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With the stated objective of serving “as a starting point for the identification of critical areas where it will be necessary to concentrate all efforts in the future”, the first Western Atlantic Turtle Symposium convened in Costa Rica (17-22 July 1983), and the second in Puerto Rico four years later (12-16 October 1987). WATS I featured National Reports from 43 political jurisdictions; 37 presented at WATS II.

WATS I opened with these words: “The talks which we started today have the multiple purpose of bringing our knowledge up to date about the biological peculiarities of the marine turtle populations of the western Atlantic; to know and analyse the scope of the National Reports prepared by the scientific and technical personnel of more than thirty nations of the region; to consider options for the orderly management of marine turtle populations; and in general to provide an adequate forum for the exchange of experiences among scientists, administrators, and individuals interested in making contributions for the preservation of this important natural resource.”

A quarter-century has passed, and the results of these historic meetings have been lost to science and to a new generation of managers and conservationists. Their unique importance in providing baseline data remains unrecognized, and their potential as a “starting point” is neither known nor appreciated.

The proceedings document what was known at the time concerning the status and distribution of nesting and foraging habitat, population size and trend, mortality factors, official statistics on exploitation and trade, estimated incidental catch, employment dependent on turtles, mariculture operations, public and private institutions concerned with conservation and use, legal aspects (e.g. regulations, enforcement, protected areas), and active research projects. In most cases it was the first time a national sea turtle assessment had been conducted.

Despite the potential value of this information to agencies responsible for conducting stock assessments, monitoring recovery trends, and safeguarding critical habitat in the 21st century, the hand-written National Reports, largely illegible in the published proceedings, have slipped into obscurity. To help ensure the legacy of these symposia, we have digitized the entire proceedings, including the National Reports, plenary presentations and panels, and annotated bibliographies of both meetings, and posted them online at <http://www.widecast.org/What/RegionalPrograms.html>.

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## **COUNTRY: GRENADA**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Sea Turtle Socio-economic and Nesting Survey, Study of Grenada (including Isle de Ronde and Isle de Caille) began in March 1982 and continued until December 1982. It was an extensive rather than intensive survey. The purpose of this study was to collect information on and prepare a national report on Grenada for the Western Atlantic Turtle Symposium (W.A.T.S.) to be held in July 1983 in San José, Costa Rica. (For Grenada even after the report is submitted data collection will continue). The following objectives guided the study and indicate the scope of the investigation undertaken.

- (a) Record the type of shoreline about the island of Grenada. The purpose being to indicate the actual and potential sea turtle nesting beaches. This data will be valuable baseline work for subsequent studies, and also to document the kinds and amount of shoreline throughout the islands.
- (b) Record the areas that turtle sightings are frequently made by fishermen and other persons visiting the beaches; record data on concentrated and dispersed nesting locations.
- (c) Compile data of any kind that may indicate the status of sea turtle populations in Grenada.
- (d) Review the present conservation and management programs related to sea turtles.
- (e) Determine the socio-economic importance of sea turtles.
- (f) Make recommendations to help promote the survival status of sea turtle populations inhabiting the territorial waters of the Grenada group.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **General Geographical description of Grenada Group:**

Grenada is an independent English speaking east Caribbean State consisting of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique, Isle De Ronde and a number of small islets. It is the southern most island of the East Caribbean chain, lying between 12° and 13° north and 61° and 62° west (see map references).

The island group has a population of approximately 110,000 (1970 census). The citizens have very strong contacts with the sea and shoreline. The islands are volcanic in origin with evidence of sandstone and shale in many areas. For the main island of Grenada, there is substantial runoff, which together with other factors has generated much shoreline sand. Grenada is very much less of an oceanic island, than Barbados only about 100 miles away. The vegetation is tropical continental with certain varieties which reveal the dry season/rainy season character of the climate.

### **COASTLINE AND OFFSHORE AREAS**

The coastline of the Grenada group is a pattern of sandy bays and rocky points. There is much more sandy shore than rock or cliff shoreline. Grenada is notably affected by the North East Trade Winds and hence the north and eastern shoreline experience high energy swells almost constantly. Hence the beaches to the Leeward side of the island have a moderately sloping beach profile and well vegetated 10 or 50 meters above the high tide mark.

The Windward beaches have gentler profiles in the high tide swash. However, in areas as characterized by Conference Bay, sand dunes spread along the profile of the beach up to 20 meters from the tide

mark. The shorter beaches occur in areas along the windward coast where the rocky points are frequent. Here the beaches are less rough.

On Grenada the colour of sand on beaches varies. Generally the leeward beaches have black sand probably due to the substantial run off from rivers. The white sand occurs in the beaches from Grand Mal to Point Saline. The windward beaches are generally white with the occasional admixture of white and black sand. Mangrove swamps occur in areas to the South East but sand, mud, beaches can be found at these locations.

Isle de Ronde, an island of about 1.5 square miles, has white sand to the south and black sand to the west. Isle de Caille, another 0.5 square mile island only 0.5 km away, has black and pervading the beaches.

The offshore areas of Grenada etc. consist of a submarine shelf of approximately 400 sq. miles of bottom varying from 0 to 20 fathoms. Most of this area consists of active and dead coral-line surfaces. Large expansion of sea grass beds and soft coral occur at various locations. References are given of known vegetation types, on map.

