep chasing you? I'd must have shot something, but I don't know whether Jim can shoot or not. Anyway I hope you had pleasant stay on the Big Island.

I'll keep you posted on any information that I recieve in regard to turtles and please send the list of information you want. Also, let me know when you'll be coming back so I can let Mr. Sakamoto know. If there's anything I can do to help with any other research projects please let me know. I'd be glad to help in any way I can.

Peace,
Mae Nakayama

PS. Couldn't remember how to spell your last name. Blazg? Blahs? Blags? Bloss? Blogs?

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SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: BRAD TARR

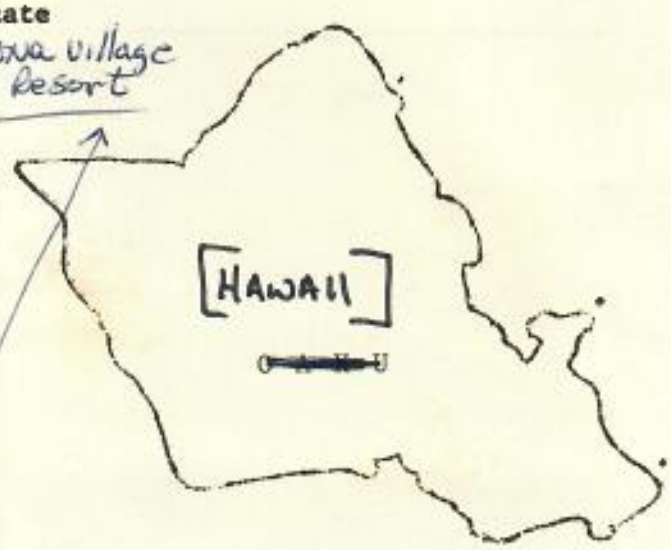
Address & Tel. No. (optional) 237 Portlock Rd. Hon. Hi 96825

Date: '76 Time DAY Location (indicate on chart): [Kaupulehu, Kona] Kona Village Resort

Observation made from: ____ shore; ____ boat; or while X skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): all sizes

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; ~~or~~ at depth of approx. 25 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):




Early morning always a smaller turtle cruising shore - but outside Kahuwai Bay is a large rock with at least 5 large sized turtles

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Other comments:

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(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Gretta McIlvaine

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 605 W. Lanikaula St. Hilo Hawaii 935-6958

Date: 12/4/76 Time: 10:45 Location (indicate on chart): _____

Observation made from: ____shore; ____boat; or while ____skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 15"

Turtle seen on: ____surface; or at depth of approx. 25 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

color - brownish green - small tail.


Other comments: _____

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Observation made by: JOHN CORBIN

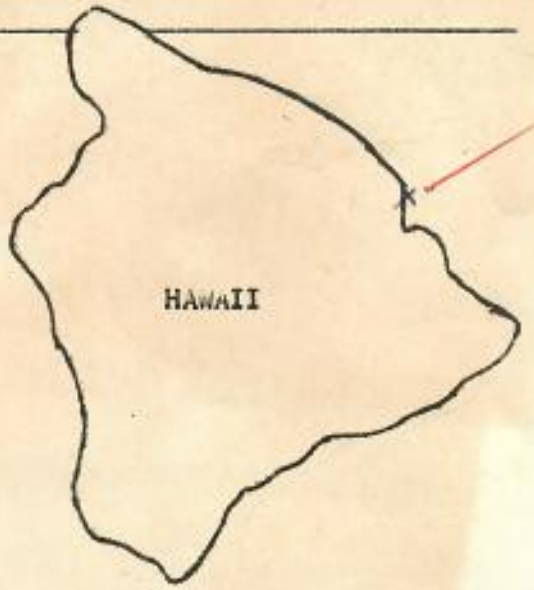
Address & Tel. No. (optional): _____

Date: 9/2/77 Time: 1555 Location (indicate on chart): _____

Observation made from: _X_ shore; ____ boat; or while ____ ski ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 36"

Turtle seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ____ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):




Other comments: Observation made from cliff top ~75-100 ft above the water. Two turtles seen close into shore →

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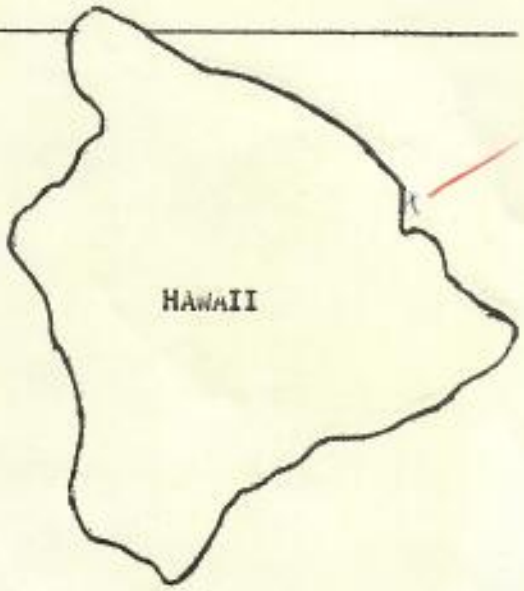
Observation made by: ELIZABETH LEIS

Address & Tel. No. (optional): _____

Date: 9/2/77 Time: 1555 Location (indicate on chart): _____




Observation made from: X shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 24"

Turtle seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ____ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

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Other comments: among the rocks. No visible beach.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

**University of Hawaii at Manoa**

Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program
2349 Kalanianaole Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

MEMORANDUM

September 6, 1978

TO: George Balazs

FROM: Pat Chock Pat

SUBJECT: Turtle Sightings

Just came across these forms in our files so I thought I'd complete them for your information. These are the most recent sightings of turtles I've had which come to mind -- the most recent being just this past weekend in Kalapana. Everytime I sight a turtle, I think of you!

How's everything going over there? Here we're anticipating the Big Island's first prawn harvest and are preparing for two display booths at the upcoming Hawaii County Fair later this month. Give us a call when you make your next trip over.

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Patricia Chock

Address & Tel. No. (optional): P.O. Box 1632, Hilo, HI 96720 PH. 9353830 (business)

Date: 9/3/78 Time: @3:00 P.M. Location (indicate on chart): Kalapana

Observation made from: X shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 30 inches

Turtle seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):


green sea turtle (distance too far to distinguish any outstanding characteristics)
Seen from atop a sea cliff, about 50 yards from shore.

Other comments:

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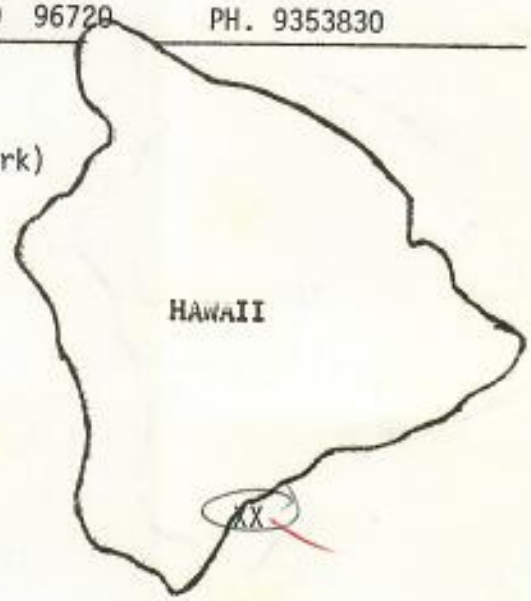
SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Patricia Chock

Address & Tel. No. (optional): PO Box 1632, HILO 96720 PH. 9353830

Date: 7/9/78 Time: @4:00 P.M. Location (indicate on chart): Honuapo Landing, Ka'u (Whittington Park)




Observation made from: X shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 24 inches

Turtle seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ____ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

green sea turtle

Other comments: Seen about 15 yards off shore.

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SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

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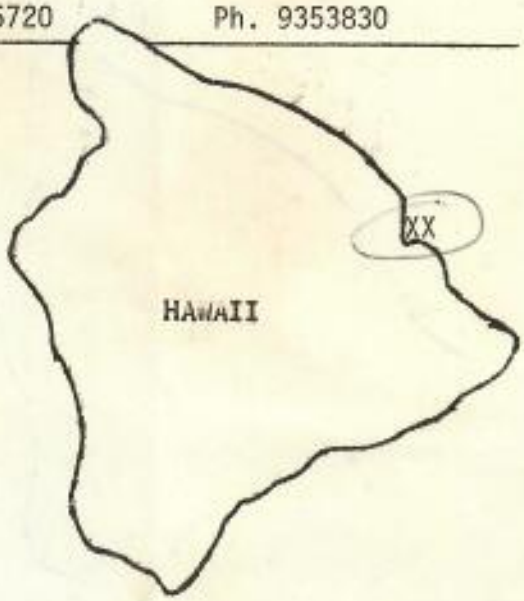
Observation made by: Patricia Chock

Address & Tel. No. (optional): PO Box 1632, Hilo 96720 Ph. 9353830

Date: early 1977 Time: @12:30 p.m. Location (indicate on chart): Wailuku River, Hilo




Observation made from: X shore; (river bank)

____ boat; or while ____ skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 24 inches

Turtle seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ____ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

green sea turtle (?)

