

Seven juvenile green turtles transferred from Sea Life Park to the Mauna Lani Hotel. (Compiled by Steve Kaiser and George H. Balazs.)

Tag No.	Carapace length (cm)		Notes
	Straight	Curved	
<u>October 22, 1989</u>			
9912, 9921 (new)	33.4	35.5	Shipped 10/26/89
9913, 9917 (new)	25.3	27.0	Shipped 10/26/89
9914, 9918 (new)	28.1	30.5	Shipped 10/26/89
- 9915, 9916 ^a	24.0	25.5	Shipped 12/20/89 ^{Maunaloa} Release 7-4-90 5-32.8
- 9919, 9920 ^a	20.9	22.0	Shipped 12/20/89 " " 5-31.4
<u>December 1, 1989</u>			
- Y-43, 44 (new)	25.4	27.0	Shipped 12/20/89 ⁷⁻⁴⁻⁹⁰ ^{Maunaloa} Release 5-32.6 Newly returned from loan to Waikiki Aquarium
- Y-45, 46 (new)	27.0	28.0	Shipped 12/20/89 Newly returned from loan to Waikiki Aquarium " " 5-31.9

^a 8/2/90 9pm seen light off finetrees by
Lisa Dive Mahai, Box 2955 H'K 96745

8/19/81 5 KAHALA from FFs hatched and reared at HIMB

2052 - dead 12/30/80 ♀
 2051 - to SLP 1984-87 date = ? ♀
 2053, 2498 → 2054 to SLP 1984-87 date = ? ♀
 2057 to SLP 1984-87 date = ? ♀

KAHALA I
 2057/2498 NOT listed
 in formal "exchange"
 letter of 7-14-81

BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2052-2496 (853 Offspring)

STLH ♂ → 2056, 2378,
 at Kahala

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Date	Straight carapace length	Straight carapace width	Curved carapace length	Curved carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	Rate cm/month length
9-74										
11-13-74	8.6	7.0	-	-	-	-	-	.07	2	0.94
4-13-75	13.3	11.1	-	-	-	-	-	.36	5	1.45
6-18-75	16.2	14.3	-	-	-	-	-	.63	2	1.77
9-21-75	21.5	17.3	22.5	19.3	17.6	-	-	1.6	3	1.12
3-14-76	27.9	22.5	29.2	25.1	-	-	-	3.8	5.7	1.22
10-23-76	36.8	29.2	38.4	33.7	-	-	-	7.0	7.3	0.19
10-17-77	39.1	31.1	40.3	35.6	31.4	6.4	7.6	8.2	11.8	0
5-4-78	39.1	31.1	40.3	35.6	31.4	6.4	8.6	8.6	6.6	0.19
11-15-78	40.3	31.4	41.6	36.8	32.4	6.7	8.6	8.2	6.4	0.22
4-2-79	41.3	33.0	42.5	37.8	33.3	6.7	9.2	10.0	4.6	0.47
10-5-79	44.1	35.2	46.0	40.8	36.3	7.7	8.5	-	6	0.23
2-28-80	45.2	36.4	47.5	42.0	37.0	7.4	10.2	-	4.8	0.30
4-28-80	45.8	36.3	47.8	42.4	37.3	-	10.0	-	2	
1-16-81	48.8	39.3	51.0	46.1	39.7	7.7	11.3	16.4	8.6	0.35
4-15-81	49.2	39.7	52.1	46.0	40.6	7.9	10.0	15.9	3	0.13
8-10-81	49.3	39.6	51.6	46.3	40.2	7.7	11.0	-	4.2	0.02
8-18-81	49.3	39.8	51.5	46.2	40.2	-	-	-	4	0(78 KAHALA)

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BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2052-2496 (853 Offspring)
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Date	Straight carapace		Curved carapace		Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	cm/month length	Rate
	length	width	length	width							
1-20-84	77.5								25	0.93	Short stail - presumably ♀
12-30-88 of death	78.4	60.1	78.4	12.2	64.5	11.0	23.4	162 lbs			
12-30-88 (2052, 2049)	FOUND DEAD IN KAHALOA POND by caretaker Stephanie, took over from John Fairfax 5/85. NECROPSY = UNDEVELOPED EGGS, CORNUS & TUNGS PACKING GUTTRACT; CONDOM IN STOMACH; MASSIVE INTERNAL FAT.										