Since the 1940's various persons were concerned that the Sea Turtle maybe overfished in Grenada. This concern was generated from the observation made that the nest of the turtles were being over-exploited. A program was launched in the late 1950's to generate more recruitment. The principal and most visible threat to the turtle is that trammel nets which are set on the reefs, especially at times of nesting. The fishermen who engage in turtle fishing do not engage in turtle fishing exclusively. Another method of fishing is by spear-fishing.

Divers will shoot turtles while spear-fishing. Persons show strong preferences for various types of turtle. The hawksbill and green are the choice for meat but the loggerhead and leatherbacks are often rejected because of the "freshy" fat. The hawksbill and green turtles are also prized for their backs, however there is a marked preference for the hawksbill back.

By a survey conducted throughout the 1981 period, it is estimated that about 1,000 turtles are caught annually. Those turtles more than 50 pounds, the number is probably 300 with the remainder being juveniles.

There are more and more beaches that are becoming less and less secluded hence fishing pressure on eggs have been serious. The fishing pressure by divers is not serious but the threat of trammel nets is a serious one. Despite this, through personal observations and interviews of divers and net owners, juveniles are spotted at a rate of at least 4 - 6 or 7 a day on reefs.

#### STATUS OF KNOWLEDGE OF SEA TURTLES

No known objective or scientific observations have been made of Sea Turtle populations in Grenada. At Carriacou some work has apparently been done in the past.

The concerns of fisheries up to lately had been the responsibility of the Agriculture Ministry. Little serious action had been taken by way of conserving these species. Fisheries in Grenada is multispecies in nature and principally artisanal. Legislation was passed<sup>1</sup> in 1957 in an effort to protect turtles, however since turtles can be landed on any beach on the island, it has been difficult to monitor or control the exploitation of these species. Hence knowledge of the present status of sea turtle populations is drawn from observations made by local trammel fishermen, divers and boys who hunt the turtle and their eggs.

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<sup>1</sup> *Editor's note (2009):* In the original National Report, the word "past" appeared here.

The divers and fishermen reveal that although there are principal nestings at secluded beaches and on the offshore uninhabited islands, there were no concentrated nesting sites. The turtles observed making crawls and actual nestings were those of green and hawksbill turtles. Records were drawn from interviews with the three categories of turtle predators. Divers were the most helpful. A local diver in the southern part of Grenada observes green and hawksbill turtles frequently. He reports that out of nesting season juveniles of these species are observed feeding all along the grass beds which are prevalent in the area. There are many small secluded beaches in the area, he reports that whenever the turtles are found basking above the grass beds in the day time then be sure they will come in at night.

Leather-back turtles are the most infrequent and are most often seen out at sea by fishermen. The turtles fishermen report these are most frequent in the "rainy season" when the water is less salt. The loggerhead turtles have never been reported as nesting on beaches. The fishermen either catch them in dives or in the nets. Even when caught near shore they have not been found to have eggs. Only once did a fisherman report having seen eggs in a loggerhead female. Notably fishermen do not catch male loggerheads.

Through repeated interviews and probings the fishermen have indicated that only four types of turtles are observed in Grenada. These are green, hawksbill, loggerhead and leatherbacks. Reliable and keen divers have reported that turtles having the appearance of "flatback" are often caught on the offshore islands to the north of the Grenada islands. The fishermen have said they always call them a cousin to the green turtles.

To the north of the Grenada island where there are a number of offshore islands there are significant populations of turtles. Divers interviewed have indicated that hawksbill and green turtles concentrate in different areas depending on bottom type. He reports that the hawksbill feed on sponges and soft coral and occur principally along the London Bridge channel area. The green turtles which eat sea grass frequent the grass beds between the sister islands and further north of Isle De Ronde. The leatherback though not very frequent around the island makes a favourite nesting site on the Levera Beach in rainy season June -July. Only the females of leatherbacks are observed.

In the southern offshore area of Grenada, green and hawksbills are prevalent. Green turtles are especially prevalent around Hog Island where there are extensive areas of sea grass beds. Two fishermen reported that green turtles lay when larger than 80 lbs and hawksbills lay when larger 50/60. However, one reported that he had observed eggs in a 30/lb hawksbill turtle. They also reported that hawksbills are quite predictable since they lay in 15 days cycles several times in a season and according to the moon. When fresh tracks are observed, the fishermen know when to return for the subsequent crawl. They report also that hawksbills lay furthest up the beach even under bushes in the highest sand.

Fishermen report that April, May is the principal mating time when the turtles are seen chasing each other and even disregarding divers. On the southern portion of Grenada, a diver reports that October, November and December are the prevalent feeding time for the hawksbill turtles.

Another-seine net fishermen diver reports that juveniles are prevalent feeding on the seaweed (moss) in the early part of the year when the mosses are blooming. N.B. On the leeward side of the Grenada island, where seine net fishing is practiced, turtle nestings are rare and although occasionally nets draw in small juveniles, the turtles are not frequent in this area

## METHODS

With limited time and resources available for such a survey in Grenada, the nature of the research was very narrow. The study involved:

- a. Visits to most beaches which were actual and potential nesting sites of turtles;

- b. Researching government records of turtle management and most important interviews and discussion with turtles fishermen, local men, and divers;
- c. Observations of catches of turtles brought at the landing sites.