Other comments: Seen about 1/8 mi. inland from mouth of river where it meets the ocean

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(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: R. Myers

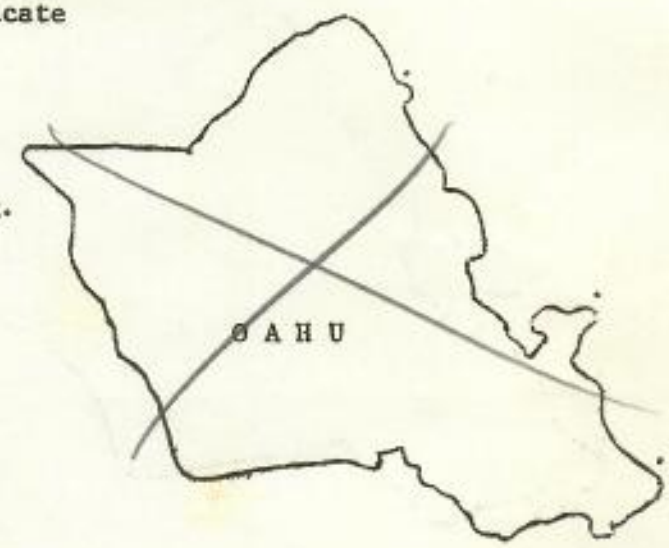
Address & Tel. No. (optional): 2115 Oahu Ave. Hon Hi 96822 946-9993

Date: 04/07/77 Time: ~ noon Location (indicate on chart): Puako, Hawaii

Observation made from: _____ shore; _____ boat; or while ____ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 20"

Turtle seen on: ____ surface; or at depth of approx. 60 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):




Other comments:

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(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Mark Reed

Address & Tel. No. (optional) 47-035 B

Date: 10/28/74 Time: ~~Punaluu, HI~~ 11:00 am Location (indicate on chart): Puako, HI

Observation made from: ____ shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin X SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 2½ ft.

Turtle seen on: ____ surface; or at depth of approx. 100 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Green


Other comments: Swam away immediately

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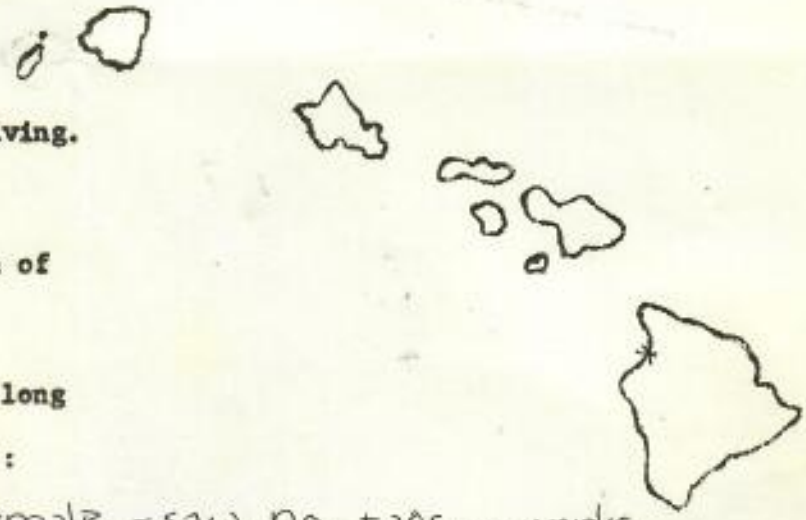
**SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT**

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: K.C. Miller

Address & Tel. No. (optional): ---

Date: 7/5/77 Time: 11:30 AM Location (indicate on chart): Puako - Big island



Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 20"

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 25 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Green - appeared to be female - saw no tags or marks

Other comments: turtle was in a small cave on the reef - I evidently startled her as I was close enough to her to touch her.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

K.C.
Marcola, OR. 97454

**SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT**

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: K.C. Miller

Address & Tel. No. (optional): Are you kidding?

Date: 7/5/77 Time: 11:01 AM Location (indicate on chart): Puako - Big island

Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin X SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 26" - 30"

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 45 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Green turtle, female, no tags or injuries - brown shell
(I knew it was a female because she wore lipstick...)

Other comments: none except "Hi George!"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: MARY HELFRICH

Address & Tel. No. (optional): C/o 101 WAIKAHE, Hilo, HI. (959-2454)

Date: Oct 1 '78 Time: 8:30 AM Location (indicate on chart): PUAKO

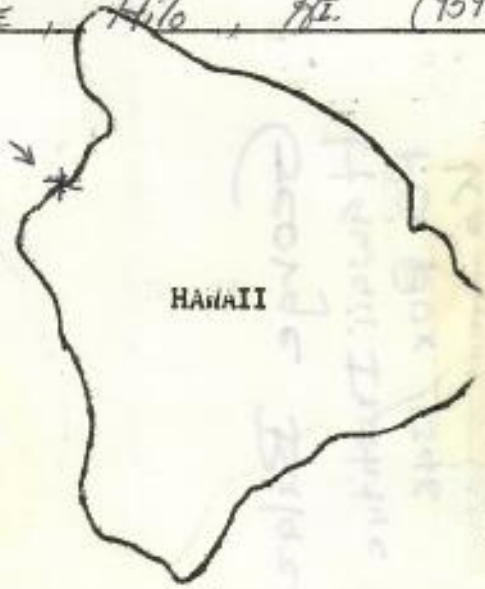
Observation made from: ___shore; SNORKLING ___boat; or while ___skin ___SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 4-3 feet; 2 ft.

Turtle seen on: ___surface; or at depth of approx. 25 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Two turtles sighted in outline form, from a distance. No significant details!

Other comments: been told, that the turtles frequent the area (8-9:30 A.M.) daily

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Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology
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Kaneohe, Hi 96744

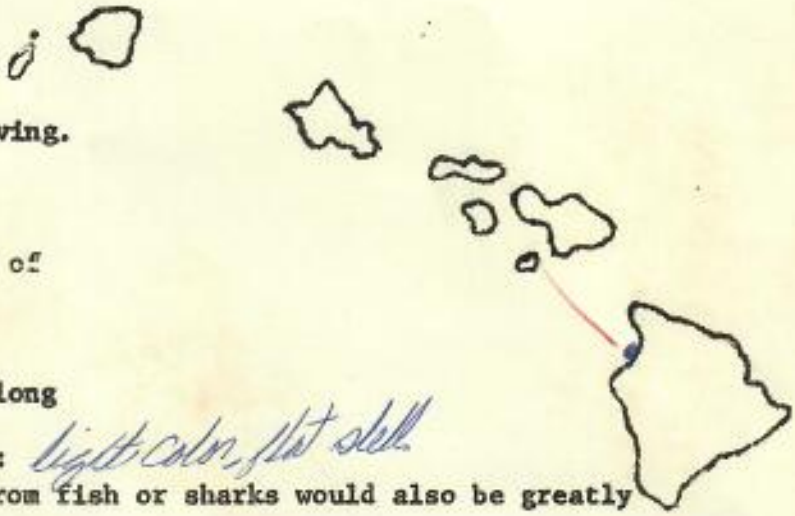
SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Perry Middleton

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 1875 Kalaniamoku 96720 935-9878

Date: March 1978 Time: 4:30 PM Location (indicate on chart): PUAKO



Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 26"

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 60 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): light color, flat shell

(Information on turtle parts recovered from fish or sharks would also be greatly appreciated).

Other comments:

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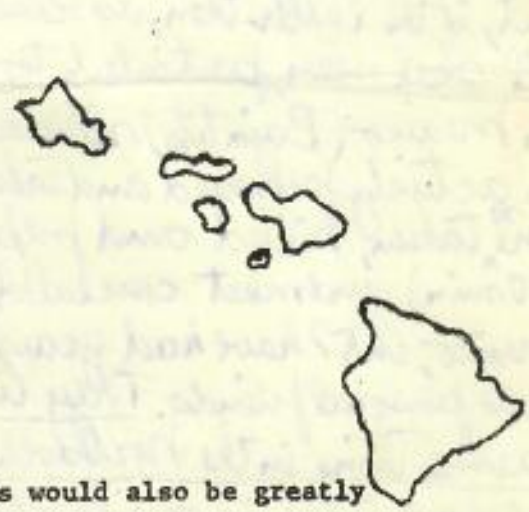
(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: John Cushing, Prof. Biological Sciences Dept. of Biological Sciences Univ. Calif. Santa Barbara

Address & Tel. No. (optional): Santa Barbara - Calif. 93106

Date:_____ Time:_____ Location (indicate on chart):_____



Observation made from:____shore; ____boat; or while ____skin ____SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length):_____

Turtle seen on: ____surface; or at depth of approx. ____ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):
(Information on turtle parts recovered from fish or sharks would also be greatly appreciated).