MEASURED while in pool following release of 2 Kahala males. (5 HINDS, 1 Kahala remaining in pool.)

NOTE = SAME EFF = 78.4

KAHALOA 2
 2051 listed in Exchange
 letter of 7-14-81

BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2051-2495 (853 Offspring) ^{W-5}

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Date	Straight carapace length	Straight carapace width	Curved carapace length	Curved carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	Rate cm/month straight length
9-74										
11-13-74	8.6	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	.07	2	0.88
4-13-75	13.0	11.4	-	-	-	-	-	.39	5	1.60
6-18-75*	16.2	14.3	-	-	-	-	-	.65	2	1.80
9-21-75	21.6	18.1	22.5	21.0	18.2	4.2	-	1.8	3	1.00
3-14-76	27.3	22.9	28.9	26.7	-	-	-	4.1	5.7	0.74
10-23-76	32.7	28.6	34.3	34.3	-	-	-	7.3	7.3	0.43
10-17-77	37.8	30.8	38.7	36.2	30.8	6.4	8.9	7.7	11.8	0.43
5-4-78	40.6	33.3	42.2	39.4	33.0	7.0	9.8	10.4	6.6	0.59
11-15-78	44.4	36.2	46.0	42.9	35.6	7.6	9.2	11.4	6.4	0.28
4-2-79	45.7	37.1	47.3	44.7	37.1	7.6	11.2	13.6	4.6	
10-5-79	48.8	39.8	51.0	48.0	39.8	7.8	11.0	-	6	0.51

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GREEN TURTLE 2051-2495 (853 Offspring) --continued

Date	Straight carapace length	Straight carapace width	Curved carapace length	Curved carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	Rate cm/month straight length
4-28-80	50.2	41.0	52.0	48.7	40.9	7.8	12.0	-	6.8	0.21
9-11-80	51.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	0.18
1-14-81**	51.4	42.3	-	-	42.0	8.5	-	-	4	0.10 SLP
5-18-81	-	-	59.0	54.0	-	-	-	-	(4.1)	-

M/m/B ↓

*Black pigment in plastron nearly all faded

**Transferred to pond at Sea Life Park

6-29-81 56.1

8-17-81 58.3

12-12-81 61.5

1-20-84 78.3(?)
2051-2495?

Transferred back to SLP date = ?

3-16-89 81.9
N=81.6

Measured in circular tank at SLP during "point-mark" tests.
"2051" Dremel engraving applied - 4th lat right & 2nd lat left and right.

5.5 0.85

1.6 1.38

3.8 0.84(SLP) 11th R drill hole

*** Transferred to pool at Kahala Hilton Hotel

KAHACA 2

BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2051-2495 (853 Offspring)
W-5

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Date	Straight carapace length	width	Curved carapace length	width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	Rate cm/month straight length
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KAHACA 3
 2053 listed
 in formal exchange
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BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2053-2498 (Little Gin Is.)

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Date	Straight carapace length	Straight carapace width	Curved carapace length	Curved carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	Rate c/m month length
10-18-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.026	-	-
11-13-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.048	-	-
12-11-73	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.086	-	-
1-16-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.154	-	-
2-12-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.251	-	-
3-12-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.395	-	-
4-16-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.586	-	-
5-17-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.649	-	-
6-12-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.825	-	-
7-17-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.26	-	-
12-10-74	29.8	24.4	31.8	27.6	-	-	-	3.83	-	-
3-2-75	33.0	27.3	34.9	30.5	-	-	-	5.43	2.7	1.19
6-18-75	39.4	34.9	-	-	-	-	-	6.28	3.5	1.83

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GREEN TURTLE 2053-2498 (Little Gin Is.)--continued