The ordinance survey map was used extensively for back up studies on the location for beaches in perspective. These maps were also used for translating data collected in the field to the smaller scale maps.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The findings of the survey were limited but yielded much valuable information on the status of the sea turtles about Grenada. The following recommendations should be considered:

1. Expend much effort in enforcing the regulations for protection of the turtles in the closed season.
2. Mount a campaign against the use of nets on reefs during the closed season.
3. Establish the presently secluded beaches of the out islands as sanctuaries for nesting turtles.

| <b>BEACH LIST*</b>     |                                      |   |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Name of Bay or Island  | Approximate Length of Coastline (km) | Approximate Length of Suitable Beaches (meters) |
| Black Bay              | 0.7                                  | 300   |
| Marigot                | 0.7                                  | 0   |
| Grand Roy              | 0.7                                  | 300   |
| Dothan                 | 1.0                                  | 700   |
| Palmiste               | 2.0                                  | 1,000   |
| Gouyave                | 1.0                                  | 200   |
| Milet                  | 1.3                                  | 300   |
| Maran                  | 1.1                                  | 100   |
| Mount Edgecombe        | 1.2                                  | 0   |
| St. Marks              | 3.2                                  | 400   |
| Crayfish Bay           | 1.5                                  | 100   |
| Duquesne               | 1.3                                  | 300   |
| David                  | 3.6                                  | 300   |
| Sauteurs               | 2.0                                  | 2,000   |
| Irvins                 | 2.5                                  | 150   |
| Levera Bay             | 1.8                                  | 800   |
| Grenada (Bathway)      | 3.8                                  | 1,500   |
| Antoine                | 2.5                                  | 2,250   |
| Conference/Great River | 6.9                                  | 6,150   |
| Grenville Bay          | 4.5                                  | 1,500   |
| St. Andrews            | 3.3                                  | 250   |
| Great Bacolet          | 3.5                                  | 1,250   |
| Menere                 | 2.1                                  | 250   |
| Crochu Harbour         | 1.6                                  | 250   |
| La Tante               | 1.2                                  | 100   |
| Galby                  | 1.3                                  | 500   |
| Requin                 | 1.9                                  | 700   |
| Le Petit Trou          | 4.4                                  | 300   |

| <b>BEACH LIST*</b>   |                                      |   |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Name of Bay or Island  | Approximate Length of Coastline (km) | Approximate Length of Suitable Beaches (meters) |
| La Sagesse   | 1.9                                  | 800   |
| St Davids  | 1.5                                  | 0   |
| Little Bacolet   | 1.1                                  | 500   |
| Petit Bacaye   | 1.4                                  | 200   |
| Westerhall   | 3.5                                  | 100   |
| Calivigny Harbour  | 2.8                                  | 0   |
| Calivigny Island   | 3.0                                  | 400   |
| Woburn Bay   | 6.0                                  | 0   |
| Hog Island   | 3.7                                  | 500   |
| Mt. Hartman  | 3.5                                  | 0   |
| Lance aux Épinés, Prickly Bay  | 4.5                                  | 800   |
| True Blue Bays   | 2.4                                  | 600   |
| Bagadi   | 1.1                                  | 200   |
| Hardy Bay  | 1.0                                  | 0   |
| Grand Bay  | 1.2                                  | 600   |
| Cato Bay   | 0.4                                  | 400   |
| Black Bay  | 0.4                                  | 230   |
| Point Saline to Petit Bout Pt  | 4.0                                  | 600   |
| Morne Rouge  | 1.5                                  | 600   |
| Grand Anse   | 3.9                                  | 2,300   |
| Martins  | 0.6                                  | 0   |
| St. George's   | 1.9                                  | 100   |
| Grand Mal  | 2.6                                  | 1,000   |
| Dragon   | 1.3                                  | 400   |
| Beausejour   | 3.2                                  | 300   |
| Halifax  | 2.5                                  | 50  |
| Three Sisters Island   | 6.0                                  | 2,000   |
| Isle de Ronde  | 5.5                                  | 700   |
| Isle de Caille   | 2.0                                  | 300   |
| Lagoon (city) Harbour  | 2.0                                  | 300   |
| * <i>Editor's note (2009):</i> No name or other identification was given to this table in the original report. |                                      |   |

| <b>TABLE 1. GEOGRAPHIC INVENTORY</b>   |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Length of Coastline*   |                     |
| Km <sup>2</sup> of Continental Shelf Area  | 2780 Km             |
| Seaward Extent of Jurisdictions  |                     |
| Territorial Sea  | 19.3 Km (12 mi**)   |
| Extended Economic Zone   | 321.8 Km (200 mi**) |
| Fisheries Jurisdiction   | 321.8 Km (200 mi**) |
| Other (Describe)   |                     |
| * Coastline length is the measurement of the national seaward boundary of a country; i.e., the distance from border to border for a coastal country and the distance around an island country. |                     |
| ** <i>Editor's note (2009):</i> For consistency, we converted distance from miles to kilometers.   |                     |



