

letters to the editor

Ed. Note: The Council recently received the following letter from George Balazs, a marine biologist at the University of Hawaii. The form mentioned in his letter is printed at the bottom of the page.

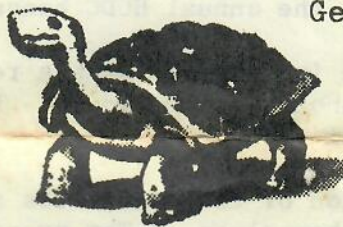
Dear Editor,

I have recently received a grant from the State Marine Affairs Coordinator to conduct a comprehensive survey and assessment of sea turtles in Hawaiian waters. As a preliminary effort to gather information on the locations of turtle aggregations, I am distributing "turtle sighting report forms"

to various organizations on each island. I believe that it would be beneficial if my form for Oahu were to appear in your publication, Aqualine. I therefore would greatly appreciate your consideration of such a request.

I have already presented slide show/lectures on Hawaiian sea turtles to several of your member organizations. Hopefully I will get to speak to all of them within the coming year.

Sincerely,
George H. Balazs



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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: Ann D. Hansen

Address & Tel. No. (optional): 3280 Beaumont Woods Terrace 988-7595

Date: 9-13-75 Time: 1 pm Location (indicate

on chart): small islands just Diemenhead of Rabbit Island

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

Estimated size (shell length): 4 ft

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.):

He was in a shallow cave (head pointed in - 4 foot high cave) - sleeping. It was very dark, couldn't make

Other comments: out color etc. He seemed to be as big as I am. Afraid to go too near (I came within 10-15'), for fear

of awakening him & THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION having him thrash around getting out of cave.