Date	Straight carapace		Curved carapace		Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval months	Rate c/m month length
	length	width	length	width						
8-24-75	-	-	41.9	37.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-21-75	40.0	32.4	42.9	37.8	-	-	10.10	3	0.20	
3-14-76	42.5	33.7	45.7	40.6	-	-	12.05	5.7	0.44	
10-23-76	46.7	38.1	49.5	44.1	-	-	16.80	7.3	0.58	
10-17-77	50.8	41.0	53.3	47.9	41.0	7.9	20.90	12	0.34	
5-4-78	52.4	42.5	54.9	49.5	42.5	8.3	24.10	6.6	0.24	
11-15-78	54.6	43.8	57.5	51.4	44.1	8.6	25.45	6.4	0.34	
4-2-79	56.5	45.4	59.4	53.3	45.7	-	30.00	4.6	0.41	
10-5-79	58.5	46.8	61.2	55.0	47.5	8.9	-	6	0.33	
4-28-80	60.0	47.9	62.9	56.6	49.1	9.0	-	6.8	0.22	
9-11-80	60.9	-	-	-	49.0	-	-	4.4	0.20	
4-15-81	62.8	51.1	66.5	59.4	51.8	9.5	32.27	7.1	0.27	
8-17-81	63.4	57.1	-	-	52.2	-	-	4	0.15	
12-12-81	65.7	53.1	70.0	61.5	-	-	-	3.8	0.61 (SLP temporary)	
1-20-84	77.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.5	0.48 (Kahala)	
5-21-91	81.2	65.2	84.5	76.0	-	-	-	-	MALE	

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KAHALA
MALE

⊗ Transferred to pool at Kahala Hilton Hotel; 2053 removed

KAHAKA 4
2054 listed in formal
exchange letter 7-14-81

BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2054-2099 (Orange Carapace)

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Date	Straight carapace length	Straight carapace width	Curved carapace length	Curved carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval Months	Rate cm/ month length
8-9-72	5.1	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	.028	-	-
8-16-72	5.5	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	.035	-	-
9-6-72	7.2	6.1	-	-	-	-	-	.043	-	-
9-13-72	7.7	6.5	-	-	-	-	-	.052	2	1.30
10-11-72	8.8	7.5	-	-	-	-	-	.11	-	-
11-8-72	9.6	8.9	-	-	-	-	-	.15	2	0.95
12-6-72	10.2	8.9	-	-	-	-	-	.22	-	-
1-3-73	12.0	9.4	-	-	-	-	-	.28	2	1.20
4-3-73	15.4	12.2	-	-	-	-	-	.60	3	1.13
5-3-73	17.7	13.8	-	-	-	-	-	.85	-	-
6-5-73	20.0	15.7	-	-	-	-	-	1.2	2	2.30
8-30-73	26.7	21.0	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	1.8	3.7
12-21-73	33.0	26.0	-	-	-	-	-	5.1	3.8	1.66
4-18-74	38.7	30.5	-	-	-	-	-	7.3	4	1.43

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GREEN TURTLE 2054-2099 (Orange Carapace)--continued

Date	Straight carapace length	Straight carapace width	Curved carapace length	Curved carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval Months	Rate cm/ month length
7-24-74	40.6	32.7	43.2	37.5	-	-	-	8.7	3.2	0.59
3-2-75	43.2	34.6	45.1	39.4	-	-	-	10.2	7.7	0.34
9-21-75	43.8	34.9	46.0	41.0	-	-	-	11.7	6.6	0.09
3-14-76	44.5	35.6	47.3	41.3	-	-	-	12.4	5.2	0.14
10-23-76	46.4	36.2	48.9	43.2	-	-	-	13.9	7.3	0.10
10-17-77	47.0	37.1	48.9	43.2	37.5	7.3	11.4	14.1	12	0.05
5-4-78	47.3	37.5	49.2	44.1	38.1	7.9	10.8	15.0	6.4	0.05
11-15-78	48.3	38.4	50.8	45.1	39.4	7.9	11.1	15.5	6.4	0.16
4-2-79	48.9	38.1	51.4	45.7	-	-	-	16.4	4.4	0.23
10-5-79	50.0	39.2	52.8	47.0	40.8	-	11.5	-	6	0.18
4-28-80	49.9	39.4	53.0	47.0	41.1	7.9	11.0	-	6.8	0
1-14-81*	51.1	41.0	-	-	42.3	7.6	-	-	8.5	0.14
5-18-81	-	-	58.0	51.0	-	-	-	-	(4.1)	-
6-29-81	55.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.5	0.82
8-17-81**	-	46.4	-	-	48.2	-	14.5	-	(1.6)	-
12-12-81	61.8	47.5	65.7	57.2	-	-	-	-	5.4	1.15
1-20-84	79.0	-	-	-	-	-	fence	-	25	0.69