| <b>TABLE 2. COASTAL HABITAT INVENTORY OF MARINE SHORELINE</b>   |                 |             |          |
|---|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Marine Shoreline Characteristics*   | Km of Shoreline |             |          |
|   | Undeveloped     | Developed** | Total    |
| 1. Sand Beach (Total)   | 29.5            | 5.1         | ***34.6  |
| A. High Energy  | 14.9            | 1.0         | 15.9     |
| B. Low Energy   | 14.6            | 4.1         | 18.7     |
| 2. Reef (exposed)   | 4.0             | 0.0         | 4.0      |
| 3. Rocks  | 70.3            | 10.0        | 80.3     |
| 4. Cliffs   | 24.5            | 3.5         | 28.0     |
| 5. Vegetation (Total)   | 108.0           | 15.5        | 123.5    |
| A. Vines  | ?               | ?           | ?        |
| B. Grasses  | ?               | ?           | ?        |
| C. Mangroves  | 7.0             | 0.0         | 7.0      |
| D. Coconut Trees  | ?               | ?           | ?        |
| E. Other Trees or Shrubs  | 100.0           | 15.5        | 115.5    |
| F. Marshes  | 1.0             | 0.0         | 1.0      |
| 6. Mouths of Lagoons, Rivers, Canals  | 15.0            | 1.5         | 16.5     |
| 7. Total Shoreline  | ***251.3        | ***35.6     | ***286.9 |
| * Refer to SEA TURTLE MANUAL (Aerial Survey)<br>** Human development or use (See MANUAL)<br>*** <i>Editor's note (2009):</i> Totals were corrected from the original to reflect accuracy in summed values |                 |             |          |

**TABLE 2A. MARINE HABITAT INVENTORY OF BOTTOM TYPES (supplementary page)**

| Habitat Bottom Types    | Km <sup>2</sup> of Habitat |                         |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
|                         | Inside 25m (shoreward)     | Outside 25m (shoreward) |
| 1. Sand                 | ?                          | ?                       |
| 2. Mud                  | ?                          | ?                       |
| 3. Rocks                | ?                          | ?                       |
| 4. Submerged Vegetation | ?                          | ?                       |
| 5. Reefs (Total)        | 250 Km                     | ?                       |
| A. Fringing Reefs       | 20 Km                      | ?                       |
| B. Patch Reefs          | 60 Km                      | ?                       |
| 6. Other                |                            |                         |

| <b>TABLE 3. NESTING BEACH INVENTORY</b>  |              |                                      |                                |
|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| List beaches in geographic sequence. Provide additional information on following page. |              |                                      |                                |
| Name of Beach  | Length In Km | Species Nesting (use abbreviations)* | Months of Recorded Nesting     |
| 1. Palmiste Bay  | 2.0          | Cc, Cm, D                            | May, June, July, August        |
| 2. St. Mark Bay  | 1.0          | Cm                                   | June, July                     |
| 3. South Bay (Isle de Calle)   | 0.5          | E                                    | April, May, June, July, August |
| 4. North Bay (Isle de Calle)   | 0.5          | Cm, E                                | April, May, June, July, August |
| 5. Bacolet Bay   | 1.0          | Cc, Cm, E                            | April, May, June, July, August |
| 6. St. Davids Bays   | 3.0          | Cc, Cm, D, E                         | April, May, June, July, August |

| TABLE 3. NESTING BEACH INVENTORY   |                 |   |                                |
|--|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| List beaches in geographic sequence. Provide additional information on following page. |                 |   |                                |
|  |                 |   |                                |
| Name of Beach  | Length<br>In Km | Species Nesting<br>(use abbreviations)* | Months of Recorded Nesting     |
| 7. Point Salines Bays<br>(Southeast)   | 2.0             | Cm, Cm**, E                             | April, May, June, July, August |
| 8. Point Salines Bays<br>(West)  | 1.5             | Cc, Cm, E                               | April, May, June, July, August |
| 9. Duquesne Bay  | 0.5             | Cm, E                                   | May, June, July, August        |
| 10. La Seuis Bay   |                 | Cm, D, E                                | May, June, July, August        |
| 11. David Bay  | 1.0             | Cm, D, E                                | April-September                |
| 12. Irving Bay   | 1.5             | D, E                                    | April-August                   |
| 13. Rathan Bay   | 0.5             | Cm, D, E                                | April-August                   |
| 14. Levera Beach   | 1.5             | Cm, D, E                                | April-September                |
| 15. Great River<br>Conference Beach  | 5.2             | Cc, Cm, D, E                            | April-September                |
| 16. Sandy Island   | 2.0             | Cm, E                                   | April-August                   |
| 17. North Bay<br>(Isle de Ronde)   | 1.0             | Cm, E                                   | April-August                   |
| 18. Halfmoon Bay<br>(Isle de Ronde)  | 1.0             | Cm, E                                   | April-August                   |
| 19. Grenada Bay<br>(Bathway)   | 2.0             | Cm, D, E                                | April-September                |
| 20. Antoine Bay  | 1.5             | Cm, D, E                                | April-September                |
|  |                 |   |                                |
|  |                 |   |                                |
| Species*   | Abbreviation    |   |                                |
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>   | Cc              |   |                                |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>  | Cm              |   |                                |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>  | D               |   |                                |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>  | E               |   |                                |
| <i>Lepidochelys kemp</i>   | Lk              |   |                                |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>   | Lo              |   |                                |
|  |                 |   |                                |
| ** <i>Editor's note (2009):</i> In the original National Report, "Cm" appears twice.   |                 |   |                                |

| <b>TABLE 3A.1. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                    | Fort Jeudy and Westerhall                                 |
| Energy classification of beach                   | Low   |
| Description of sand characteristics              | White carbonate sand with moderate proportion of silicon. |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Light   |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major   |
| General comments                                 | Very much frequented by green and hawksbill turtles       |

