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Dear Dr. Carr:

This morning, I received a very nice letter from Dr. Itaru Uchida of the Himeji City Aquarium (Japan) asking that I meet with him during a forthcoming trip to Hawaii. I, of course, am eager to do so as such exchanges of information are both beneficial and enjoyable. It has now been over six months since the last person (Nicholas) interested in sea turtle ecology and conservation visited Hawaii.

In Dr. Uchida's letter, it was stated that he is a member of the IUCN marine turtle specialist group. I was not aware of this and, in fact, I am not aware of who any of the "real" group members are at this time. This places me somewhat at a disadvantage, and I would greatly appreciate your telling me of all the official names, hopefully before Dr. Uchida's arrival in four week's time.

I was a bit surprised to note in the sea turtle DIES that the IUCN Principles and Recommendations used the words "in danger", in place of the task force's "endangered".

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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P.S. A reprint of your recent article on hawksbills would be greatly appreciated.