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KAHALA
SLP TEMPORARY
(light shell for I.D. Kahala)

Transferred back to SLP eggs found in turtle's pool
1984

* transferred to pool at Kahala Hilton Hotel; 2054 removed.
** transferred to pond at Sea Life Park

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Date	Straight carapace length	width	Curved carapace length	width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval -Months	Rate cm/ month length
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 2056 listed in
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BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2056-2378-2500

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Date	Straight carapace		Curved carapace		Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval Months	Rate cm/month length
	length	width	length	width						
9-1-72	5.2	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	.033	-	-
9-15-72	5.7	5.0	-	-	-	-	-	.037	-	-
10-13-72	7.6	6.6	-	-	-	-	-	.078	-	-
11-10-72	9.5	8.2	-	-	-	-	-	.147	2.3	0.83
12-8-72	10.8	9.2	-	-	-	-	-	.216	-	-
1-5-73	11.8	10.0	-	-	-	-	-	.276	2	1.15
4-3-73	14.6	12.1	-	-	-	-	-	.483	3	0.93
5-3-73	15.2	12.9	-	-	-	-	-	.585	-	-
6-5-73	16.8	13.9	-	-	-	-	-	.733	2	1.10
8-30-73	21.5	18.1	-	-	-	-	-	1.51	2.8	1.68
12-21-73	27.3	23.2	-	-	-	-	-	3.42	3.7	1.57
4-18-74	34.6	29.2	-	-	-	-	-	6.00	4	1.83
7-19-74	36.8	31.4	38.1	35.6	-	-	-	6.78	3	0.73
3-2-75	42.2	36.8	43.8	41.3	-	-	-	9.83	7.4	0.73

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GREEN TURTLE 2056-2378-2500 (continued)

Date	Straight carapace		Curved carapace		Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval Months	Rate cm/month length	
	length	width	length	width							
6-18-75	45.1	42.9	-	-	-	-	-	11.43	3.5	0.83	HIMB ↓
9-21-75	46.4	39.1	48.9	45.7	-	-	-	13.45	3	0.43	
3-14-76	49.5	41.3	52.4	48.9	-	-	-	17.39	5.8	0.53	
10-31-76	53.3	45.4	55.9	52.7	-	-	-	22.72	7.6	0.50	
10-17-77	54.0	47.0	56.5	53.7	42.2	7.9	11.4	20.00	11.5	0.06	
5-4-78	55.2	46.7	57.5	54.6	42.9	7.9	12.7	23.18	6.6	0.18	
11-15-78	56.8	47.9	58.7	56.5	43.8	8.3	13.3	23.64	6.4	0.25	
4-2-79	57.5	48.6	59.7	57.5	44.8	8.6	14.0	27.27	4.4	0.16	
10-5-79	60.4	51.1	63.5	60.2	47.5	8.9	13.3	-	6	0.48	
4-28-80	60.5	51.0	63.1	60.1	47.1	8.8	-	-	6.8	0.01	
4-15-81	61.2	53.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.4	0.06	
6-29-81*	61.8	53.2	65.5	62.7	-	-	-	-	2.5	0.24	SCP
8-17-81**	62.9	54.5	-	-	50.4	-	13.5	-	1.6	0.69	KANAGA
12-12-81	65.7	55.8	69.2	66.0	-	-	-	-	3.8	0.74	SCHEP PEPPER KANAGA
1-20-84	78.3(?)	58.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Male
5-21-91	83.6	68.2	88.0	83.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	