| <b>TABLE 3A.2. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Name of island                                   |   |
| Name of beach                                    | Degra, Grand, Cato, Black Bays  |
| Energy classification of beach                   | High  |
| Description of sand characteristics              | Well-sorted carbonate orange and white sand. High proportion of silicon.    |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Light   |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major   |
| General comments                                 | Exposed bays but much frequented by turtles: hawksbill, green, loggerheads. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.3. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                    | North Grenada, Three Sisters Islands  |
| Energy classification of beach                   | High-moderate   |
| Description of sand characteristics              | White carbonate and silicate sand.  |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | None  |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major   |
| General comments                                 | Most regular nesting sites for all the four species of turtles which are observed about the island. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.4. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|--|---|
| Name of island                                   | Out island of Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                    | Isle of Ronde   |
| Energy classification of beach                   | Moderate-low  |
| Description of sand characteristics              | White carbonate/silicate sand on northeast and black volcanic on northwest                                    |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Light-moderate  |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major   |
| General comments                                 | A very regular nesting area for turtles of all sorts since this area has foraging areas that are significant. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.5. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                    | Hog Island; Calivigny Island   |
| Energy classification of beach                   | Moderate   |
| Description of sand characteristics              | White carbonate sand, well sorted occasionally   |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Light  |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major  |
| General comments                                 | A very regular turtle nesting site. Even in mangrove mud/sand areas turtles are known to nest. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.6. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                    | Prickly Bay; True Blue Bay                         |
| Energy classification of beach                   | Moderate   |
| Description of sand characteristics              | Variety of carbonate sand, fine to coarse grained. |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Moderate-heavy                                     |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Regular  |
| General comments                                 | Sites visited by hawksbill and green turtles.      |

| <b>TABLE 3A.7. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                    | La Sagesse to Petit Bacaye Bays                      |
| Energy classification of beach                   | Low  |
| Description of sand characteristics              | Carbonate sand well sorted                           |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Light  |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major  |
| General comments                                 | Good foraging offshore; much vegetation on shoreline |

| <b>TABLE 3A.8. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                    | La Sagesse, Little Bacolet, Petit Bacaye   |
| Energy classification of beach                   | Low  |
| Description of sand characteristics              | White carbonate sand, coarse to fine, well graded.   |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | Light  |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Major  |
| General comments                                 | Low energy beaches hemmed in by rocky points. Very much frequented by hawksbill and green turtles. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.9. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                                   | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                    | Antoine Bay  |
| Energy classification of beach                   | High-moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics              | Volcanic, well sorted  |
| Level of human development and/or impact         | None   |
| Estimated nesting activity                       | Regular  |
| General comments                                 | Green and hawksbill nesting area. Much vegetation onshore; coconut trees, mangroves. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.10. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                     | Conference, Great River   |
| Energy classification of beach                    | High  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Sand dunes, gently sloping. Classic high energy beach, carbonate sand.                        |
| Level of human development and/or impact          |   |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Major   |
| General comments                                  | Significant runoffs into bay by rivers. A significant nesting site; offshore foraging common. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.11. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                     | Great Bacolet   |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Admixture of volcanic/carbonate sand.   |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | None  |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Major   |
| General comments                                  | Secluded beach. Much vegetation. Much foraging area offshore. Stream runs into bay. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.12. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                     | Crochu to Le Petit Trou Bays  |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Galby (black sand), other beaches carbonate, well sorted.   |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Light   |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Major   |
| General comments                                  | Small bays with streams running into them. Significant foraging offshore for green and hawksbill. Loggerheads are occasional. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.13. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                     | St. Mark's Bay  |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Volcanic black sand, well sorted.   |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Moderate  |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Incidental  |
| General comments                                  | Hawksbill and green turtles occasionally nest on the beach; however, human impact is significant. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.14. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                     | Duquesne  |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Volcanic with carbonate sands, well sorted.   |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Moderate  |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Incidental  |
| General comments                                  | Hawksbill and green turtle nesting. Beach profile steeply sloping frequently, occasionally gently sloping in high swells. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.15. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|---|--|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                     | David Bay  |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate   |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Black volcanic sandy beach with vines and coconut trees, streams running into bay. |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Light  |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Regular  |
| General comments                                  | Hawksbill and green turtles nesting. Foraging areas outside beach.                 |

| <b>TABLE 3A.16. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|---|--|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                     | Sauteurs Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach                    | High-moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Principally carbonate sands. However, an admixture of volcanic/carbonate exists. |

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|--|--|
| Level of human development and/or impact | Moderate   |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Regular  |
| General comments                         | Human impact on parts of the beach significant. However, offshore is a good foraging area. |

**TABLE 3A.17. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                           | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                            | Palmiste Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach           | Moderate-low   |
| Description of sand characteristics      | Fine volcanic sand with occasionally coarse sections of sand.  |
| Level of human development and/or impact | Heavy  |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Regular  |
| General comments                         | Occasionally heavy or high energy swells affect this beach. Beach is used as a source of sand. Gently sloping profile. |

**TABLE 3A.18. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Name of island                           | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                            | Gouyave Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach           | Moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics      | Volcanic and carbonate admixture, fine to medium grains, well sorted.   |
| Level of human development and/or impact | Heavy   |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Incidental  |
| General comments                         | Human impact on this beach area is very heavy. Profile of the beach is steep. Low energy swells often with occasional high energy swells. |

