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Dear Dr. Balazs:

Here's some good news for you, with just a little of bad. The enclosed tag was returned to us today - maybe the PR value of the turtle project is working. The following is all the information we could get:

Date caught: 6/30/89  
Location : Map Channel, Yap  
Species : Hawksbill  
Tag # : 5112 (on left flipper)  
Sex : Not remembered  
Size : about 12-13 inches in diameter  
Caught by : Luke Finay

The bit of bad news is that the turtle was caught, the tag removed and the turtle released. We're letting people know that they should leave tags on if they are going to release them.

We'd appreciate it if you could send us information about turtle - 5112 so that we can use the information in PR stuff. Do you have any "tag return" posters that let people know what to do if a tagged turtle is seen? If not, could you let us know what we should put on such a poster, and we'll distribute them locally.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Smith  
MRMD Advisor

Enclosure:

- Tag
- Map
- Newsletter