* Transferred to Sea Life Park

** Transferred to pool at Kahala Hilton Hotel; 2500 removed.

KAHACA 5

BODY MEASUREMENTS AND GROWTH RATES OF HAWAIIAN GREEN TURTLE 2056-2378-2500

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Date	Straight carapace length	carapace width	Curved carapace length	carapace width	Plastron	Head	Tail	Weight	Interval Months	Rate cm/month length
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2/15/81

VISITS TO KAMACA = 4 HIMS 8/17/81 TO KAMACA POOL
DUE MORE 12-18-81 HIMS TO KAMACA POOL (2052)

1/30/84 MEASURED TURTLES IN POOL 3 males 1 female
(1 is original one-eye kabatz)

4/29/87 3 males 1 female
(1 is original one-eye kabatz)

3/28/88)) (prolapsed cloaca seen)

12/30/88)) FOUND 2052 ♀
DEAD

2/11/91 3 males
but only 2 seen 2498; & 2378, 2056 Both males - lots of fat

5/21/91 Measured and added tags to all three males, (+ 2 SCP (5-6 year old) juveniles,
one already tagged, the other no tags)

SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

Kahala Hilton 5/21/91
 PERSON RECORDING DATA: Chris

OLD TAGS: RFL 2498
 NEW TAGS: RPL
 TUMOR SCORE: 0
 LFL "Knob" ²⁰⁵³ ORIGINALLY APPLIED HERE
 OTHER NEW TAGS: LH 9949
 RH 9950

STRAIGHT CARAPACE-LENGTH: 81.2 WIDTH: 65.2

NOTCH LENGTH: 80.7

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH: 84.5 WIDTH: 76

HEAD WIDTH:
 SEX: MALE, FEMALE OR UNDETERMINED M

TAIL LENGTH: T C

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH: SAMPLES COLLECTED:

PLASTRON LENGTH:

WEIGHT:

DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:
 FFS 1974 hatchling Black skin & Carapace
 veared at HMB -
 MOVED TO KAHALA 1981 (Photos) (Little GIN Is.)

SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

Kahala Hilton 5/21/91
PERSON RECORDING DATA: Chris

OLD TAGS:	LFL 2378 (ringed today) RFL 2056 	NEW TAGS: LFL	R3-4 9944
TUMOR SCORE		OTHER NEW TAGS:	LH 9942 RH 9943
0			

STRAIGHT CARAPACE-LENGTH: 83.6 **WIDTH:** 68.2

NOTCH LENGTH: 83.6

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH: 88.0 **WIDTH:** 83.0

HEAD WIDTH: **SEX:** MALE, FEMALE OR UNDETERMINED M

TAIL LENGTH: T C

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH: **SAMPLES COLLECTED:**

PLASTRON LENGTH:

WEIGHT:

DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

FFS 1974 hatched. Reared at HUMB and moved to Kahala 1981

Black skin & carapace photos

SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

Kahala Hilton	5/21/91
PERSON RECORDING DATA:	

OLD TAGS:

TUMOR
SCORE

0

NEW TAGS:

RFL

9996

LFL

9945

OTHER
NEW
TAGS:

LH 9947

STRAIGHT CARAPACE-LENGTH:

71.6

WIDTH:

59.1

NOTCH LENGTH:

71.6

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

75.0

WIDTH:

71.5

HEAD WIDTH:

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SEX: MALE, FEMALE OR
UNDETERMINED

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TAIL LENGTH: T

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Long end thick
TAIL

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH:

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SAMPLES COLLECTED:

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PLASTRON LENGTH:

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WEIGHT:

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DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

Left eye Blind.
Black skin
and carapace.