**TABLE 3A.19. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                           | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                            | Levera Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach           | High energy  |
| Description of sand characteristics      | Coarse to fine carbonate sand. Much high energy swells with rapid current movement.                    |
| Level of human development and/or impact | Light  |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Major  |
| General comments                         | A major nesting area for all four species (types) of turtles. Foraging areas offshore are significant. |

**TABLE 3A.20. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Name of island                           | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                            | Bathway (Grenada Bay)                                     |
| Energy classification of beach           | High  |
| Description of sand characteristics      | Well sorted carbonate sand. Sand movement is frequent     |
| Level of human development and/or impact | Light   |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Regular   |
| General comments                         | Beach has fringing reef close to shore at certain points. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.21. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|---|--|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                     | Beausejour   |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Low  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Black volcanic sand, well sorted and often fine  |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Moderate   |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Incidental   |
| General comments                                  | Beach on quickly bay. Beach encroaching on the land. Source of sand for commercial purposes. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.22. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |   |
|---|---|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada   |
| Name of beach                                     | Black Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate  |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Black volcanic, well sorted   |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Light   |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Regular   |
| General comments                                  | Low energy/moderate energy beach. Moderate profile with much vegetation. Hawksbill and green turtle nesting site. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.23. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|---|--|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                     | Dragon Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate   |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Beach profile moderately steep. Coarse to fine well sorted sand; black with white. |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Moderate   |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Incidental   |
| General comments                                  | Impact of human activity; seine nets, etc. have limited turtle nesting.            |

| <b>TABLE 3A.24. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |  |
|---|--|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                                     | Grand Roy Bay  |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate-low   |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Black volcanic sand well sorted, mostly fine. Profile moderately sloping.            |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Heavy  |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Incidental   |
| General comments                                  | Moderate energy beach with gently sloping profile. Only occasional nesting reported. |

| <b>TABLE 3A.25. Supplemental data on beaches.</b> |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Name of island                                    | Grenada                            |
| Name of beach                                     | Grand Mal Bay                      |
| Energy classification of beach                    | Moderate-low                       |
| Description of sand characteristics               | Carbonate white sand, well sorted. |
| Level of human development and/or impact          | Moderate                           |
| Estimated nesting activity                        | Incidental                         |

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| General comments | Beach broken occasionally by rocks. Low energy. Sein nets frequently fish in this location. Hawksbill and green turtles nest on this beach occasionally. Feeding offshore by turtles is frequent. |
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**TABLE 3A.26. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                           | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                            | Dothan Bay   |
| Energy classification of beach           | Moderate-low   |
| Description of sand characteristics      | Volcanic mixed with carbonate sand. Beach broken by rocks occasionally.            |
| Level of human development and/or impact | Light  |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Incidental   |
| General comments                         | Beach frequently used by seine-net fishermen. Beach broken by rocks, occasionally. |

**TABLE 3A.27. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                           | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                            | Point Saline to Petit Cabrits Point                      |
| Energy classification of beach           | Moderate   |
| Description of sand characteristics      | Carbonate, medium grain, well sorted.                    |
| Level of human development and/or impact | None   |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Major  |
| General comments                         | A frequent nesting site for hawksbill and green turtles. |

**TABLE 3A.28. Supplemental data on beaches.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Name of island                           | Grenada  |
| Name of beach                            | Morne Rouge Bay, Quarantine Point                                  |
| Energy classification of beach           | Low  |
| Description of sand characteristics      | White, carbonate, well sorted.                                     |
| Level of human development and/or impact | Moderate   |
| Estimated nesting activity               | Regular  |
| General comments                         | Shallow approach to the beach. Hawksbill and green turtle nesting. |

**TABLE 6. ESTIMATED POPULATION SIZE OF NESTING FEMALES**

Summarize the estimated number of nesting females for the years indicated and describe methods of estimation on the next page.

| Species                       | Year     |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                               | 1982     | 1981 | 1980 | 1979 | 1978 | 1977 |
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>        | 100 ± 25 | *    | *    | *    | *    | *    |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>         | 200 ± 50 |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>   | 25 ± 10  |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> | > 500    |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i>     |          |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>  |          |      |      |      |      |      |

\* Figures not significantly different.



