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From: Dr Andrew Smith  
Coastal & Marine Scientist  
Date: November 21, 1996  
Pages: 1

**SUBJECT: Turtle Tag Return**

Dear George,

Greetings from Palau! It has been a while since I communicated with you; as you can see by the letter head I am now with TNC, based in Palau, but covering here, FSM (Pohnpei), PNG, Solomon Islands and Indonesia. I started here in February after completing my SPREP contract.

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Turtle caught end of October near Ngemelis (south of Blue Corner) [Palau]  
carapace about 5' long  
caught by Hendricks Jack from Pelilieu  
\* please send turtle info (from UH re individual turtle) to Lothaine (wants to post info at Storyboard [a small resort])"

You can get HIMB to send the information to me and I will pass it on. I'll send the tag itself back to Hawaii with Audrey Newman (from TNC) who is here at the moment.

I hope all is going well with you.

Cheers,

Andrew Smith

P.O.Box 1874  
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Government of Western Samoa  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, FISHERIES AND  
METEOROLOGY  
FISHERIES DIVISION**

YourRef:

OurRef:

**FAX TRANSMISSION**

9 October, 1996

To: HAWAII INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA  
COCONUT ISLAND 96744-1546  
FAX: 1-808-236-7443

From: Lui A.J. Bell  
Fisheries Division

**HIMB TAGGED TURTLE CAUGHT IN WESTERN SAMOA**

A turtle with a HIMB tag has been caught here. The relevant information are as follows:

Date of capture:	7 October, 1996
Place of Capture:	Vaitoomuli Palauli, Savafi Island, Western Samoa -caught by gillnet just off the main barrier reef by 4 gillnet fishermen fishing for fin-fish
Tag No.:	M-618
Species:	Green turtle (female)
Carapace length at capture:	47.3 cm

The turtle is being retained by Fisheries Division. The HIMB tagged was removed by fishermen before Fisheries Official arrived and the turtle will be re-tagged using SPREP tag before it will be released again. Will relay tag number.

Will give SPREP the same information for their database but would appreciate any views on re-tagging the turtle as HUMB tag that was on the turtle is damaged.

Please acknowledge receipt of this fax message.

Thank you

*Lui A.J. Bell*  
Lui A.J. Bell  
Principal Fisheries Officer

DEPARTEMENT AQUACULTURE

EVAAM

BP 20 PAPEETE

Tel (689) 428144 - Fax (689) 434979

COPY TO PETELO  
SPREP

Papeete, le 31/10/96

REF : N° 130 / EVAAM  
131⇒ Georges BALAZS (808) 943 1190

TELECOPIE

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DE LA PART DE : Jean-Pierre LANDRET

A FAX MESSAGE N° : (685) 24292

COMPAGNIE : Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, Fisheries and Météorology  
Fisheries Division.

ATTENTION : Lui AJ. BELL

NB PAGES : 1

V/REF :

Dear sir,

Mister Georges BALAZS relayed to me that a sea turtle with tag n° M 618 was recovered in your country.

The turtle was reared from hatchlings at scilly atoll (situated 300 km in the west of Bora-Bora and 530 Km in the West of Tahiti) and released in September 1994. The curved length of the carapace was approximately 25 cm, and the turtle was about 1 (one) year old.

Thank you very much for your collaboration.

Best regards.

- idan fa. MSH

Nava

Jean-PierreJ.P. LANDRET

(PR) 50 531

10-20-96





3/6/97.  
**Christian Outreach Centre  
Of Tonga**

Senior Pastor: Pita & Vea Pulu  
Phone No.: 22-141  
(Longolongo)

TONGA

P.O. Box 1599  
Nuku'alofa  
Tonga Is  
South Pacific

Aloha, Geage Balaga,

I'm the same that was write to you last year - about the turtle. I gave you all every things about last year. because in our Island they allow us to eat the turtle - six month will stop - and six month will allow to dive the turtle. I wrote a letter about one turtle this year no one write to me about that.

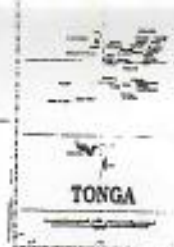
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This your friend is .Pita . is holding  
the tag number - Sorry sent me  
again the picture -

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# Christian Outreach Centre Of Tonga

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Phone No.: 22-141  
(Longolongo)

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with ~~only~~ other turtles. If you want to talk with me you will call to my phone. I don't have enough money to call to you. This month is the last month for fishing the turtle, but I found your turtle about five mill from our walf. fish market. Maybe this is the last letter I know you don't care about your turtle, if they die. So how you gonna do; Can you help me. How you gonna help my family. Me and other for family. We always go fishing - So it up to you. I believe God will help to you to Bless your Fisheries. I know that you will come to be my best friends. Next year I want some one come to Tonga - ~~see see~~ us. Thank you very much my friend. Good by and God will bless you from one of your friend. here in Tonga I hope to hear from you - last year on may - turtle - tags (S, S10, S11) - thank you.

TONGA

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South Pacific

**fast POST**  
P A N A M A

To

Aloha George Balage  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Southwest Fisheries Science Center Honolulu Laboratory  
2570 Dole St. Honolulu Hawaii 96822-2596



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Fom. Piti Pulu -  
P.O. Box 1599 - Nukunalofoa  
Tongg - Island.  
Christian Outreach Centre.

AUGUST 4, 1997

Dear Mr. Balazs;

I'm sorry for not having answered your letter dated June 24, 1997 for I was away from our place and home just arrived yesterday. It was the first time that I have recieved an answer to my letter and had forgotten all about it since its almost a year now when I've sent that letter. I'm sure your first answer was lost for it did not arrived and mail perferage is rampant in our country especially foriegn mail matters.

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The fisherman which caught the turtle were transient visitors from a distant place. Together with my cousin, we only acted as their guide. The turtle was caught in a nylon netting and got entangled. It was a type of fishing wherein the fishermen abandon its gear and come back the following morning to gather its catch. So it was not at all surprising that the creature was found already weak. Anyway, the fishermen released the turtle the turtle after taking the clips and they told me it was still breathing when they released it. I was not present when the fishermen came back to retrieve their catch.

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(back please)

these creatures.

For me, I don't want these creatures harmed. I'm a naturalist myself. I don't even want our coral reefs damaged due to rampant dynamite fishing. But you see, enforcements in our country are quite different from yours.

I hope I have given you the information you want and I wish that I could be of help. I have some more information about places here where turtle lay their eggs. Write to me if you need more information. More power to you!

Truly yours,  
Prudencio J. Lunanacas Jr.