NOTE: ORIGINAL WILD
CAUGHT TURTLE -
possibly obtained within
Kahala First opened in 1964

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SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

Kahala Hilton *5/21/21* *TUESDAY*
PERSON RECORDING DATA: *7 AM*

OLD TAGS:

NEW TAGS: RFL

TUMOR SCORE

0

No tags

LFL

OTHER NEW TAGS:

STRAIGHT CARAPACE-LENGTH:

63.9

WIDTH:

50.4

NOTCH LENGTH:

63.6

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

67.5

WIDTH:

58.5

HEAD WIDTH:

SEX: MALE, FEMALE OR UNDETERMINED

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TAIL LENGTH:

T

C

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH:

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

PLASTRON LENGTH:

WEIGHT:

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DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

Sea Life Park (short tail) 5 or 6 yr. old

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SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

Kahala Hilton	5/21/91
PERSON RECORDING DATA:	

OLD TAGS:

RFL 8677

NEW TAGS:

RFL
LFL

TUMOR SCORE

0

OTHER NEW TAGS:

STRAIGHT CARAPACE-LENGTH:

65.7

WIDTH:

52.4

NOTCH LENGTH:

65.4

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

70.0

WIDTH:

61.0

HEAD WIDTH:

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SEX: MALE, FEMALE OR UNDETERMINED

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TAIL LENGTH:

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RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH:

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SAMPLES COLLECTED:

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PLASTRON LENGTH:

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WEIGHT:

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DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

Hatched at Sea Life Park (5 or 6 yr. old)
(Short Tail)

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GREEN SEA TURTLES SCHEDULED FOR
EXCHANGE AT THE KAHALA HILTON

Eight large and healthy Hawaiian green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) at the Kahala Hilton are scheduled to be released back into the ocean as part of a conservation effort and revitalization of the hotel's marine animal display. An agreement has been worked out to have eight smaller green turtles transferred to the Kahala Hilton from the University of Hawaii to serve as permanent replacements. These younger turtles have been raised in captivity since hatchlings for the purpose of studying growth rates, food requirements and tagging techniques. The turtles' growth will continue to be periodically measured at their new and more spacious home.

The large turtles that are to be released consist of four adult females and four adult males that have been at the Kahala Hilton for many years. Their return to the wild is expected to contribute to the breeding stock of the Hawaiian green turtle, which is now fully protected under both the U. S. Endangered Species Act and wildlife regulations of the State of Hawaii.

The principal breeding site of Hawaiian green turtles is French Frigate Shoals, a part of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands located 500 miles from Honolulu. Each summer approximately 350 mature males and females from all parts of the Hawaiian Archipelago swim to French Frigate Shoals to mate in the shallow protected waters. During the night the females crawl out onto the small sand islets where they dig nests and lay eggs.

Several green turtles previously released from the Waikiki Aquarium and Sea Life Park after lengthy periods in captivity have been seen successfully breeding at French Frigate Shoals.

Hotel's green sea turtles check out



By Ken Igo, Star-Bulletin

Tommy, a 200-pound green sea turtle, slowly returns to the sea yesterday from the Kahala Hilton where he lived for 17 years.

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□ Two of five turtles from the hotel lagoon are nudged to freedom

By Lee Catterall
Star-Bulletin

After being pampered for 17 years at the Kahala Hilton Hotel lagoon, two giant green sea turtles have been pushed into the ocean to fend for themselves.

The 200-pound turtles crawled at their own pace, though with a little prodding, to return to their natural habitat yesterday on the beach fronting the hotel.

The turtles took their time; after all, their life span is an average 80 years.

Sea Life Park fishes curator Steve Kaiser said he expects "Mr. T" and "Tommy the Turtle" to find algae feeding grounds near Oahu in the near future.

He said they also could end up at French Frigate Shoals, about 500 miles

northwest of Honolulu, where they were captured as hatchlings. They were fed lettuce and squid in salt water ponds at the Hilton.

About 100 guests at the Hilton gathered round as Kaiser and associate Craig Schmarr lugged each turtle onto a dolly, wheeled the dolly to the beach and nudged them into the water.

Their departure leaves the Hilton with three sea turtles, which are cared for by the Sea Life Park staff.

They are protected under the Endangered Species Act.