Other comments:

July 4, 1978

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Dear George Balazs, Anne and I again thank you for you most excellent talk the other evening at Kona Surf. A fine outlook at a marvelous group of islands that I probably will never see (excepting Maui from

an Ames. Prep. Line ship!), but are glad to know they are there and being studied.
We can respect many of the points, but I submit the following (with comments)
points for your consideration: ① I assume from other personal experiences when I
was in Fisheries research that unless you have a man on the job of which
little or no cooperation from commercial fish houses like the one which
handles all the big fish (3000-5000?) taken annually at Kailua-Kona ②, I
assume that any seal or big turtle in a fish net will come in dead or near the
net, if the latter then, as elsewhere, commercial fishermen will tend to shoot
all seal seen, particularly too if food is competitive. ③ Fishing
in Mexico (Baja tip) shows that in spite of laws, any turtle seen
is actively pursued and taken by any commercial or sport boat crews: I saw
one taken, killed and prepared, with shell dumped overboard, etc., so rapidly
(10 min) and meat concealed, and another just escaped. Hawaii is not
Mexico, but I have had years of experience with fishermen many of them
were personal friends. They live on too close a margin not to do the
same thing in the Northwest Islands once this is opened. I would be
very surprised if a black market for turtle meat does not already
exist in Honolulu. And in any case if very many fishermen of
all nations pass up the excellent meal swimming by (I've
eaten turtle some years ago in Mexico). ④ No matter what the
arguments are by the commercial interests, I can see that,
as in the past, they will, if allowed in at all, soon short-
circuit political at high levels any & all rational biological management plans
and the islands wildlife will suffer. (I saw it happen to turtles, specifically
& also Ben Shaffer's tuna limit).

Well, you know them better than I, but I can't help but think

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(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Kinano matsu Don Wood "Woody" Nathan Jensen

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 961-6178 W.A.S. Shop Phone

Date: 2/5/78 Time: 1155A Location (indicate on chart): LELEIWI BEACH PARK


Observation made from: ____shore; ____boat; or while ____skin X SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 4½" TO 5'

Turtle seen on: ____surface; or at depth of approx. 25 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Green - Two Turtles - "Big Buggers"

Other comments: One had a bulging white protrusion Right Foreflipper Perhaps an attempted spear shot.

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(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Jim BREWSTER

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 329-3084, 74-5212 KAHIWAHINE, K-K, HI 96740

Date: 20 Jul 78 Time: 0900 Location (indicate on chart): PHILIPINO BEACH, JUST NORTH OF HONOKOHAU HARBOR

Observation made from: ✓ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 24"

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. 25 yds ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): PALE GREY COLOR

(Information on turtle parts recovered from fish or sharks would also be greatly appreciated). None

Other comments: CRUISING NORTHERLY SLOWLY. THIS BEACH IS RELATIVELY SHALLOW, 1/2 MILE OF SAND-LIKE SHELL/CORAL, FINE TEXTURED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

74-5212 KAHIWAHINE
KOKI, KAILUA-KONA
HI 96740

Leatherback?

Beside - I don't know how to identify turtles. This one seemed to have ridges running the long axis of the reptile. B

**Woody's Aquatic Service**

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George H. Balazas
Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology
P.O. Box 1346
Kaneohe, Hi. 96744

Dear George,

How ironic that I should receive your turtle information. We saw two big"green" turtles just offshore from Leleiwi beach park on the Hilo side out from the stone wall. They seem to frequent that area. More than two have been seen an many occasions. At any rate I have enclosed the sighting report.

Hope to see you again soon. The weather has been fantastic and the H2O as clear as glass and just as flat.

Thanks again for the information I will surely try to help in whatever way I can with this most important project.

Sincerely,

Woody

Donald F. Wood

p.s. "Are you a member of the Honary Turtle Club?!@#$%

DFW:as

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(Please return to: George H.Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Sheldon Tom

Address & Tel. No. (optional): c/o 4996 Waialae St Honolulu HI 96821

Date: 6/24/78? Time: NOON Location (indicate on chart): Near Niuoole, Kauai

Observation made from: ✓ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 4 turtles 2 were about 2½ feet; 2 others were about 18"

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): on shore

(Information on turtle parts recovered from fish or sharks would also be greatly appreciated).

Other comments: In vicinity of heiau, local people in party took appearance of turtles as benevolent "sign" or "omakua"; others also speculated that group of turtles were "parents & children"

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

School TEACHER

William H Meinecke
Star Route 8 - Waiohinu
Naalehu, Hi 96772

July 31, 1978

Mr. George Balazs
Hawaii Inst. of Marine Biology
P.O. Box 1346
Kaneohe, Hi 96744

Dear Mr. Balazs :- This is with reference to the last page of Kau Report, July 1978.

It is NOT AT ALL a finding of fault, - because it may be of interest to you -

As a teen-ager, around 1905, - I used to go fishing during week-ends at Kamilo, Kau, Hawaii with a Hawaiian boy-neighbor and his father, who was an expert Hawaiian fisherman.

On more than one occasion, - noticing a disturbance of the sand near high water mark or a bit more inland, and called his attention to it. He told me that turtles had laid their eggs and covered them. Then he told me that after a while, usually at night, the baby turtles would hatch and go to the sea and stay there till ready to lay eggs.

The ancient Hawaiians did eat the turtle eggs, - but they no longer did so.

Unfortunately, - we did not dicturb the nests, - so I did not actually see the eggs.

The eggs were very thinly covered with the dry sand, - and the nests appeared to be about the size of a hen's nest.

Yours truly,
William H Meinecke

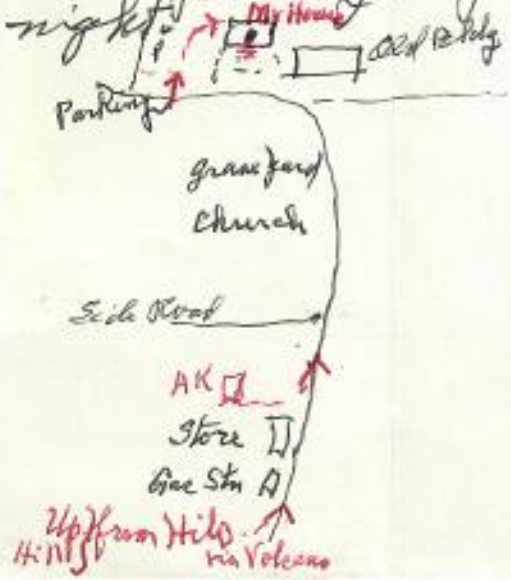
From:
Wm H Meinecke
Star Route 8 Waiohinu
Naalehu Hi; 96772

William H. Meinecke
Star Route 8 - Waiohinu
Naalehu, Hi. 96772

Aug. 22, '78

Dear Mr Balazs:-

Thanks for your letter of 8/15/78,- most happily rec'd in yesterday's afternoon mail. You may drop in to see me at any time,- day or night.




There is a Hawaiian friend of mine by the name of Awihi Keliikoa who lives at AK on the map - next above the store. He knows far more about turtles than I do. He is not always at home because he has employment, I know not where. With my introduction, most likely his response will be very favorable.