PRUBENCIO J. LUMANCAS JR.  
CORTES, SURIGAO DEL SUR  
PHILIPPINES 8313



MR. GEORGE H. BALAZS  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SEVERAL  
2570 POLE STREET  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
96822 - 2396



Dear Sir, I write you this letter, I know you lie to me. I gave the numbe of this tag last year to Tongan Fisheries, and you say that you sent me are present gift, I did had any gift. I remember - last year on May → Can you contact me please, Can you sent me a good gift. I start on March, going fishing the turtle → I want to tell you I saw last year many turtle have a tags - on ifront and on the back. IF I get any in one of them I will try to get the number and write to you again. I got one from Samoa → - I try to tell everything: ~~IF~~ IF you sent me a good gift. my phone number - 22-141

Thank you Very much from Paster Pita Pulu.  
christian Outreach Centre  
Tonga P.O. Box 1599.



1/31/97

George:

Sounds like he really wants a  
"gift" for information from him!

Better get him his gift.

Nothing else was enclosed with  
this letter.

Evie Nakasato, Secretary  
HIMB

HIMB

JAN 31 1997

WRITE HIMB.

UNIVERSITY

HAWAII 96744.

1 Sue  
need

~~by July~~

FORWARD TO:  
GEORGE BALAZ  
XIMFS



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Pastor Pita Pulen  
P.O. Box 1599  
Mukivulo Rd  
Tonga.

HIMB

AUG 19 1996

AUGUST 7, 1996

SIR;

I had with me three (3) stainless metal clips taken from a giant turtle we caught in the Pacific Ocean about two kilometers from shoreline in our town of Cortes, Province of Surigao del Sur, Island of Mindanao, Philippines. The initials in the clips read as follows:

WRITE HIMB

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Other side reads

I-606

Respectfully yours,

Prudencio J. Lumanas Jr.  
PRUDENCIO J. LUMANAS JR.

CORTES, SURIGAO DEL SUR

PHILIPPINES



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Southwest Fisheries Science Center Honolulu Laboratory  
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24 JUNE 1997

Dear PRUDENCIO J. LUMANCAS, JR.

I AM WRITING ONCE AGAIN  
REGARDING YOUR INFORMATIVE LETTER  
DATED AUGUST 7, 1996. YOU KINDLY REPORTED  
IN YOUR LETTER THE CAPTURE OF A GIANT SEA  
TURTLE, I-606, NEAR YOUR TOWN OF CORTES.  
WE ARE THE RESEARCHERS THAT TAGGED THIS  
TURTLE. IT WAS TAGGED AT TINIAN ISLAND,  
NEAR SAIPAN, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS. THE TURTLE WAS ON THE  
SAND BEACH LAYING EGGS IN JUNE 1995.

CAN YOU PLEASE WRITE TO ME TO INFORM  
HOW THE TURTLE WAS CAPTURED? DO YOU  
FIND OTHER TURTLES IN THIS SAME AREA  
TWO KILOMETERS FROM SHORELINE? HAVE

YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS EVER SEEN OR CAPTURED  
OTHER TURTLES WITH TAGS? ARE SEA TURTLES  
AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF FOOD IN YOUR TOWN?

I HAVE ENCLOSED SEVERAL ARTICLES  
ABOUT SEA TURTLES. PLEASE WRITE TO  
ME AGAIN, AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOURS SINCERELY, GEORGE BALAZS



(over)

PRUDENCIO J. LUMANCAS, JR.  
COMES, SURIGAO DEL SUR  
PHILIPPINES 8313

I-606

Mindanao  
Philippines

TINIAN  
1995

HIMB  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
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Attention:  
George Balogs

VIA AIR MAIL



JILL WEBER  
BOX 581  
BA, FIJI ISLANDS  
TEL. (679) 670-718



Sept. 2, 1996

Dear "HIMB,"

I saw this in The Fiji Times today and from this little news item it's not clear whether or not someone has contacted you. That's why I have enclosed this for you.

Sincerely,

### Briefly

#### Turtle released

A woman caught a tagged turtle while fishing at the end of the jetty at Fiji Forbes Laucala Island on Saturday.

Fanny Valentine was surprised when the turtle had an aluminium tag on its left flipper. The top of the tag read M-54 and the bottom read: Write Himb, University of Hawai, 96744.

Acting operations manager Frank Mitchell said he took the hook out of the turtle's mouth and put the turtle back into the sea.

Paravion

AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION

M-54

To  
Suilly  
10/1/93  
Henderson  
Newborn

George  
Bokors

~~George Bokors~~  
Himb  
University of Hawaii

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USA

Air Mail

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Air Mail



HIMB

NOV 27 1996

ANWAR ARI

Box 2633,

BA

Fiji Islands

Dear Sir

This is to inform  
you that I found a turtle  
on 1st November, 1996 while  
I was on fishing at western  
side of Viti Levu in BA area  
at Unithulevu Reef and written  
on top shell

WRITE

HIMB

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Yours faithfully,  
Anwar Ari.

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X 410

Box  
1346

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NOV 27 1996

ATTN:  
GEORGE BALAZS



Answer ALI

Box 2633,

PA.

NO



**San Diego, California**

Date 11-5-96

Dear G. H. Balazs

I would greatly appreciate your sending me the following paper(s) if you have copies available for distribution.

Growth rates of immature green turtles in the Hawaiian archipelago.  
Balazs, GH

BIOSIS #99162694

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim McBain, DVM

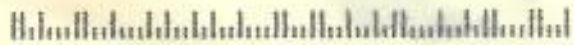
Detach here and use for return label

Sea World of California  
1720 So. Shores Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92109

Attn: Jim McBain, DVM



G H BALAZS  
HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR MARINE BIOLOGY  
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Nouméa,

The following marks were found  
on one green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)  
captured by local fisherman at GORO  
in the south of New Caledonia on  
7/2/1996.

Marks numbers :  
6880 and  
6881

009469



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I hope all is going well with you.

Cheers,

Andrew

Andrew Smith

11/19/97  
George, for some unknown reason the tag was sent back to me here in Palau by our Hawaii office. Please pass it on to the "HIMB". Thanks

Regards,

Andrew



Date: Fri, 1 Mar 2002 06:43:07 -1000  
From: George H. Balazs <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>  
To: Shawn Murakawa2 <shawn.murakawa@noaa.gov>,  
Shawn Murakawa <smurakaw@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>  
Subject: FW: Turtle tag report from eastern Papua New Guinea Coast (S932)  
(fwd)

Please print attachment for me, also though I doubt S-932 is in TDPS, please do a check on it to see if maybe just maybe it's there and email me back to let me know, I'll be in the office at about 9am today. Mahalo! Geo.