| TABLE 7. FORAGING AREAS INVENTORY                        |                                    |  |   |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Name of Area<br>(or give coordinates)                    | Approx. Area<br>(Km <sup>2</sup> ) | Species Foraging<br>(use abbreviations &<br>approx. numbers) | Nature of Evidence<br>(observation, fishery,<br>incidental catch) |
| 1. Bays: Point Saline<br>to Quarantine Point             | 15                                 | Cm (all sizes), E  | Divers observations, interviews                                   |
| 2. Glover Island<br>11° 59' N, 60° 46' W                 | 20                                 | Cm (all sizes), E<br>(juvenile, sub-adult)                   | Divers observations, interviews                                   |
| 3. Grand Mal Bay   | 5                                  | Cm, D (occasionally) all<br>sizes, sub-adult, E              | Divers, seine fishermen<br>interviews                             |
| 4. La Tante Bay to<br>Galby Bay (Woburn /<br>Hog Island) | 15                                 | Cc, Cm, E  | Divers, netsetters interviews                                     |
| 5. Crochu Bay<br>(Woburn / Hog<br>Island)                | 15                                 | Cc (sub-adult), Cm, D<br>(occasionally), E                   | Divers, netsetters interviews                                     |
| 6. Great Bacolet Bay<br>(Woburn / Hog<br>Island)         | 10                                 | Cc, Cm (sub-adult), D<br>(occasionally), E                   | Divers, netsetters interviews                                     |
| 7. Isla de Caille (Isle<br>de Ronde)                     | 25                                 | Cm (all sizes), E  | Divers, netsetters interviews                                     |
| 8. Three Sisters<br>Levfra (Isle de<br>Ronde)            | 15                                 | Cc, Cm & E (all sizes<br>except for Ca)                      | Divers, netsetters, fishermen<br>interviews                       |
| 9. David Bay (Isle de<br>Ronde)                          | 10                                 | E & Cm (all sizes)   | Divers, netsetters, fishermen<br>interviews                       |
| Species  | Abbreviation                       |  |   |
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>                                   | Cc                                 |  |   |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>                                    | Cm                                 |  |   |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>                              | D                                  |  |   |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>                            | E                                  |  |   |
| <i>Lepidochelys kemp</i>                                 | Lk                                 |  |   |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>                             | Lo                                 |  |   |

| TABLE 8. TURTLE SPECIES PRESENT ON FORAGING AREAS.  |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Please complete one of these tables for each of the areas identified in Table 7. Number each table as enumerated in Table 7 (7-1, 7-2, etc.). |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Species   | Month |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Months of<br>Greatest Activity              |
|   | J     | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D |   |
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>  |       |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | August (adult)                              |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>   | X     | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | April-June (adults &<br>juveniles)          |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>   |       |   |   |   |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   | June & July (adults only)                   |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>   | X     | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | All year (juveniles)<br>May-August (adults) |
| <i>Lepidochelys kemp</i>  |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>  |       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| TABLE 11. LANDING SITES FOR TURTLES AND TURTLE PRODUCTS |                                |                   |                    |  |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Name of Port or Site                                    | Species Landed<br>(use abbrev) | Fishing Gear Used | Months of Landings | Numbers & Weights<br>(estimate)<br>Estimates |
| 1. Sauteurs   | Cm, E                          | Nets and spears   | All year           |  |
| 2. Grenville  | Cm, E                          | Nets and spears   | All year           |  |
| 3. Calliste   | Cc, Cm, E                      | Nets and spears   | All year           |  |
| 4. Bacolet  | Cc, Cm, E                      | Nets and spears   | All year           |  |
| 5. Woburn   | Cm, E                          | Nets and spears   | All year           |  |
| 6. Calivigny  | Cm, E                          | Nets and spears   | All year           |  |
|   |                                |                   |                    |  |
| Species   | Abbreviation                   |                   |                    |  |
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>                                  | Cc                             |                   |                    |  |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>                                   | Cm                             |                   |                    |  |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>                             | D                              |                   |                    |  |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>                           | E                              |                   |                    |  |
| <i>Lepidochelys kemp</i>                                | Lk                             |                   |                    |  |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>                            | Lo                             |                   |                    |  |

| TABLE 12. TOTAL ANNUAL TURTLE LANDINGS IN NUMBERS  |                  |                  |                  |   |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Do not include turtles caught incidental to other fishing operations (e.g., shrimp trawling) |                  |                  |                  |   |
|  |                  |                  |                  |   |
| Species  | 1982<br>(Kg)     | 1981<br>(Kg)     | 1980<br>(Kg)     | Method of Determination                     |
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>   | 30-50<br>1,500   | 30-50<br>1,500   | 30-50<br>1,500   | Market figures, observations,<br>interviews |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>  | 100-150<br>2,500 | 100-150<br>2,500 | 100-150<br>2,500 | Market figures, observations,<br>interviews |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>  | 10-15<br>1,000   | 10-15<br>1,000   | 10-15<br>1,000   | Market figures, observations,<br>interviews |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>  | 100-200<br>5,000 | 100-200<br>5,000 | 100-200<br>5,000 | Market figures, observations,<br>interviews |
| <i>Lepidochelys kemp</i>   |                  |                  |                  |   |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>   |                  |                  |                  |   |

| TABLE 16. EMPLOYMENT DEPENDENT ON TURTLES   |                                       |                                       |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Activity  | Total Annual<br>Numbers<br>of Persons | Est. Annual<br>Income From<br>Turtles | Comments  |
| Fishing   | 50 ± 10                               | \$10,000 -<br>\$15,000                | Income based on \$0.90 per lb (live wt) *<br>obtained for turtles at local market |
| Processing  |                                       |                                       | Fishermen process their catch   |
| Selling   |                                       |                                       | Fishermen sell their catch on most<br>occasions                                   |
| * Market prices for turtle products in Grenada are as follows: live weight (\$0.90 per lb.) |                                       |                                       |   |

**TABLE 16A. EMPLOYMENT DEPENDENT ON TURTLES (supplementary page)**

In addition to marketed products, it is estimated that the following are taken annually from beaches or at sea for subsistence use:

**A: Subsistence exploitation**

1. Estimated number of eggs: 6,000-10,000
2. Estimated number of nesting females: 100
3. Number of turtles caught at sea: 50-75

**B: Social aspects**

In addition to the described fishery activities, exploitation of turtles may be permitted in some countries according to special rights or privileges extended to certain groups of people. If such specialized turtle exploitation exists, please give details (i.e., beach rights, ethnic traditions, specific seasons of the year, special permits, etc.).

