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Minevi Village
Santa Cruz.
Temotu Province

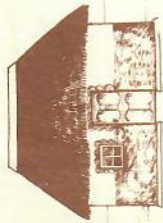
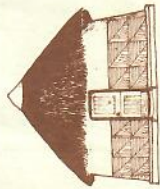
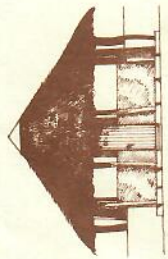
Dear

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Sir, I have just received the yellow envelop ~~we~~ which contained the beautiful Tshirt and the envelop which contained the piece of note attached with your address. In the mean time I will be waiting to receive the letter that you promise you would send it later. Imagine where you live and where I live it is very far so we will not expect our letters to arrive at the earliest possible, but one thing that we are always sure is that our letters always reached its destination safely and in good order. finally as I had already said that I will be looking forward to receive your letter, may I pause here to ask you, a short suggestion of mine, and the suggestion is this. I would like you and me to make a friendly relationship or others might call it Pen friend. my hobbies are, writing letters, fishing, swimming, sailing, diving, play soccer, etc. if you agree to this suggestion of mine could you let me know again, and send me some pictures of what you try to do there especially about turtle tugging.

regards yours

Selwyn Sae



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Altamanda cathartica



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Mr. Selwyn Sae
Saint John the Baptist
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Temotu Province
Solomon Islands

Dear Mr. Selwyn Sae:

I am pleased to inform you that the turtle you caught and released at Nupani Island (Temotu Province) was originally tagged on May 20, 1992 at Erikub Atoll in the Marshall Islands. The turtle was identified with tags X378-X379 by a sea turtle scientist and colleague named Dr. Scott Eckert.

The turtle was a green turtle (Chelonia mydas) measuring 87 cm along the upper shell. The turtle was found on the beach laying eggs at Erikub Atoll. The distance from Erikub to Temotu Province in the Solomon Islands is about 2200 km. This is a considerable distance, considering that only 7 months passed from the time the turtle was tagged until you recaptured it on December 9, 1992.

Thank you again for taking the time to report this turtle to us. I trust that you received the t-shirt I sent you. In the near future you will also receive another t-shirt reward from the South Pacific Regional Marine Turtle Conservation Programme.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs
Zoologist and Leader, Marine
Turtle Research Program

cc: Adrienne Farago, SPREP
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Selwyn Sae.
Saint John the Baptist
Mineri Village
Santa Cruz.
Temotu Province
23rd August 1993.

Dearest,

George, thank you once again for taking the time to write to me regarding the sea turtle with tags X378 and X379. I am sorry I could not reply your letter at the earliest possible, due to the fact that I had just returned from Nupani Island where the turtle was found, back to Santa Cruz a distance of about 30 kmiles. upon receiving your letter I could not find any possible transport to give me reply of the letter, as communication is very difficult. however thank you for enclosing the same of 2 dollars us and for informing Susie Geermans about the turtle, she had just send me her letter with a beautiful t-shirt. So thank you once again for informing her. I am pleased once again to inform you that the same turtle was found or caught again by me on the 10th January 1993 while diving for fish at night, the turtle was caught sleeping near a huge stone, this time I could not save its life any more. the turtle was kill and eaten the same day it was found but the tag numbers are with me. greatful if you could inform me again of what to do with it, because somebody working in the Fisheries department here in the Solomons wants me to give him the tag numbers and he will pay me with an amount of five hundred dollars \$500, however I did not give him the tag numbers despite the big amount. finally greatful to hear from you again and that I will be very happy if you could send me some more t-shirt because people in my village really like the advertisement on

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the t shirt. please send me the following sizes
medium and small size. I look forward to hear
from you soon, or I am sorry I did not answer
the questions because you had already
answered it. but I look forward to answer future
questions if arise from you again.

hear from you soon
regards

Delwyn Sae

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