----- Forwarded message -----

Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2002 14:53:40 -1100  
From: Job Opu <Job@sprep.org.ws>  
To: "George H. Balazs (E-mail)" <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>,  
"George H. Balazs (Business Fax)"

<IMCEAFAX-George+20H+2E+20Balazs+40+2B685+20+28808+29+20983+202902@sprep.org  
.ws>, "Colin Limpus (E-mail)" <col.limpus@env.qld.gov.au>,  
'David Mitchell' <d.mitchell@conservation.org>  
Cc: AP 2/15/4 - Turtle Tagging Information  
<AP2/15/4-TurtleTaggingInformation@sprep.org.ws>  
Subject: FW: Turtle tag report from eastern Papua New Guinea Coast (S932)

Dear George,

Please help with the turtle recapture information from David Mitchel in Papua New Guinea. The details are attached. Is the tag from one of your projects?

The "S" series tags in the SPREP turtle database range from S11 - S270 and these tags were applied in Scilly Atoll, french polynesia and Marshall Islands.

I don't have any information on the re-captured tag (S932).

David. Thanks for sending in the information. Was the turtle eaten?

cheers

Job

-----Original Message-----

From: David Mitchell [mailto:d.mitchell@conservation.org]  
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2002 1:37 PM  
To: Job Opu  
Subject: Turtle tag

Job

had a villager from the north coast come in with a turtle tag. Details are attached. If you can pass on to the right place and details can be sent back to me so that I can advise the person who caught it when he returns to the office. His contact details ar also include.

david mitchell

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Turtle tag

WRITE HIMB  
UNIVERSITY  
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S-932

S932

Caught: near Keia village, Cape Hulana approx 10° 12.5' S 150° 34' E  
Date: 14 February 2002

Caught by villager who was night diving with diving torch and speared using home made spear 'gun'. The turtle was swimming against the current on the edge of the reef drop off.

Name: Mr Andie Gada P.O. Box 191 Alotau, Milne Bay Province, PNG

Have advised this person to measure the carapice and bring the string in.  
Mr Andie Gada



**MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES**

P. O. Box G13  
Honiara  
Solomon Islands

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2001

**Telephone** (677) 30107  
**Fax** (677) 30256  
**Telex** HQ 66465

Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB)  
University of Hawaii  
Hawaii 96744

Dear Sir/Madam,

I received this tag (Number S - 858) from Mr. Casper Kailo yesterday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2001. Mr. Casper is from Nola Village in Reef Islands (group of small coralline islands) of Temotu Province in Solomon Islands. Temotu is the eastern most Province of Solomon Islands.

This turtle (species not identified) was speared and killed by Mr. Casper himself on one of the reefs (no name given) in Reef Islands on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1996. No further information was given on the turtle. Obviously he has been keeping the tag since.

I believe the turtle has been tagged by your Institute. Therefore I am sending the recovered tag (S - 858) back to you. Also enclosed is the original hand written information from Mr. Casper himself.

Thank you and regards.

Peter C. Ramohia  
Senior Fisheries Officer  
For Permanent secretary  
MFMR

OHMS

TO: HAWAII INSTITUTE OF MARINE BIOLOGY (HIMB)  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
HAWAII 96744



SENDER: MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE RESOURCES  
P.O. BOX G13, HONIARA  
Solomon Islands

CONTAINED/ENCLOSED: A TURTLE METAL TAG.



This Envelope is manufactured from 100% Recycled Australian Paper.

Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2003 06:29:32 +1200  
From: The Stone's <stone@is.com.fj>  
To: David G. Itano <dgi@hawaii.edu>  
Cc: George H. Balazs <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>  
Subject: Re: Fw: Did I say that?

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Dave  
I thought I sent it as well.  
I have a little piece of paper in my file with  
HIMB 99744  
34 S  
18" Carapace  
Hawksbill  
Caught and released again at Waialoa beach Nadi.

Robert  
Indeed Tony is well proportioned.  
----- Original Message -----  
From: David G. Itano  
To: The Stone's  
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 8:30 PM  
Subject: Re: Fw: Did I say that?

HOLA ROBERT,

RAN INTO DR TURTLE THE OTHER DAY (GEORGE B) AND HE SAID THAT AFTER ALL  
THE BACK AND FORTHE EMAILS HE NEVER DID GET THE DATA ON THAT TURTLE  
RECOVERY YOU WROTE TO ME ABOUT. DID YOU SEND IT ? ANYWAY, JUST PASSING  
THIS ALONG. OLD NEWS ALSO AS I WAS IN AUSTRALIA AT RECENT SCTB . GOOD TO  
SEE MANY OLD FRIENDS INCLUDING TONY LEWIS WHO IS LOOKING GREAT NOW.  
SOMEHOW PNG AGREES WITH HIM I GUESS. WELL, ALL FOR NOW,  
BEST REGARDS,

DAVID

Ha'alamfuli,

Vavau,

Tonga Is.

30<sup>th</sup> March 2000.

Manager,

This letter to let you know that I have found a turtle; it may belong to your university. I found him dead on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2000 on a small island it shows on the map that I sent it together with this letter. It seemed that he was got hurt before. He was a very big one for it was about 1.5 metre long  $\times$   $\frac{3}{4}$  of a metre wide.

There was only three pins left with him, but I sent one together with this letter.

To get some more information, I'll be available at any time if you can call me on telephone # 70-912. or you can write to me on the above address.

Thank you  
from, Francis Vaka.  
(your friend.)



Date: Wed, 22 Aug 2001 22:40:27  
From: mauro rosini <m\_rosini@hotmail.com>  
To: gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

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Dear George:

This is Antonio & Bety Resendiz from Instituto Nacional de Pesca in Bahia de los Angeles BC and we want to let you know about a flipper tag return from Baja: Our Biologist friend in San Quintin BC (>190 miles south from San Diego Calif.) Ruben Garcia Hiraes give us a tag No.8873  
"Write HIMB University Hawaii 96744". Capture site: Bahia Falsa in San Quintin BC, Date: Oct 30-00 East Pacific Black sea turtle size 34-35 kgs  
Hoping this data will help your tagging efforts in your area.

Sincerely

Antonio & Bety Resendiz  
Mauro Rosini Donati  
email: m\_rosini@hotmail.com

San Diego:  
tel ++1 619 297 1593  
fax ++1 619 232 5410

Bahia de los Angeles, Baja California:  
tel ++52 6650 3207  
fax ++52 6650 3206

8873

Scarica GRATUITAMENTE MSN Explorer all'indirizzo  
<http://explorer.msn.it/intl.asp>

*G. Balazs*

*Col  
Carrie*

See email

Sea World 

October 7, 1987

Fish and Wildlife Service  
Sacramento Area Office  
2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2740  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Dear Sirs:


Sea World of California released a Green Sea Turtle, Chelonia mydas, on October 6, 1987. The turtle had a carapace length of 52 centimeters and was tagged with a tag provided by Elizabeth Jozwiak, NMFS, Southwest Region. The tag was numbered 8875.

This is the Green Sea Turtle that was brought to us by Mr. Don Ward, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California, on July 16, 1987 (see my letter reporting this acquisition dated July 22, 1987).