Yours with aloha nui,
W H Meinecke

From
Wm H. Maciuszko
Star Route 8 Waiohinu
Naalehu, Hi 96772

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Mr. George H. Belaga
Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology
P.O. Box 1346 Coconut Island
Kaneohe, Hi. 96744

William H Meinecke
Star Route 8 Waiohinu
Naalehu, Hi. 96772

Sept. 5, 1978

Dear Mr. Balazs:—

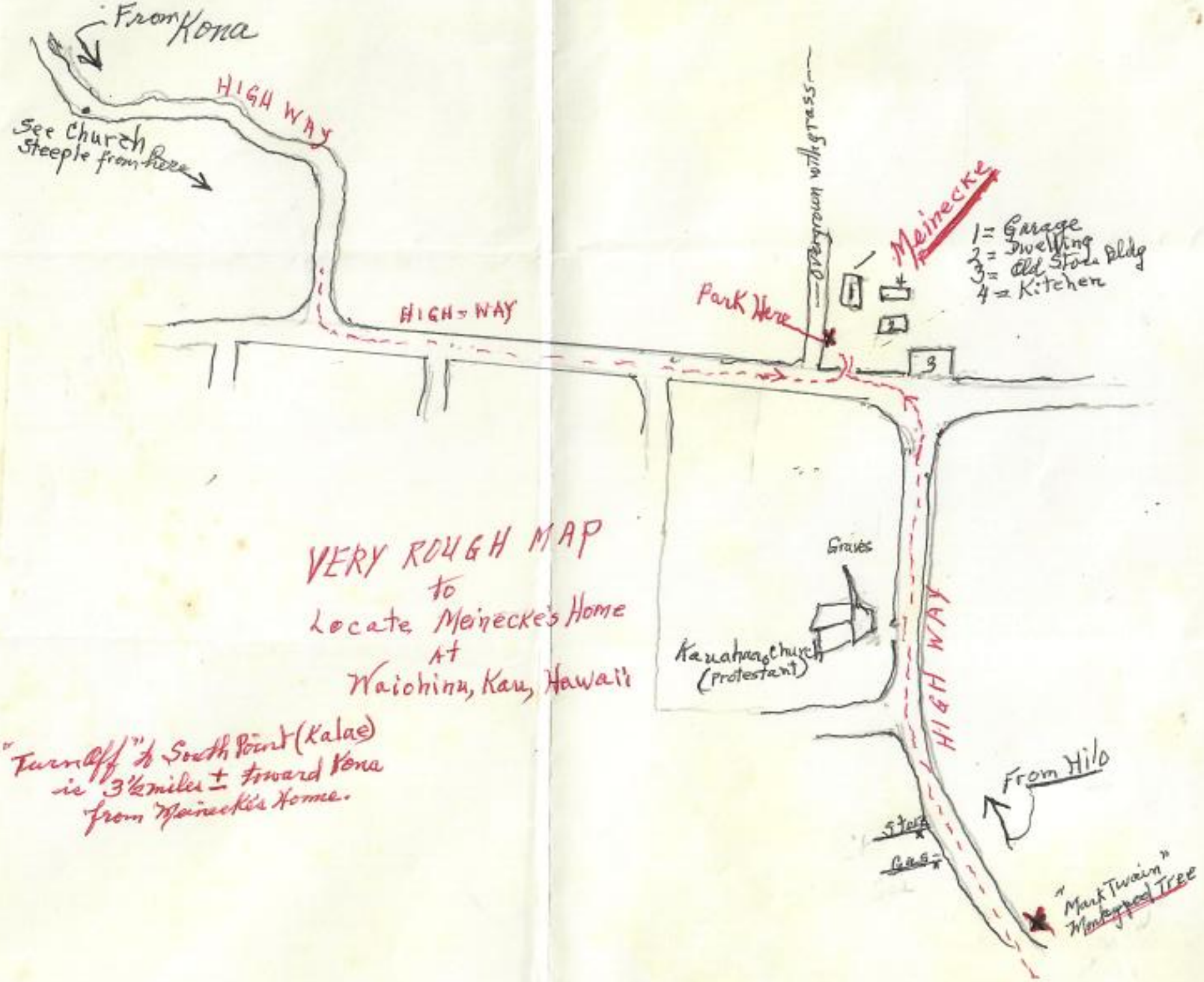
Just a quickie to say that all is well with me here in Waiohinu and I have no plans to go anywhere before December.

Enclosed please find a very rough sketch showing the location of my home.

If there be no car in my garage,— go to the rear end of my dwelling ("2" in the sketch). There will be a very conspicuous note saying when I would be back home. No sign means I would be back shortly,— usually within an hour. Meanwhile,— make yourself at home. I have no phone,— but you can leave word at the Wm Young Home 929 7291 or at Wong Yuen Store 929 7223.

Yours with aloha nui,
Bill
Wm Meinecke

1 Enclosure




VERY ROUGH MAP
to
Locate Meinecke's Home
At
Waiohinu, Kau, Hawaii

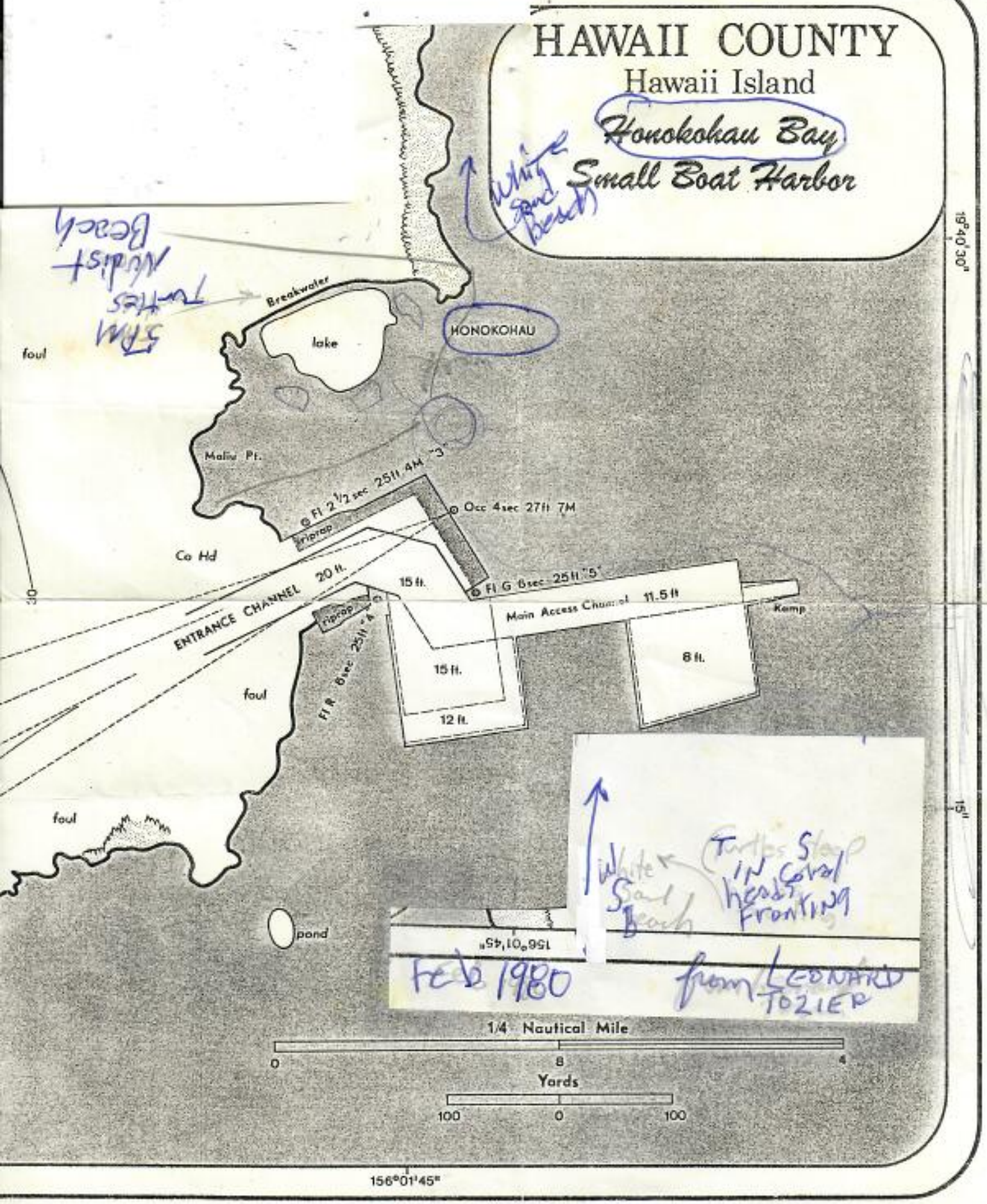
"Turn off" to South Point (Kalae) is 3½ miles ± toward Kona from Meinecke's Home.

W. H. MEINECKE
S. R. 3 WAIOHINU
NAALEHU HI 96772

# HAWAII COUNTY

## Hawaii Island

## Honokohau Bay Small Boat Harbor



SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Capt Lewis

Address & Tel. No. (optional) 709 Vulcan Ave 624-5481

Date: 3-5 Dec 1976 Time: DAY Location (indicate on chart): Big Island


Observation made from: ____ shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin X SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 2'

Turtle seen on: ____ surface; or at depth of approx. 30 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Other comments: Approx 5 turtles seen during 3 days of diving

George, you talked to Capt Lewis when you came up on 14 Dec. The sighting were made by some cliffs, near a new state park.

Ed

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Barbara Ward

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 430 W. Kawili #3A 959-9842

Date: 12-5-76 Time: 11:00 AM Location (indicate on chart): 1 mile North of Mahukona

Observation made from: ✓ shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.


