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Fw: This is Wonny Hong from Korea.

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To: George Balazs

Sun, Oct 20, 2019 at 4:31 PM

From: 홍원희 <marinevet@hanwha.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 1:00 AM
To: honu world <itsahonuworlindhawaii@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: This is Wonny Hong from Korea.

Dear George,

Thank you very much for your reply.
And I also thank you for the pdf file. The translator is my friend. :-)

I'm sending pictures and details about one of turtles.
He is 110kg loggerhead sea turtle who had had severe injuries from fish nets.
His humerus was exposed. Due to wreck in the middle of his carapas, the pleura was also exposed.

The most severe problem is ruptured esophagus.

More than 15cm cutting wound was found in his neck. I couldn't find it until he was serious bleeding in his neck.

I was sorry that I couldn't check all his body because handling him was not easy for us.

The turtle had an appetite. Aquarists offered food. The scraps make his neck necrosis more and more.

And I think his juglar vein was ruptured. I arrested hemorrhage. And 2 days after, I sutured his esophagus.

At that time, I didn't think it was a good idea to put him back to tank so we put him out of tank and linger solutions and antibiotics was set.

However 3 days later, his rectum and genital organ were escaped from his anus. I tried to put them back but they kept coming out.

We decided to put him back to a tank. Because of his size, it was very difficult to put him back into tank and out of tank. However we did it to give him linger solutions for 10days.

It was difficult to give him a linger solutions in water and he needed more energy. So we decided to give him foods again.

And I checked his neck after a week. Due to food scraps, muscles were necrosis around the wound. The esophagus was opened again.

I asked aquarists not to give him foods again. And 3 days passed after he stop eating. I rechecked his neck and dressing it today.

The necrosis doesn't seem to progress but the muscles around neck were almost massively ruined and there are lots of dead tissues in the ventral neck.

At this point, there are some questions for you.

1. I want to suture his esophagus and neck again but I don't think it will be healed if he stays in the tank. How can I make the area antiseptic while he stays in water?
Or is there a possible way to put him staying in land without hernia?
2. While his esophagus healed, the food can not be offered to him. How I can give him energy sources? Is there any solutions only one? Or not, please let me know the way to give him food sources.
3. I was wondering if feeding tube can be inserted through his nose to serve him fish formula. Because he is a diving animal, I am worried if the insertion ruins his nostril function(to block water into stomach and lungs).

I think it will be very hard to put his esophagus and neck muscles together.
Moreover, there are not enough skills and facilities for turtles here. However I want to make him alive. So I am doing my best.
Your help will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Wonny

보낸 사람: honu world <itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com>

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제목: Re: This is Wonny Hong from Korea.

Dear Wonny-- I remember you well. I feel very happy you have written to me. Please describe the cases to me-- including send photos (very important). In 6 days I will travel to French Polynesia (Tahiti) for two weeks. So please send soon.

Also, the following link on my web site may be useful to you in your work:

Work (2014) Korean Version of Sea Turtle Necropsy Manual HFS, USGS. Translated by Sang-Wha Kim.

With Best Regards, George
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From: 흥원희 <marinevet@hanwha.com>

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To: itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com <itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com>

Subject: This is Wonny Hong from Korea.

Hello, George H. Balazs,

I hope you remember me. I was the one who you met in Jungmun beach, Jeju island, where we released turtles at that time.
Did you go back to Hawaii?

I wish you had a safe trip back to your place.

This year we rescued more than 4 turtles in Jeju.
I'm having a hard time to treat two of them.
I'm writing to you if you can help me and give any advices.
Your help will be greatly appreciated.
I will be looking forward to your answer.
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Wonhee Hong

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exposed pleura.JPG
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left flipper & exposed humerus.JPG
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neck & exposed esophagus (2).JPG
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neck & exposed esophagus (3).JPG
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neck & exposed esophagus (5).JPG
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right flipper (1).JPG
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