The turtle was released at Latitude 32° 43.96'  
Longitude 117° 22.00'

This information is furnished in compliance with the "Memorandum of Understanding By and Between Sea World and the California Department of Fish and Game Relating to the Possession and Rehabilitation of Sea Turtles."

Sincerely,

  
Mike Shaw  
Curator of Fishes

cc: Mr. Bill Maxwell  
California Department of Fish and Game

Ms. Elizabeth Jozwiak  
NMFS, Southwest Region



P.O. Box 1874  
Apia  
Western Samoa

Tel: 685 20369  
Fax: 685 24292



Your Ref:

Ours Ref:

*Government of Western Samoa*  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTS AND FISHERIES**  
**FISHERIES DIVISION**

October 23, 1996

Dr George Balazs  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
2570 Dole Street  
Honolulu,  
Hawaii 96822-2396  
USA

Dear Dr Balazs,

Enclosed please find the tag, M-618, as promised. Hopefully we'll hear from Jean-Pierre Landret of EVAAM concerning details on the turtle.

Best regards.

*L. A. J. Bell*

Lui A.J. Bell  
Principal Fisheries Officer

M-618

P.O. Box 1074  
Apia  
Western Samoa

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SOLOMON ISLANDS

Name: Casper Kailo

Nola Waga

Reef Island

Temotu Province

Date 22/12/96

This turtle was speared in  
one of the reeves in Reef Island

S-858



WELLS RILEY  
UNIVERSITY  
MONTGOMERY



c/- JOGEFA DOBUI,  
Lande Department,  
P.O. Box 96,  
Labasa,  
FIJI ISLAND.

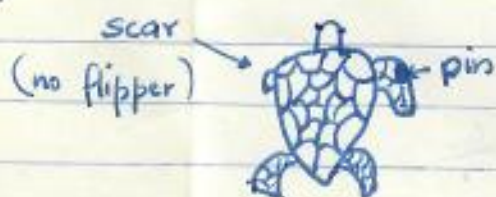
Dear Sir,

Hellow!!

I would like to inform you that I saved a young turtle which was caught in a low tide and being brought to the village by some kids with your address pin to it.

This turtle was caught at NAVUNIEVU reef in the BUA Province which is at VANUA LEVU in the Fiji Island. The turtle has its number 217-E, which was clipped on its right flipper whereas on its left flipper has a scar and this turtle has no left flipper.

I am so sorry; I didn't take its measurement for your information.



The turtle is capable of staying alive and its free in the ocean again. Coming back from the village to my residence I decide to write over to you, hoping this letter will be a kind of interest to you; since it has your address and your pin no.

Buy for now.

Looking forward for early reply.

Thank you!

Your sincerely,  
KARALANI VULAWAI.

*Karalani*  
(Friend).

Sender:

KARALAINI VULAWAI,

c/- JOSEFA DOBUI,

P.O. BOX 96,

Labasa,

FUJI Island.

CORREGO AEREO



THE DIRECTOR,  
HIMB UNIVERSITY,  
HAWAII 96744,  
HAWAII.

HIMB  
OCT 1 1999

G. BALAZ



8/20/97

Received  
at HIMB

WRITE HIMB  
UNIVERSITY  
HAWAII  
96744

DEAR SIR,

I WRITE YOU A LETTER TO TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT  
YOUR TURTLE. I AM A DIVING MAN OF THE ISLAND OF TONGA NAME  
'EUEIKI. ONE NIGHT I GO DIVING, AND I SEE THE TURTLE AND ILL SHOT IT AND  
TAKE IT HOME AND I SEE YOUR MARK. AND I KNOW YOUR TURTLE COMES  
TOO FAR FROM YOUR ISLAND AND LIVE IN OUR ISLANDS. AND THAT IS THE  
YOUR MARK I GIVE IT BACK TO YOU TO SEE IT AND KNOW HOW LONG THE  
TURTLES. COME

THANKS AND LOT OF LOVE FROM

KISINA TOETU

'EUEIKI,  
TONGATAPU IS.

L189

*fast* POST  
PAR AVION



White Himb  
UNIVERSITY  
HONGKONG  
96744.



Attn: GEORGE BARRZ

L-189



SENDER,

Kising Toetuw  
Eubiki  
Tamparulis.

6/2

19 September 1997

Dear Mr. Balazs:

I am writing once again as a follow up to my previous letter mailed during the first week of August. I just wonder if you received the same or had already answered. I am reminding you therefore to <sup>send</sup> your letter by registered mail to insure that it will reach its destination. I have told you last time that mail pilferage is a common occurrence in our country.

With regards to your questions last time, here are the answers. The turtle was caught in a nylon net designed to catch deep sea fishes. It was retrieved the following morning surely alive. They released the creature after taking the clips and returned the following day to their place for they were only visiting fishermen. My cousin and I were only acting as their guide as I was not present when they retrieved their catch. It was also the first time that a tagged turtle was caught within our place and adjacent town. Most of the places here consider sea turtle as a delicacy.

The information in the article you inserted were quite right for there are laws here which forbids the catching up of this creatures and penalties imposed. But this laws are seldom enforced because some of the lawbreakers are themselves the enforcers and this has been the practice ever since.

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As for myself, I found it disturbing to harm these creatures. I don't want these creatures harmed. I'm a nature lover and I wish that these practices be stopped. In fact I feel sad when dynamite fishers damaged our coral reefs and loggers cut down trees in our forest. But you know, it's quite different here in our country. Greed is always ignored and greed will always prevail.

(back please)



PRUDENO J. LUMANCAS JR.  
CORTES, SAIGAO DEL SUR  
PHILIPPINES 8313



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MR. GEORGE H. BALAZS  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SEVERAL  
2570 DOLE STREET  
HONOLULU HAWAII 96822-2396  
U. S. A.

