



Honu (*Chelonia mydas*) Health Assessment

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Hawai'i Preparatory Academy Sea Turtle Research Program in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), and the Mālama Honu, Mālama Honua program at Mauna Lani, will conduct a one day health assessment of honu green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) residing in water surrounding the Mauna Lani Bay on Wednesday, September 9, 2026.

During the day we will safely and harmlessly capture honu in the shallow waters fronting the Mauna Lani Auberge Hotel. Each turtle will be taken to a work-up area based at the Eva Parker Woods Cottage, where it will be measured, weighed and its health assessed and recorded. After being measured, assessed, tagged and numbered, it will be safely released near its capture location.

Identification microchip tags and metal tags will be applied to untagged turtles and a number will be etched on the carapace (shell). These numbers will be visible from a distance and, if observed by anyone, can be reported as part of NOAA'S [Honu Count project](#) (access form via QR code below).



HONU COUNT PROGRAM

- ~ Be on the lookout for turtles with a white number on their shell.
- ~ Keep a respectful distance of 10 feet if you spot one.
- ~ Take a photo of the number, without disturbing the turtle.
- ~ Record the date, time, location and observed behavior. Include their location - name of the beach/body of water, a dropped map pin or GPS coordinates can be done on the form.

MAHALO FOR YOUR KOKUA !