

March 5, 1976

Dr. Itaru Uchida, Director  
Himeji City Aquarium  
Tegarayama, Himeji City  
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Dear Dr. Uchida:

I have received your letter of March 1 concerning your forthcoming visit to Hawaii. I would be very pleased to meet with you and discuss matters of common interest on sea turtle ecology and conservation. Please telephone me at 247-6631 or 946-1760 on the morning of March 29, so I will know you have arrived as planned. I will pick you up at your Waikiki Hotel on March 30 and take you to Coconut Island. If there is a change in travel plans, please write me as soon as possible.

I have enclosed several articles which you may find interesting.

Best regards and

Aloha,

GEORGE H. BALAZS  
Jr. Marine Biologist

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Enclosures

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Dr. Archie Carr  
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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,

GEORGE H. BALAZS  
Jr. Marine Biologist

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