VIA AIR MAIL  
PAR AVION



On George Smith  
Subject: leatherback

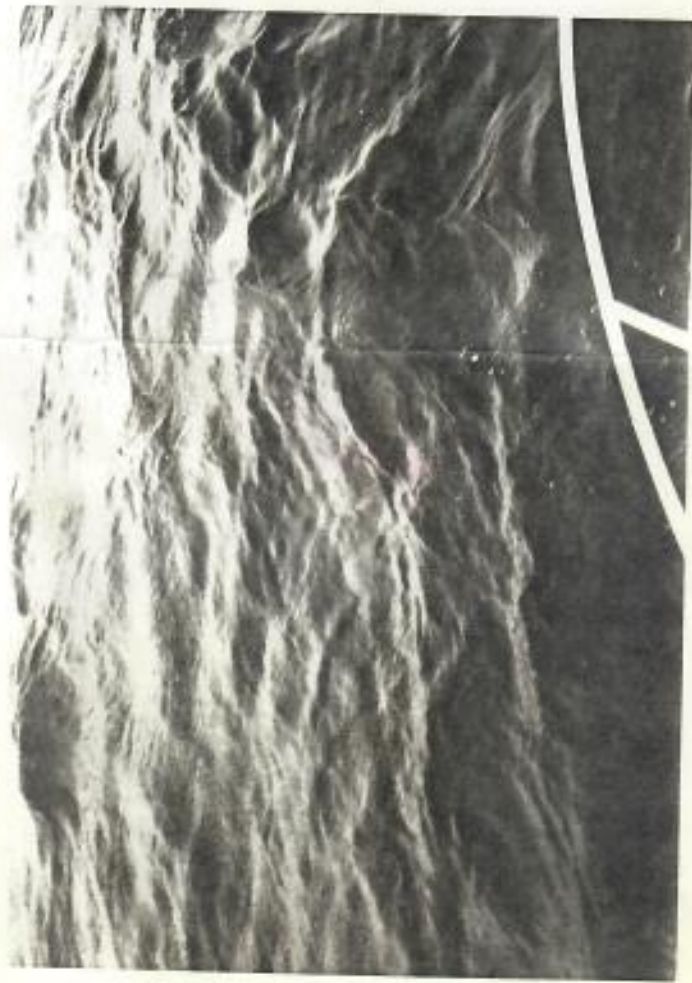
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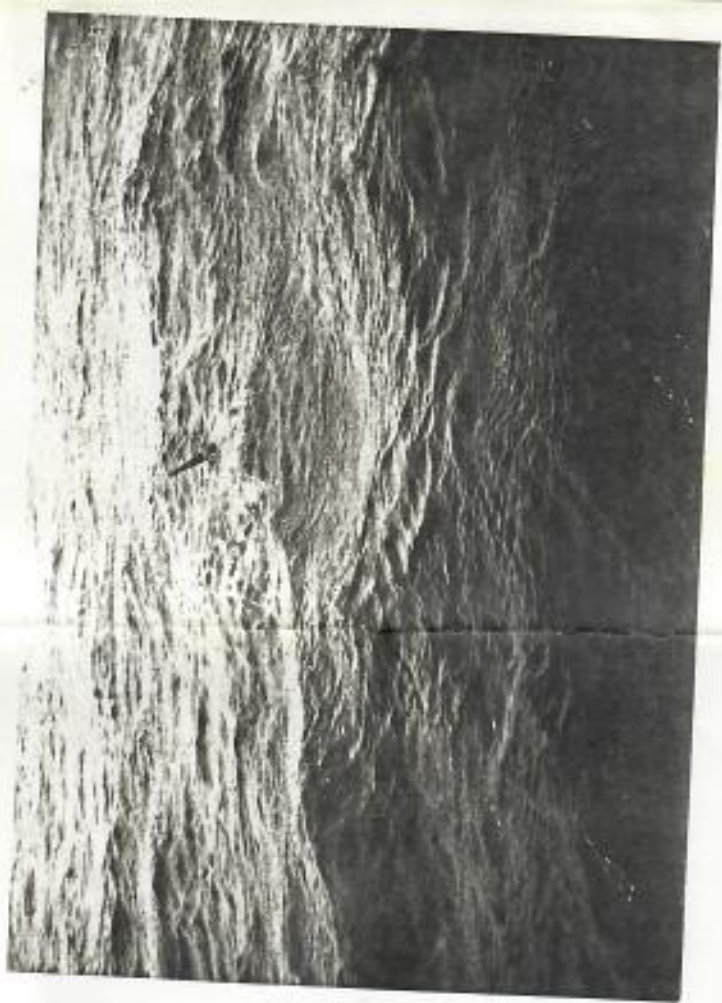
Scott Carvill                      Name of Boat: Connie Marie  
792 E North Kalaheo  
Kailua      96734                      #261-3989

Date of siting: Nov. 27 or day before (Scott will verify)  
Scott was saying that they were chasing bird piles for Mahi when they saw the turtle. The mahi stopped biting at 9am. They decided to check out the turtle. The length of the shell was approx. 5'. Scott had noticed a wound when they pulled the boat closer (he mention it didnt look fresh). They also saw a 12' Tiger swimming underneath it. It soon started to attempt to bite the shell with little to no success. After that the tiger bit a flipper and appeared to get excited, possible from the blood that was now in the water. Scott then said the shark bit the head off. Scott did confirm that the turtle was alive when they came up on it (head breathing). Scott mentioned that they can send us the negatives or the doubles of the photos that they took.





Scott Cravell  
123 A Popoia Rd  
Kailua, HI 96734



2-10-92

SEA TURTLE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLING FORM FOR HIGH-SEAS DRIFTNET OBSERVERS

Complete Following Information For ALL Turtles

Vessel	R/V Shinriyasu Maru	Species	Loggerhead
Observer	D. R. HAWN	Condition	DEAD/INTACT
Operation	OPER. 10	Length	24cm
Section	Sec 3 (S)	Retrieved?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Complete Following Information For RETRIEVED Turtles

Tags present?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Tag Number	Tag position/color/type
TURTLE DEAD		TURTLE ALIVE	
Turtle kept?		Turtle released?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Whole turtle salvaged?		Tags applied?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Gut preserved?		Tag Nos.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No		

Comments: LAT° 29-28 N (3) Photo's  
 LONG° 154-06 W

## SEA TURTLE BIOLOGICAL SAMPLING FORM FOR HIGH-SEAS DRIFTNET OBSERVERS

Complete Following Information For ALL Turtles

Vessel	SHIN-PIASU MARU	Species	(Olive RIDLEY) ? NO I.D.
Observer	DONALD R HAWN	Condition	Very weak - reclov - released
Operation	OPERATION 03	Length	20cm (measured) 49cm (carap)
Section	Sec 2 1m, 180mm	Retrieved?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

1.28.92

Complete Following Information For RETRIEVED Turtles

Tags present?	Yes	Tag Number	Tag position/color/type
<input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
TURTLE DEAD		TURTLE ALIVE	
Turtle kept?		Turtle released?	
Yes		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Whole turtle salvaged?		Tags applied?	
No		<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
Yes	No	Tag Nos.	
Gut preserved?		L-963 (ONLY 1 TAG)	
Yes	No	TAG Location 1 (LEFTSIDE)	

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

26-37 E  
157-05 W





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*DON*

*HAWN*

*Copperhead - dead*

*Rudley?*

*or Ploggenhead*

*- Tagged -  
 - Steve*



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September 25, 2000

HIMB  
University of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96744

Re: Turtle Tags Found

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is to inform you that two turtle tags were found on Saipan Island by an "unknown" fisherman. The two turtles were found outside the Tanapag Reef, Saipan, CNMI, foraging in shallow (10 – 50 ft) water. Another individual brought the tags to our office. The tags are I – 635 and I – 628. If there are any further questions please contact me.