Estimated size (shell length): 19"

Turtle seen on: ____ surface; or at depth of approx. 20 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Short thin tail. Shell fringed with algae.

Other comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: Del Dykes

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 430 W Kawili St #D, Hilo, HI 96720 959-9747

Date: Dec 4, 1986 Time: 2:30 PM Location (indicate on chart): Mahukona - lighthouse south


Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 24"

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 35 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Green turtle, Female, small crack in shell, much brown algae on neck + shell

Other comments: turtle sleeping in cave.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: MAE/Jim Kinsel

Address & Tel. No. (optional): _____

Date: ~12/23/77 Time: _____ Location (indicate on chart): _____

Observation made from: ✓ shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 2½' long

Turtle seen on: ____ surface; or at depth of approx. ____ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):


Other comments: Halawa - 1 mile east of Kohala Point Lighthouse - Green - off cliff

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: R. TAYLOR

Address & Tel. No. (optional): P.O. Box 156 HOLUALOA, 96725 324-4318

Date: 9/24/78 Time: 10:00 AM Location (indicate on chart): KIHOLO (INSIDE LAGOON)


Observation made from: ____ shore; ____ boat; or while X skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 3'

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. 1-3 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Other comments: VERY SURPRISED TO SEE HIM SWIMMING IN VERY COOL - NEARLY FRESH WATER ALONG SURFACE, INSIDE LAGOON.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

MOTOROLA INC.
Communications Group

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

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Observation made by: R. TAYLOR

Address & Tel. No. (optional): P.O. BOX 156 HONAUNAU 96725 324-338

Date: 8/20/78 Time: 11:00 AM Location (indicate on chart): KIHOLO BAY-KAUPULEHU END


Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while X skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 3½'

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 40 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Other comments: FIRST OBSERVED TURTLE SWIMMING AT DEPTH OF 40' - PURSUED HIM/HER, LOST SAME, FOUND RESTING ON BOTTOM NEAR CORAL @ ABOUT 50-~~60~~ FOOT DEPTH - TURTLE SWAM LEISURELY OUT TOWARDS OPEN OCEAN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

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Observation made by: R. TAYLOR

Address & Tel. No. (optional): P.O. BOX 156 HOKUALOA 96725 324-1318

Date: 4/16/78 Time: 3:00 PM Location (indicate on chart): PUAKO RAMP


Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ✓ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 3'

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Other comments: HE DIVE TO ESCAPE AS SOON AS WE TRIED TO GET A CLOSER LOOK.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Marine advisor

Pete Hendricks

U.H. Sea Grant

# Turtle sightings, fish catch reports helpful to studies

Last week we discussed the Hawaiian Leeward Islands and their marine natural resources, including commercial potential. One of the marine animals of that area with former, and perhaps future, economic importance is the green sea turtle.

Sea turtles are animals about which virtually nothing is known from the time they leave the beach as one ounce hatchlings until they are first seen as juveniles (about 10 pounds or larger). The juvenile turtles are usually first seen in shallow waters close to shore. Juvenile and larger turtles are found in the main Hawaiian islands, and occasionally adults nest and lay eggs here. A few hatch on our beaches and go to sea.

Smaller size turtles apparently live for a period of time in the open ocean away from land where they feed on squids, crustaceans and jellyfish. Their growth rate is about ¾ inch per year. Commercial fishing for green sea turtles is currently prohibited due to stress on the stocks of animals. George H. Balazs of the Hawaiian Sea Turtle Research Program is seeking biological and ecological information on young sea turtles (under 10 pounds). One method for gaining information involves the indirect sampling of the turtles from the stomachs of pelagic fishes such as tuna, mahimahi, marlin, sharks and others. These fishes may periodically eat small turtles. The information gathered in this project will be valuable in improving management of Hawaiian sea turtle stocks. Any fisherman finding a fish with turtle contents in the stomach can call George Balazs direct at 247-6631 (Oahu). Neighbor islanders may call collect.

An ongoing program helpful to marine research is the sea turtle sighting program. This is a volunteer program in which persons sighting sea turtles report information on standard forms designed for this purpose (see illustration at bottom of page). For either of the above programs, you can contact George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, P.O. Box 1346, Kaneohe, HI, 96744.

A marine research project very visible to Kona fishermen is the National Marine Fisheries Service Fish Aggregation Buoy system. There are six in the state. The two buoys off Kona, 4 miles out from Kaiwi Point and 8 miles up from Ke-ahole Point are drawing fish for commercial, charter and recreational boats. An experimental project of this type requires voluntary information from fishermen to be successful. The main problem, according to fisheries personnel, is not lack of fish, but lack of information about the catches. The statistics are necessary to justify maintaining (and perhaps adding) buoys. The illustration at the left is a sample Fish Catch Record for reporting catches within 3 miles of the buoys. Visits to the buoys with no catches should also be recorded. Some volunteer fishermen have been reporting already, but more data is needed. Some Kona Charter Skippers Association, Kona Activities Center, Kona Mauka Trollers and Kona Iki Trollers members have been reporting. If you are interested you can also contact our office, P.O. Box 859, Kealakekua, HI, 96750. Phone 322-2577.

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: CRAIG Fuller

Address & Tel. No. (optional): POB 1298 Kealakekua Hi 96750 328-9947

Date: July 6, 1978 Time: ≈11:00 AM Location (indicate on chart): ≈ 4 miles offshore from Kealakekua Airport

Observation made from: ___ shore; X boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 36 in.

Turtle seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): Turtle was missing left front flipper a school of ≈ 8 mahi-mahi ≈ 30 lb were

Other comments: under turtle & seemed to be biting at it


THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

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SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: RICK TAYLOR

Address & Tel. No. (optional): PO BOX 156 HOLUALOA HI 96725

Date: 7/30/79 Time: 1:30 PM Location (indicate on chart): KIHOLO BAY (NEAR FISH POND OUTLET)


Observation made from: X shore;

____boat; or while ____skin ____SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 30-36"

6 Turtles seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. 3 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

NO VISIBLE TAGS OR MARKS - 6 TURTLES SEEN GRAZING TOGETHER NEAR OUTLET OF FISHPONDS IN SHALLOW WATER

Other comments: NO MORE THAN 3' DEEP - VERY SECURE, CONFIDENT IN APPEARANCE & VERY HEALTHY LOOKING.

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KONA FAMILY YMCA

**KONA FAMILY YMCA**

PO BOX 529 KEALAKEKUA, HI. 96750

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SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs, Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: R. TAYLOR

Address & Tel. No. (optional): PO Box 156 Holualoa, HI 96725

Date: 8/10/79 Time: 9:00 AM Location (indicate on chart): KIHOLO LAGOON

Observation made from: X shore; ____boat; or while ____skin ____SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 30"-36"

2 Turtles seen on: X surface; or at depth of approx. ____ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

NONE OBSERVED


Other comments: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

**SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT**

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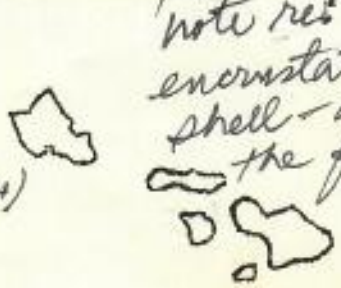
Observation made by: RICK TAYLOR

Address & Tel. No. (optional): PO Box 156 HOLUALOA, HI 96725

Date: 7/6/80 Time: 1:00 PM Location (indicate on chart): KAWAIHAE OUTER REEF



Observation made from: ___ shore; ✓ boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 1½ to 2 (1½' to 2' in LENGTH)

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

(Information on turtle parts recovered from fish or sharks would also be greatly appreciated). HAD THE APPEARANCE OF A VERY YOUNG LOOKING GREEN TURTLE BASKING ON SURFACE

Other ~~comments~~: NEAR HARBOR ENTRANCE MARKER OVER THE REEF. THE SMALLEST I'VE OBSERVED IN THIS GENERAL AREA.

Thanks for your note re: turtle w/ encrustation on shell - appreciate the feedback

Rick

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

TRA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

...ation made by: RICK TAYLOR

...dress & Tel. No. (optional): PO BOX 156 HOLUALOA, HI 96725

Date: 5/27/80 Time: 2^00 PM Location (indicate on chart): OUTSIDE KAWAIHAE HARBOR

KONA FAMILY YMCA
74-5614/C Pawai Place • Kailua-Kona, Hawaii 96740

Observation made from: ___ shore; X boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 3.5'

...le seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

TURTLE APPEARED TO HAVE EITHER HEAVY ENCRUSTATION ON SHELL GIVING PALE OR WHITE APPEARANCE, OR IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE PAINT YOU MARKED SOME OF THEM WITH - THE SHAPE WAS IRREGULAR AS WELL AS ILLEGIBLE IN THE TIME WE HAD TO OBSERVE THE TURTLE - WE WERE SAILING OVER THE REEF ABOUT 100 YDS OFF THE BREAKWATER ENTRANCE IN A WEST/SOUTH WEST DIRECTION.

