

August 1, 1978

Polynesie Francaise

No. 602/Peche

Papeete, le 10 Septembre 1975

Le Chef du Service de la Peche

a

Monsieur F. A. Gauld

Fisheries Officer Honiara - Solomon Islands

Fisheries Division

Subject: Information on tagged marine turtle.  
RVL F/10/8 of 1/9/75

Sir:

I thank you for communicating to me the information on a turtle tagged by the Fishery Service. This was a scientifically important discovery.

In effect, the French Polynesian Fishery Service has tagged the species *Chelonia mydas* since 1972 to study its migrations, and to assure a hope of survival.

Dans la meme optique, le Territoire de la Polynesie Francaise a d'autre, fait prendre des mesures reglementaires tres emergiques dans le seul but de sauvegarder l'espece en voie de disparition. (Ci-joint, le texte en question).

The following information is provided to satisfy your curiosity about the turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), registered n 1081-TAHITI, captured by M. Ramoni. This animal originated from a clutch that was artifically raised by the Fishery Service at Avatoru, Rangiroa Atoll in the Tuamotu Archipelago. Mr. Les Tokoragi worked on this project.

- Date of birth May 4, 1972
- Raised in captivity at Avatoru (turtle was fed fish, algae, and herbaceous terrestrial plants)
- Released August 3, 1973 in the Rangiroa lagoon, Taoo section (the lagoon has two large passes and a surface area of more than 700 square miles)