Best Regards,

Peter Houk  
Marine Biologist, Division of Environmental Quality



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BY 1344

H-635  
H-638  
Tide  
The Bay  
Salpan  
Giant  
Beltz

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Peter Hawk  
DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
P.O. Box 1304  
Salpan, CM 96950

HIMB  
JUN 15 2001

### SIGHTING INFORMATION TURTLE AND SEAL

Animal sighted (circle):  Turtle  Seal  
Number of animals: \_\_\_\_\_ Type, if known: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: 04-02-03 Observer: Sandra Raubo  
Address & phone: via Ray Boland (EEI)  
Time: 10:00a (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
Location: Waikiki Turtle Canyon's (Ewa Buoy)  
Observed from (circle):  shore, boat (name: \_\_\_\_\_),  
 while skin or  SCUBA diving (on surface or at 3.5 feet deep).  
Estimated size (length): \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: (such as color pattern; injuries; scar patterns; tumors;  
whether flipper tags are present (Y/N); color and number of the tag(s);  
bleach marks (number/letter); behavior; and weather)

tag # 109 found on sandy bottom.

Seals and sea turtles are protected under Federal and State law.  
**DO NOT DISTURB.**

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"Gid VICIOUS"

Historical Information for Turtle Tag H90

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
7F520425	5/21/93	PIT	PIT
H90	1/24/92	1681	LFL
H91	1/24/92	1681	RFL
H92	1/24/92	1681	LHF
K169	10/15/93	1681	RHF

9-18-92 Remains of rusted fish hook in anterior base of pft removed  
 11-17-92 Found w/ 7" propeller slash across carapace  
 11-20-92 Buents to MKC - Dental adhesive patch

Date	Type of Encounter	Location	Tumor/Blas:	Nesting/Act:	Straight Carapace	Since Last Encounter				Overall				
						Month	Year	cm/mo	cm/yr	Month	Year	cm/mo	cm/yr	
1/24/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	45.6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4/30/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, 300 yards from FL DeRussey	0	-	---	3.0	0.3	---	---	3.0	0.3	---	---	---
5/15/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	45.6	---	---	---	---	3.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
9/18/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	46.9	4.0	0.3	4.3	4.3	7.0	0.6	0.2	2.2	2.2
11/17/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	---	1.0	0.1	---	---	9.0	0.8	---	---	---
11/20/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	47.5	---	---	---	---	9.0	0.8	0.2	2.4	2.4
11/27/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	---	---	---	---	---	10.0	0.8	---	---	---
5/21/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	48.6	5.0	0.4	---	---	15.0	1.3	0.2	2.3	2.3
8/27/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	49.2	3.0	0.3	2.0	2.0	19.0	1.6	0.2	2.3	2.3
10/15/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	49.6	1.0	0.1	4.0	4.0	20.0	1.7	0.2	2.4	2.4
10/29/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	---	---	---	---	---	21.0	1.8	---	---	---
4/7/95	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	51.6	17.0	1.4	---	---	38.0	3.2	0.2	1.9	1.9
4/2/03	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	---	85.0	7.9	---	---	134.0	11.2	---	---	---

Contact would like info on history of turtle

### Historical Information for Turtle Tag H90

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
7F520425	5/21/93	PIT	PIT
H80	1/24/92	I681	LFL
H91	1/24/92	I681	RFL
H92	1/24/92	I681	LHF
K169	10/15/93	I681	RHF

Date	Type of Encounter	Location	Tumor	Bank	Nesting Act	Weight	Since Last Encounter				Overall				
							Month	Year	lbs/mo	lbs/yr	Month	Year	lbs/mo	lbs/yr	
1/24/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	29.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
4/30/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, 300 yards from Ft. DeRussey	0	-	-	---	3.0	0.3	---	---	---	3.0	0.3	---	---
5/15/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	31.0	---	---	---	---	---	3.0	0.3	0.7	6.7
9/18/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	33.0	4.0	0.3	0.5	6.7	---	7.0	0.6	0.6	6.7
11/17/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	---	1.0	0.1	---	---	---	9.0	0.8	---	---
11/20/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	33.0	---	---	---	---	---	9.0	0.8	0.4	5.0
11/27/92	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	---	---	---	---	---	---	10.0	0.8	---	---
5/21/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	36.0	5.0	0.4	---	---	---	15.0	1.3	0.5	5.4
8/27/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	38.0	3.0	0.3	0.7	6.7	---	19.0	1.6	0.5	5.6
10/15/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	38.5	1.0	0.1	0.5	5.0	---	20.0	1.7	0.5	5.6
10/29/93	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	---	---	---	---	---	---	21.0	1.8	---	---
4/7/95	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	48.0	17.0	1.4	---	---	---	38.0	3.2	0.5	5.9
4/2/03	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	-	---	95.0	7.9	---	---	---	134.0	11.2	---	---

Historical Information for Turtle Tag K713  
 George H. Balazs  
 Marine Turtle Research Program  
 NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center  
 2570 Dole Street  
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2396  
 gbalazs@honiab.nmfs.hawaii.edu

Tag Information:

Tag Number	Date	Tag Type	Tag Position
K713	5/6/1994	681	RFL
K714	5/6/1994	681	LFL
K715	5/6/1994	681	RHF
K716	5/6/1994	681	LHF
K726	5/6/1994	681	L34

Date	Type of Encounter	Location	Tumor Rank	Nesting Act.	Curved Carapace	Since Last Encounter			Overall		
						Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo	Interval Month	Year	Growth-Rates cm/mo
5/6/1994	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon	0	-	79.0	--	--	--	--	--	--
10/11/2004	Near Shore	Oahu, Waikiki, Canyon, Turtle Canyons	0	-	--	125.0	10.4	--	125.0	10.4	--



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*From Tortuguero Beach  
Sept '86*

Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, New York 10024-5192, U.S.A.



Date: Sun, 25 Jan 1998 18:01:45 -0500  
From: Ursula Keuper-Bennett <howzit@TURTLES.ORG>  
Reply to: Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation <CTURTLE@lists.ufl.edu>  
To: CTURTLE@LISTS.UFL.EDU  
Subject: Forwarded message re. FP and a question

Denise - Do you  
happen to know where  
this site is  
located?  
Regularly  
frequented  
by tourists?

Dear Fibropapilloma researchers and CTURTLEs interested in FP,

Every once in a while, Peter and I get email about FP that we feel needs to be shared. While the sender wrote this to us, I really believe it was meant for a wider audience --that is, the good hearts who are trying to find FP's secrets and the agencies responsible for helping these poor animals.

I also offer it to sea turtle researchers whose populations are currently healthy -- may they stay that way for you.

