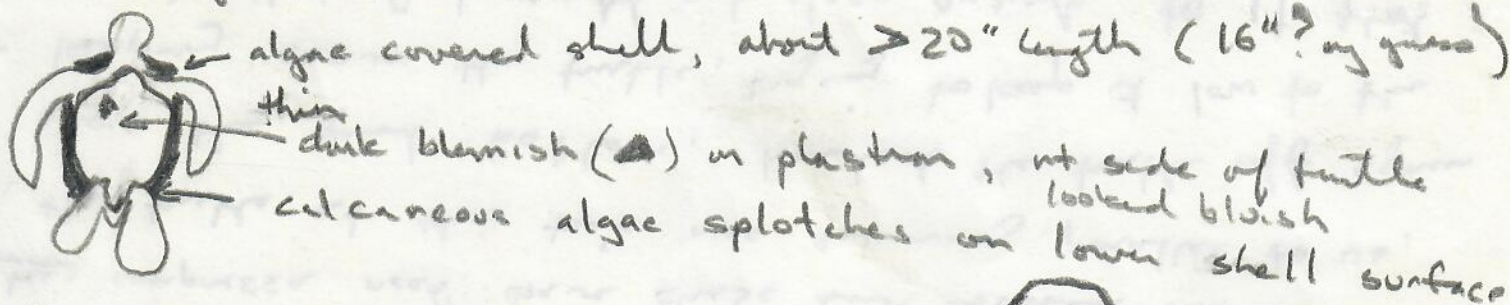


November 19, 1977

Dive partners: Dave Eckert and Rodd Turner

An early morning dive 7:15 am, swam out from beach through cable-cut. Upon diving down, perhaps perpendicular to Witches Brew I observed a small green turtle swimming away toward open ocean. Visibility was limited due to phytoplankton in upper layers of the water. Swimming to next reefs keep seeing the same turtle and so gave chase. Was able to surround turtle and chase it into D.E. who let the turtle slip away. Depth about 30-40'. Porites compressa reef. Gave chase and followed the turtle further out, the turtle at this time was swimming parallel to us, but above the sand bottom. Headed the turtle off again but keeping above the turtle, trying to keep it low to the bottom so that if I could get close enough to it, that all I had to do was to swim fast downwards. Turtle has a tendency to swim away in an upward glide

Third attempt to grab turtle resulted in its capture at about the further reef outside 50-60' deep. Took the turtle to the surface to examine it.



No tags, or indication of such

sharp nails, aggressive characteristics - strong flipper action  
No barnacles - SKID barnacles (YES) biting

Did not remember if edges of shell were ragged as in smaller turtles

After examining it I took it down to the bottom, to show it to DE and RT. (who took pictures of it - INSTAMATIC) and then released the turtle. I believe I did not give the turtle enough air previously because it bolted to the surface quite quickly. Followed the cable back low on

air 800 - (end) 200 psi, end of Dive,

7.15 am → 8.30 am

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