Other comments:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Thanks for your paper & the back reg. Hope to see you down here this summer.
Walt

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: W. Dudley

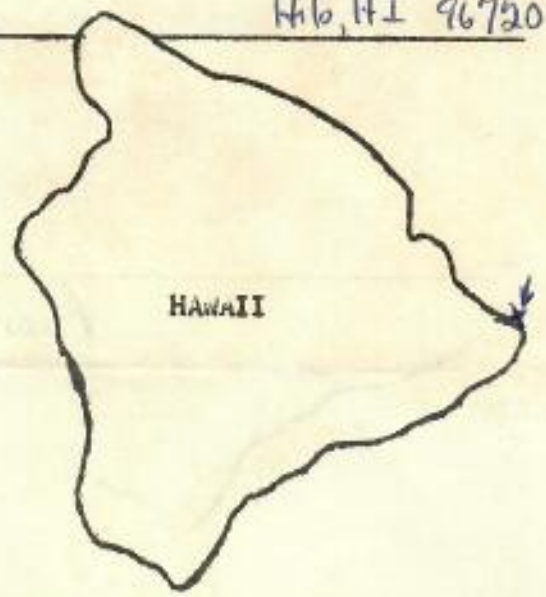
Address & Tel. No. (optional): UH - Hilo, Hilo, HI 96720

Date: 4/26/80 Time: 1:15 Location (indicate on chart): _____

Observation made from: ✓ shore; ____ boat; or while ____ skin ____ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): see below

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. ____ ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):




shell color - green

Other comments: 6 turtles smallest approx. 18", largest approx 36" others intermediate in size

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

Dr. Walter C. Dudley
University of Hawaii at Hilo
HILO, HAWAII 96720

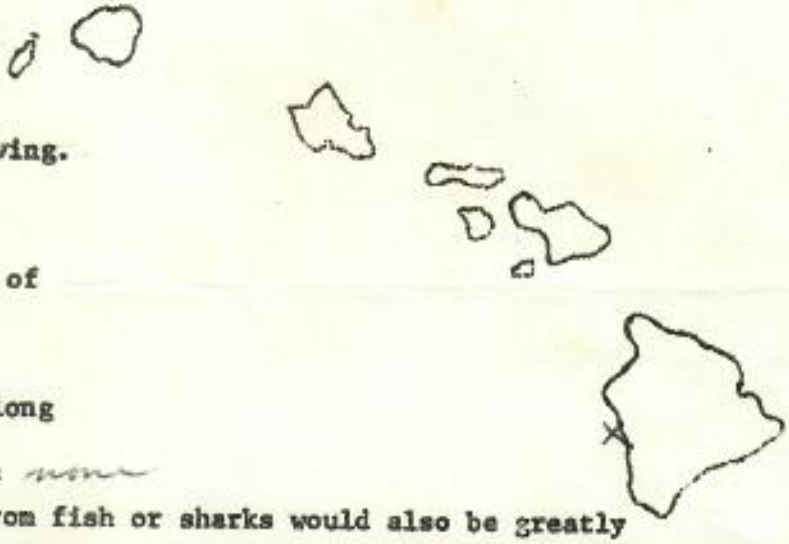
SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by: E FISCHER

Address & Tel. No. (optional): _____

Date: 3-3-81 Time: 3:30pm Location (indicate on chart): _____



Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while X skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length): 15"

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 2 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): none

(Information on turtle parts recovered from fish or sharks would also be greatly appreciated). _____

Other comments: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

MARINE ADVISORY PROGRAM
SEA GRANT, U.H.
P.O. BOX 1327
KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII 96740
PHONE: 329-6767

3/9/81

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U. S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, HONOLULU
FT. SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858

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9 March 1981

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By 4/5

Mr. Doyle Gates, Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
Southwest Region
Western Pacific Program Office
PO Box 3830
Honolulu, HI 96812

Dear Mr. Gates:

We are studying the feasibility of constructing a small craft harbor on the east side of the island of Hawaii. Four potential sites are being investigated and include Leleiwi Point, King's Landing, Kapoho, and Kalapana (maps attached, inclosures 1 thru 4). We would like to know if any threatened or endangered species, protected marine mammals and their habitats, or marine sanctuaries are located in the project areas. We would appreciate a response from you by 5 April 1981.

Sincerely,

Clarence S. Fujii

CLARENCE S. FUJII
Acting Chief, Engineering Division

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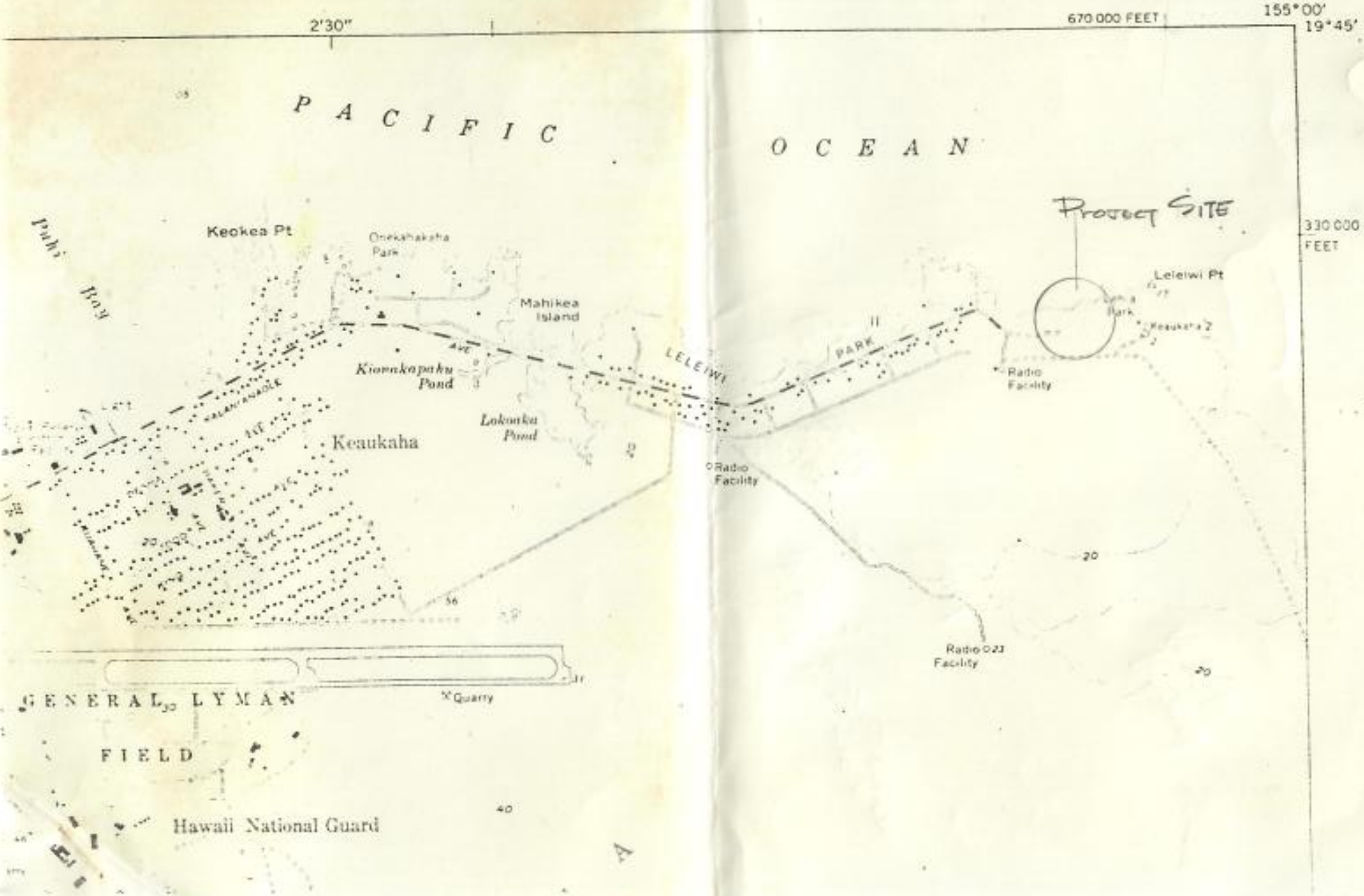
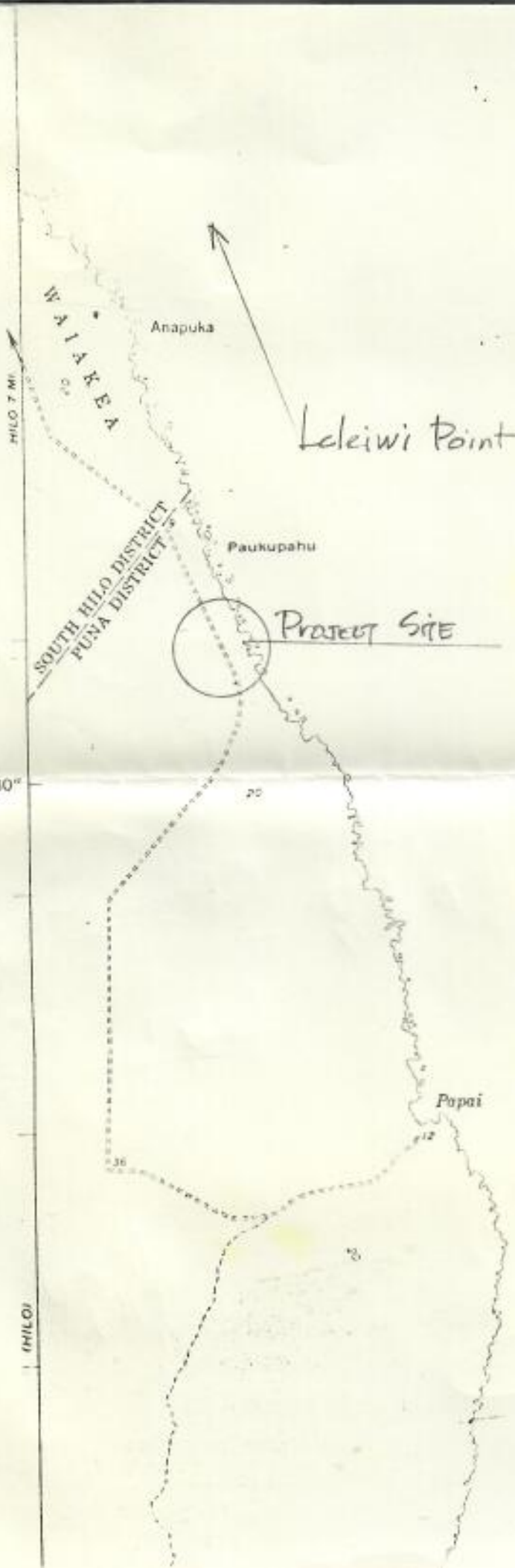
As stated