[MESSAGE BEGINS]

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X-Mailer: Windows Eudora Pro Version 3.0 (32)  
From: "Yoshiko Mayeaux" <ymayezux@gte.net>  
Date: Fri, 23 Jan 1998 08:09:53 -0500  
To: howzit@turtles.org

I'm not sure of exact spot BUT  
There is a reef  
directly outside of  
Kihai Lagoon  
That is most likely  
the site. Some tours  
may go there but  
probably not regular.  
Maybe those  
catering  
to  
Japanese  
tourists?  
mostly

Hi I am new to the islands. I discovered your web page back in san diego. I went on a dive about a couple of weeks ago. We were diving pahu, runway reef also called turtle reef (it's located right at the end of the airport runway about 1/4 to 1/2 mile off shore. We must have seen 30 plus turtles on this dive all being cleaned. I am sad to say we saw one with tumors so bad around the eyes I believe that if it was not blind it was very close. I thought it may have been dead because it did not even move. I sat and watched it for over ten minutes and was only able to leave it once I saw it move. I have to wonder how it could survive this kind of impairment. I wish there was some way I could have helped this poor animal. There should be some agency that could try to rescue these turtles and help them. I have to also say that even though its been over a week the vision of that turtle has not left my mind one minute of the day.. I can truly understand what you meant when you said that you cried under the water when you saw this same thing. Keep the Faith Bill Mayeaux

[MESSAGE ENDS]

Just a comment here. About the 30 plus turtles. We've been told that before and we have gone to an area to investigate. It is just the same six to a dozen turtles that keep swimming around --most people can't tell turtles apart. This might be what's happening here.

Oh yeah, thanks to all who took the time to write about the olfactory acuity of green sea turtles. They've got a VERY sharp sense of smell which explains a heck of a lot about some of the things we see.

I now have another question and it deals with FP. We've noticed an interesting behaviour over the years --all with profoundly tumoured turtles. They were resting, minding their own business and one of the Honokowai "regulars" would drive the poor beast away.

This was done either with a bite, landing atop the animal or sticking a

head under the plastron and shoving. Each time the victim took the hint, got up and left --followed closely and purposefully by the "bully".

The longest video sequence involved a young male called Goofyfoot, who buzzed a sick animal (doubt very much it could see) and chased it upcurrent. When he was satisfied the turtle would keep going, Goofyfoot turned 'round and headed straight back to the Turtle House and landed.

While honu just make it a habit of pestering one another, this driving away seems to be reserved for the most debilitated and weak --animals with shrunken plastrons and algae coating everything including their facial markings.

Explanations re. this behaviour would really be welcomed.

All the best with your research and CUinMazatlan.

Ursula Keuper-Bennett  
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<http://www.turtles.org>

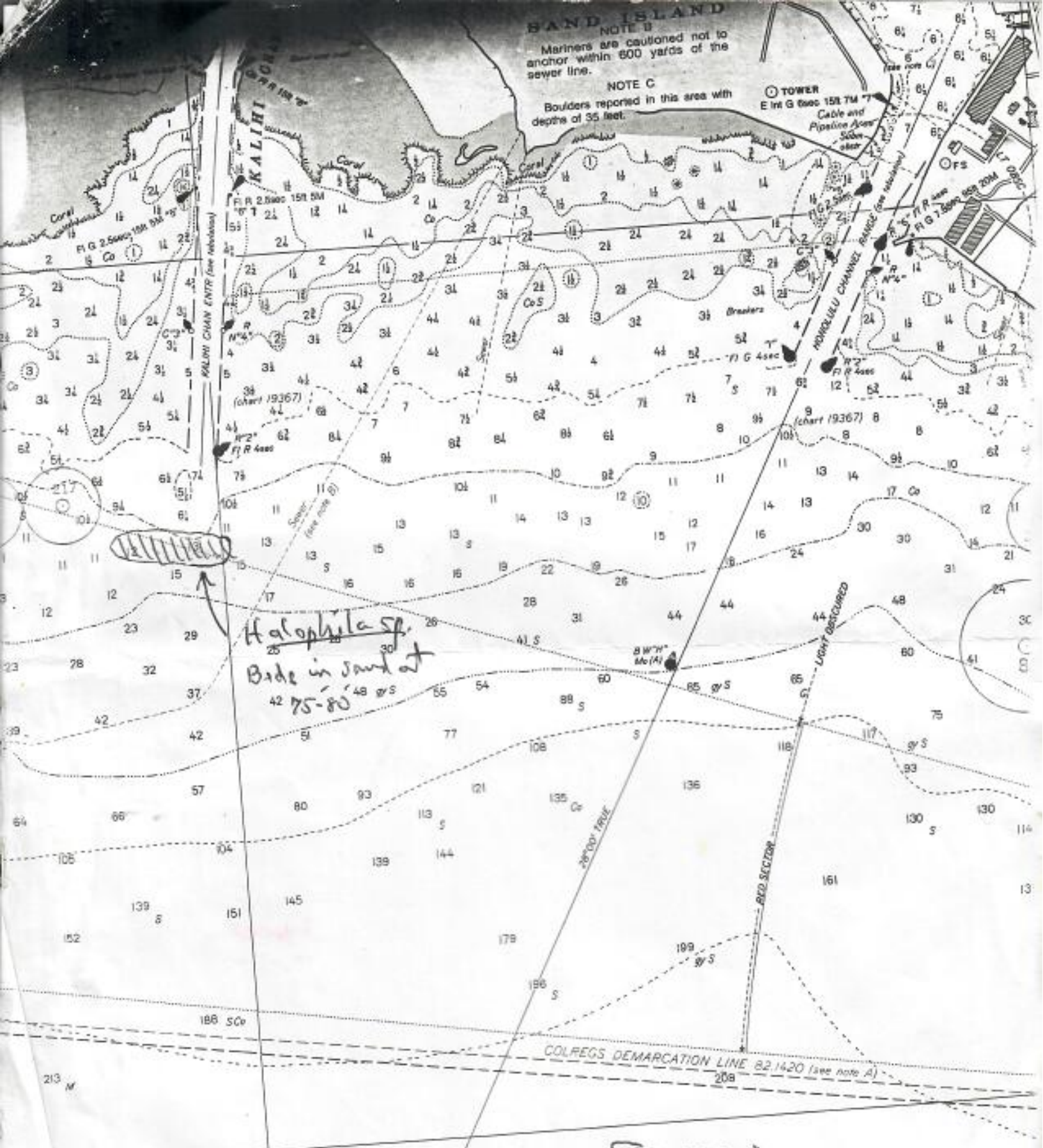
The usual outcome for most affected turtles in Hawaii is debilitation over a protracted period, followed by death.

