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Subject: [mtsg-oceania-iucn] Staines et al. (2023) Short-term resilience to climate-induced temperature increases for equatorial sea turtle populations. Global Change Biology.

No one can predict the future. No one has ever been able to, and no one ever will. But I do think it's time to stop worrying so darned much about the future for turtles- including in the sex-ratio feminization issue. I like the attached paper, it's positive reporting on positive findings-- but exercising caution- as should always be the case. May we please have more papers like this one.

I started thinking about and being with sea turtles for conservation/monitoring/research in the early 1970s. Not just in Hawaii, but globally near and far. From Fiji to Florida, from UAE to Japan. And I can tell you, overall, there have been huge improvements in the status of turtles. What has not seemed to have improved- indeed generally gone downhill at least in the USA and many other financially rich countries, is an understanding and appreciation of the cultural diversity of different people in their linkages and likings of turtles. And the ability to take care of their own in their own ways.

Happy Weekend, George

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