HILO QUADRANGLE
HAWAII—ISLAND AND COUNTY OF HAWAII
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 HILO 15' QUADRANGLE



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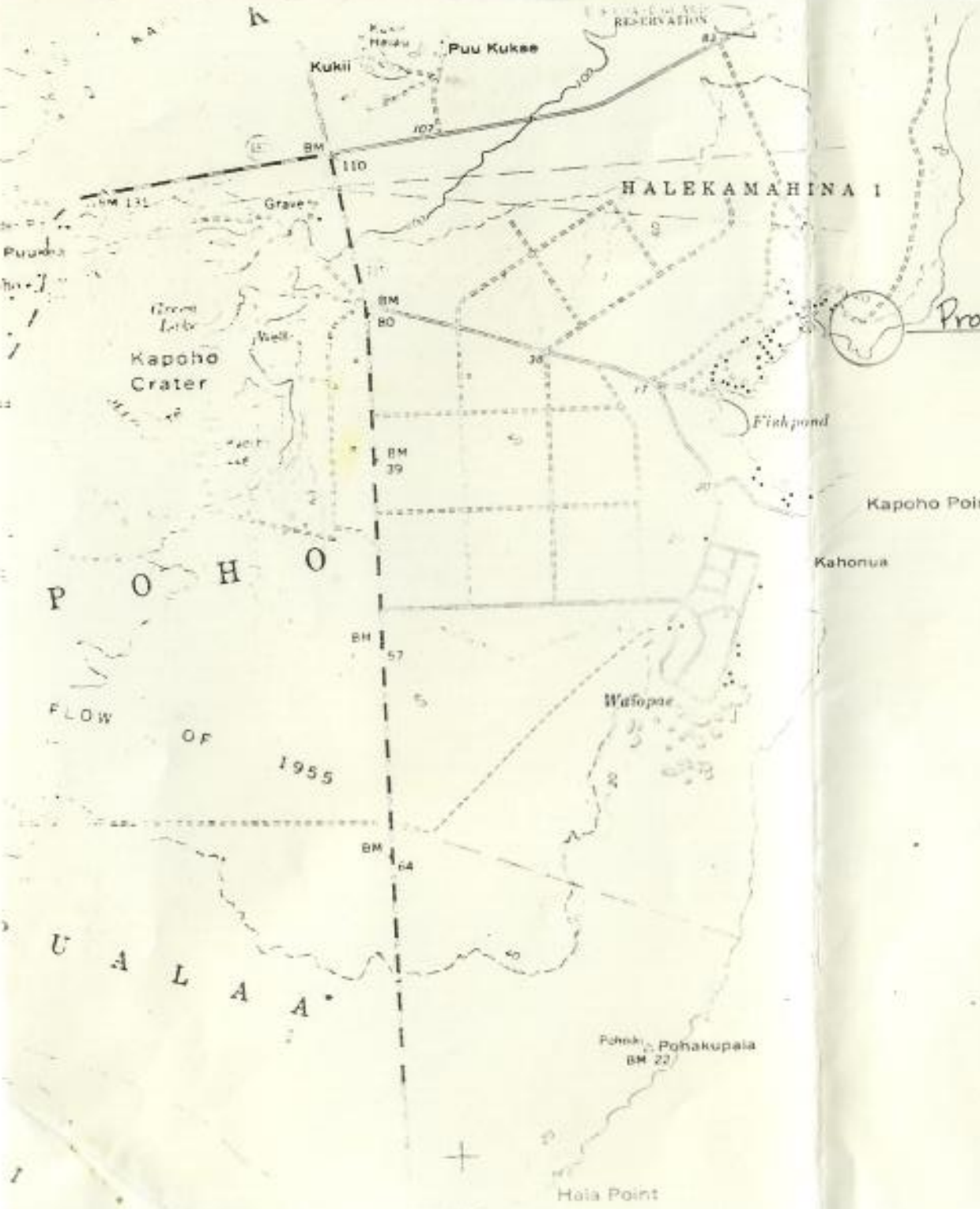


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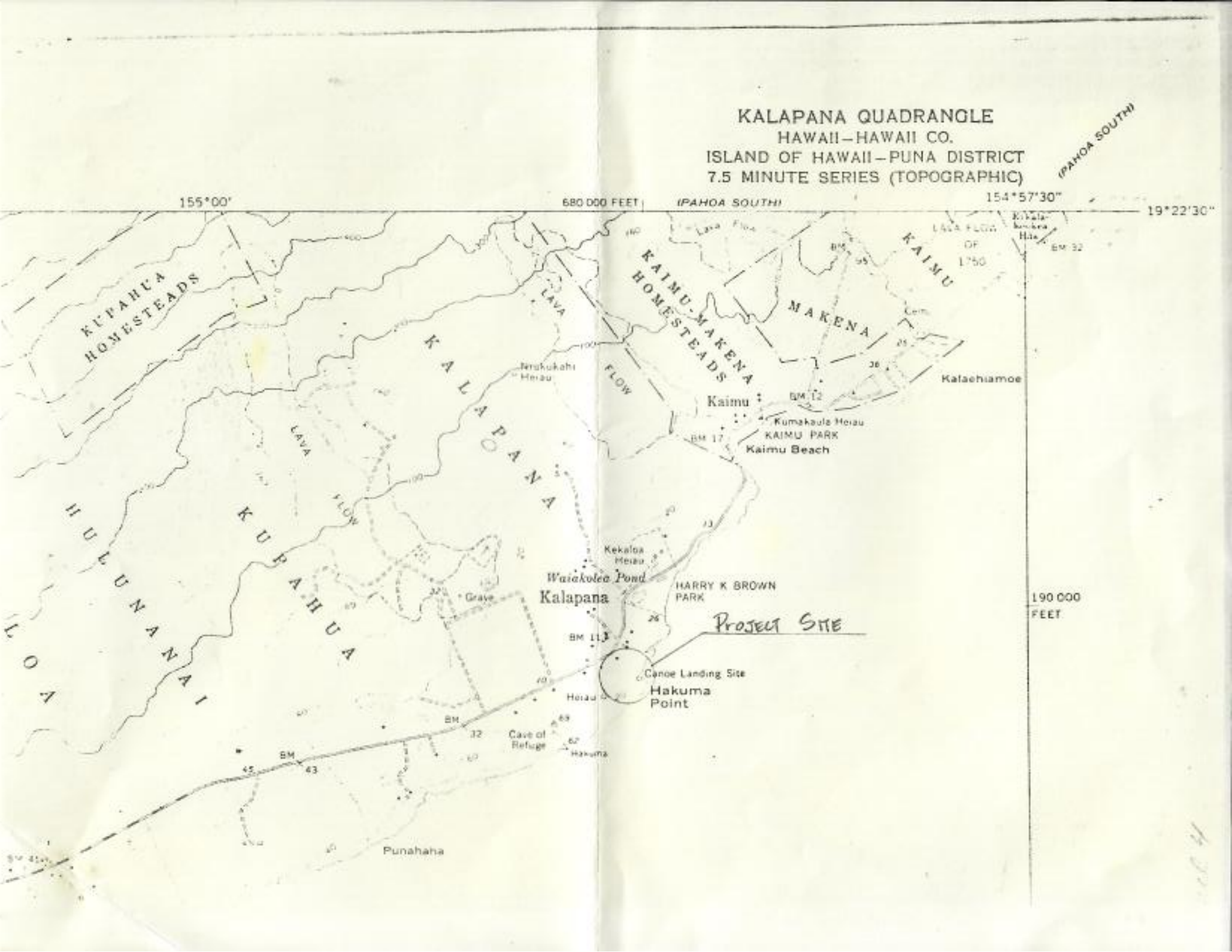
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Hakuma
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PO 4331
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96743