-- George Balazs

PLEASE SUPPORT Marine Turtle Fibropapilloma RESEARCH

**BAND ISLAND**  
NOTE B  
Mariners are cautioned not to anchor within 600 yards of the sewer line.

NOTE C  
Boulders reported in this area with depths of 35 feet.



*Halophila* sp.  
Beds in sand at  
75-80' ds

George:  
FYI & request.

12/18/96 John

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LORAN - W. CAMMOG

7289 NINIAI

Honolulu  
96825 8/4/90

George:

Here are the markings for the area we see turtles.

AREA #1 23-24 ft.

LORAN READING TD 13248 37198

- 125° to Koko Head Point
- 350° to The Condo on KAWAIIAE ST.
- 268° to the radio tower in Kaimuki



AREA #2 25-30 ft

Go 315° toward Nii Valley. The whole area has shelves and areas where the turtles hang out.

Robbie is off from school and is available to help you. He can pretty much find the turtle area.

I would love to go too and with a little warning, can take off from work if you need my help.

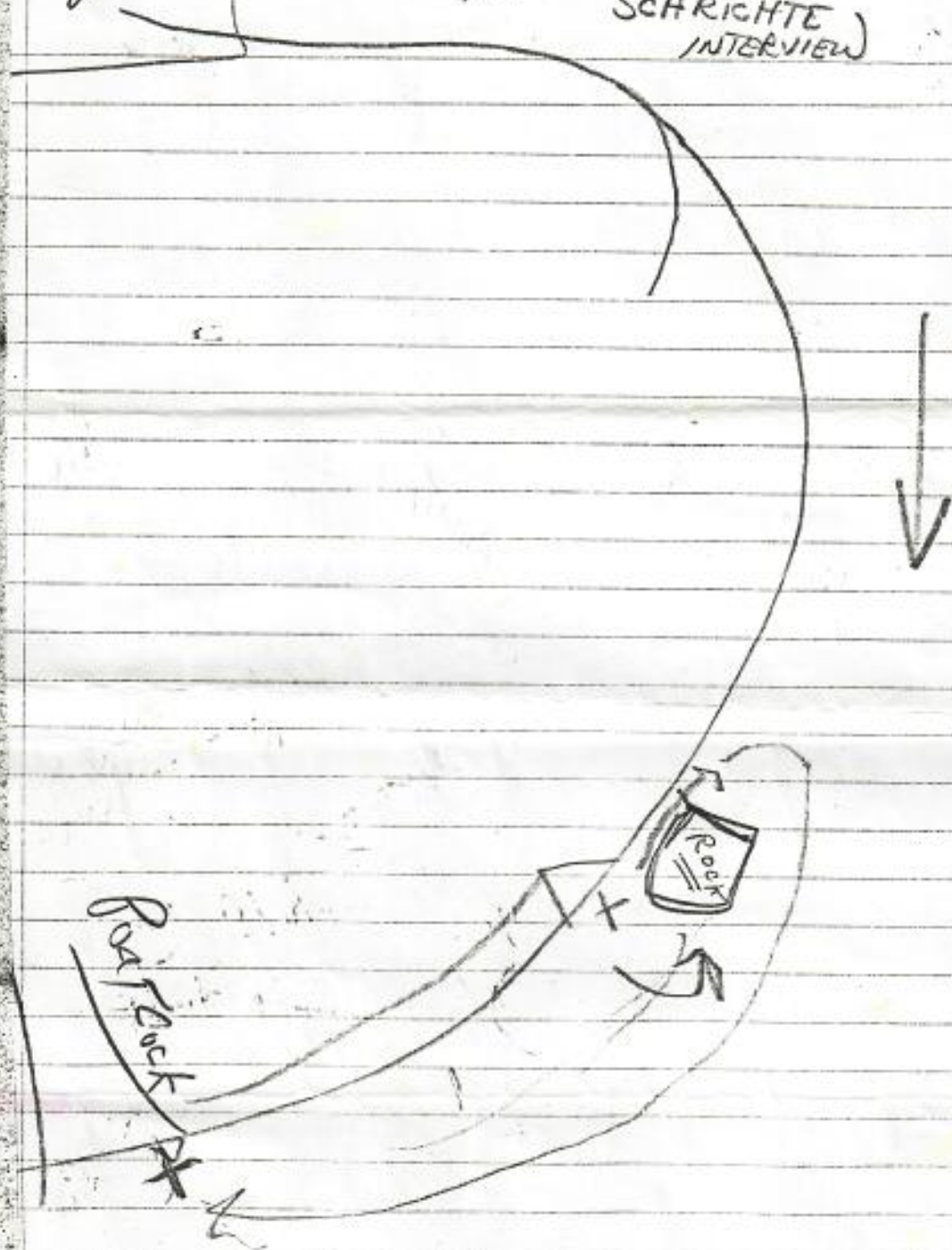
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July 8

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## SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

MAIKIKI AQUARIUM	8/20/97
PERSON RECORDING DATA:	

OLD TAGS:

YE64 (RFL)

NEW TAGS: RFL

TUMOR  
SCORE

YE63 (LFL)

LFL

OTHER  
NEW  
TAGS:

STRAIGHT CARAPACE-LENGTH:

31.2

WIDTH:

26.8

NOTCH LENGTH:

31.0

DB:

L.O.

VB:

L.O.

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

32.9

WIDTH:

28.5

HEAD WIDTH:

6.1

SEX: MALE, FEMALE OR  
UNDETERMINED

PPS: YES OR NO OR NE

NO

TAIL LENGTH:

T

6.0

c

4.5

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH:

6.1

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

PLASTRON LENGTH:

25.4

WEIGHT:

4.2 kg

80c blood

for plasma banking

DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

DNA, PLASMA + Viton (BEAN  
CBC)



SeaLife Park Turtle

08/20/97

<u>curved</u>	<u>length</u> 32.5	<u>width</u> <del>27</del> 27
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<u>straight</u>	30.5	24.1
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notch = 30.4head = 5.6right front flipper = 5.2plastron length 23.6tail +: 7      ≤: 5tag # YJ80 ~~(R2-3)~~ tag fell off

weight 3.72

PPS - \*undetermined

tumor score = 0

samples collected

▷

6/7/95 -

Box. 2956

Vaimoa

Apia.

W. Samoa.

To:- Dear George.

Talofa! Iava! How are you? I hope you are fine and well. I write to you because I didn't receive a letter from you when you got there. Did you write to Viliamu and Malu. I tell them that you come to our house, and they are very happy. Oh! How is your daughter? I hope she's fine. Give my love to her. In this year 1995, I'm am going to sit the school c. and the national axam. I hope someday your family will come and visit us, here in Samoa. I have to go now. I have a school work to do. May God bless you and the family. By: Love always

from:- Tasi. Matangi.

Please write back. I am waiting for an answer. Oh! Give my love to your wife and kids.