2/26/80

George Balazs
University of Hawaii - HIMB
Coconut Island

Dear George -

I have enclosed some sighting forms given to me by Laurie Sanderson for observations made on the Big Island. Since I live on the Big Island & am diving on out on the water every day, it is easy for me to make observations. As a matter of fact we see turtles almost every day at Parks and in front of Spencer Park.

If I can be of help please let me know - Sincerely, Therese Hayes

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

P.O. BOX 4331
KAUAI HI 96743

**SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT**

*Thank you for your cooperation*

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by Thurse Hayes Date 2/19/80 Time 1300

Address & Tel. No. (optional) _____

Location (indicate on chart) FRANCIS BROWN (Waimea Pt) (#1 on chart)

Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length ? _____

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 15 ft.

Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): GREEN SEA

Other comments: _____

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**SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT**

*Thank you for your cooperation*

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by Therese Hayes Date 2/20/80 Time 1030

Address & Tel. No. (optional) _____

Location (indicate on chart) _____ (#1 on chart)

Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length _____

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 10 ft.

Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): GREEN SEA

Other comments: _____

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**SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT**

*Thank you for your cooperation*

(Please return to: George H. Balazs; Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology; P. O. Box 1346; Kaneohe, HI 96744; Tel. 247-6631)

Observation made by Therese Hayes Date 2/21/80 Time 1430

Address & Tel. No. (optional) _____

Location (indicate on chart) PUAKO REEF OFF LOT 56 (#2 on Chart)

Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length 24'

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 20 ft.

Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): GREEN SEA

Other comments: _____

(OVER)

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

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Observation made by Therese Hayes Date 2/22/80 Time 10:30 am

Address & Tel. No. (optional) PO Box 4331 KAWAIHAE 96743 882-7094

Location (indicate on chart) PUAKO BOAT RAMP (#3 on chart)

Observation made from: ___ shore; ✓ boat; or while ___ skin ___ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length 20"

Turtle seen on: ✓ surface; or at depth of approx. ___ ft.

Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): GREEN SEA ?

Other comments:

(OVER)

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Observation made by THERESE HAYES Date 07/24/86 Time _____

Address & Tel. No. (optional) _____

Location (indicate on chart) PUAKO OFF LOT 56

Observation made from: ___ shore; ___ boat; or while ___ skin ✓ SCUBA diving.

Estimated size (shell length 36

Turtle seen on: ___ surface; or at depth of approx. 20 ft.

Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.): GREEN

Other comments: Turtle was in a hole in a cave just sitting there. Also saw the same or another one about 15 min earlier at 40 feet — (OVER)

What one was swimming away when I noticed him

SEA TURTLE SIGHTING REPORT

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Observation made by: Byron Ayoso

Address & Tel. No. (optional): Kona Village Resort (Kaupulehu)

Date: 4/1/80 Time: 9:00am Location (indicate on chart): Infront of the Village


Observation made from: ____ shore; X boat; or while ____ skin ____ SCUBA diving.

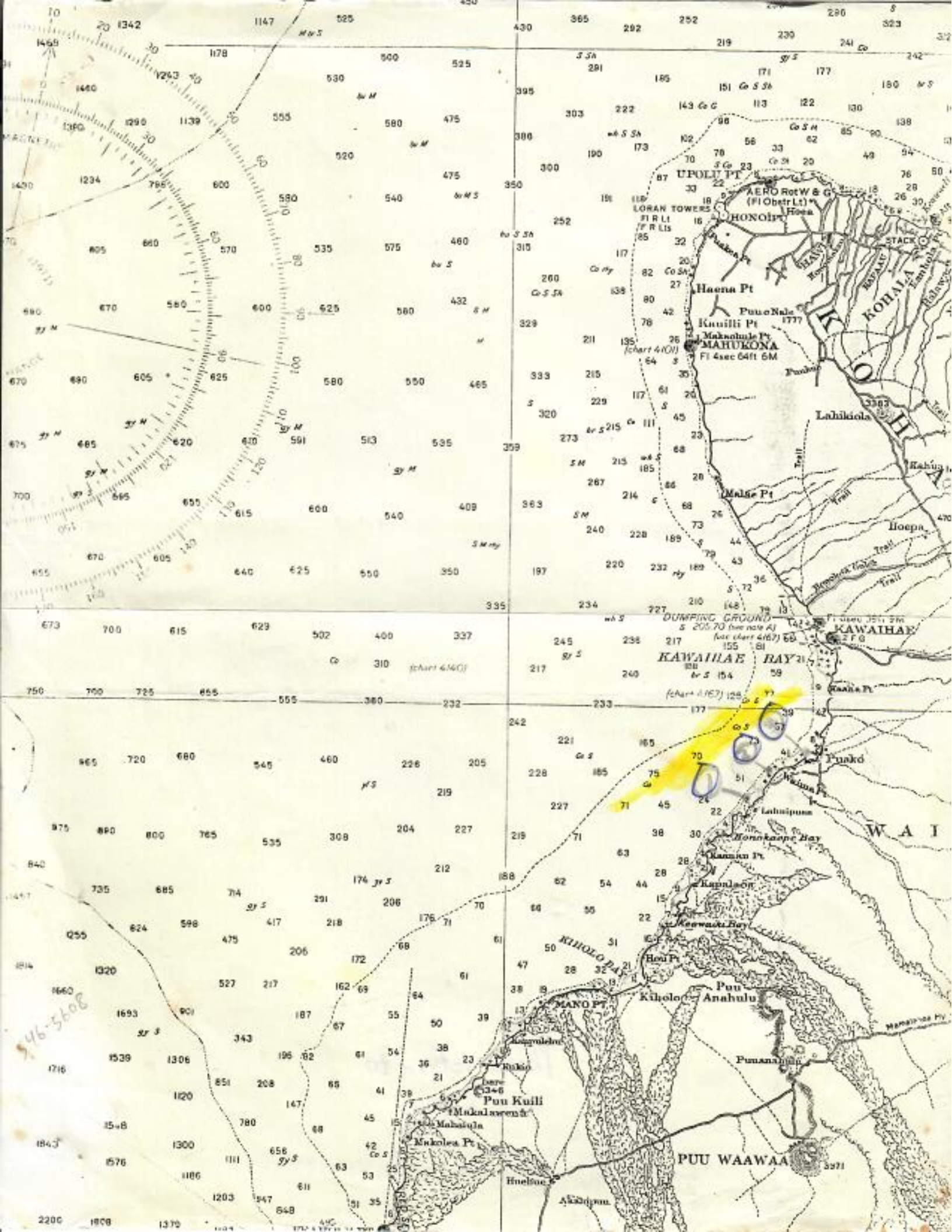
Estimated size (shell length): 3' and 4'

Turtle seen on: ____ surface; or at depth of approx. 60 ft. Distinguishing characteristics (species I.D. if known, long tail, shell color, tags, injuries, etc.):

Seen from our glass bottom boat directly infront of the village at the 60 ft. ledge. Two "Green Back" Turtles were seen. It seems as if they live there in the cave. Both were seen since the first day of the arrival of the glass bottom boat which were a month ago.

Other comments: Cool

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION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