**TABLE 20A. REGULATORY AUTHORITY (supplementary page)**

Please list National, regional, and local legislation concerning turtle management and conservation. List title, date, and stated purpose.

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Provided that the Governor may from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* appoint some other period or periods in lieu of the periods fixed as aforesaid, and after any such appointment the periods so appointed shall be the close season for the purpose of this Ordinance.

5. The Governor may from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* declare that, as to any of the wild birds enumerated in the Second Schedule the provisions of section 4 shall cease to apply, and may from time to time vary or cancel any such alteration; and thereupon the provisions of the said section shall cease to apply, or shall again apply (as the case may be), with such variation as by the declaration may be provided, and the Governor may also, by notice as aforesaid, declare as to any bird not enumerated in the said schedule that it shall from the date of the notice be deemed to be included in the said Schedule for such close season as may be named in the notice as applicable to it, and may from time to time alter or amend the notice in the same way as if the bird had been enumerated in the Schedule; and thereupon the bird shall to all intents and purposes be deemed to be included in the Schedule for the close season assigned to it in the said notice.

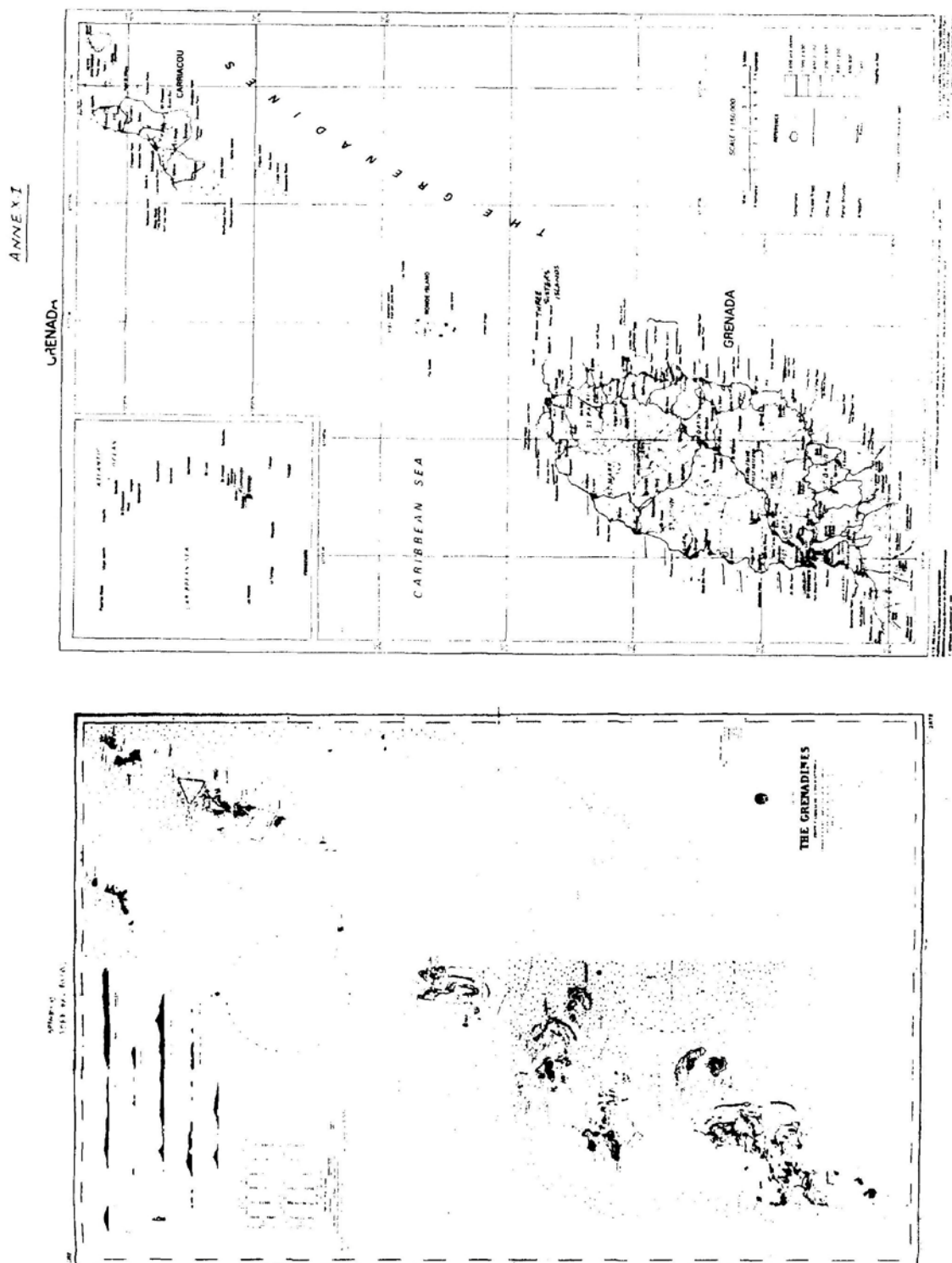
6. Except as herein mentioned any person who shall:

(a) kill, wound or take, or attempt to kill, wound or take, any of the wild birds enumerated in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance or any turtle or oysters, during the close season for the same; or

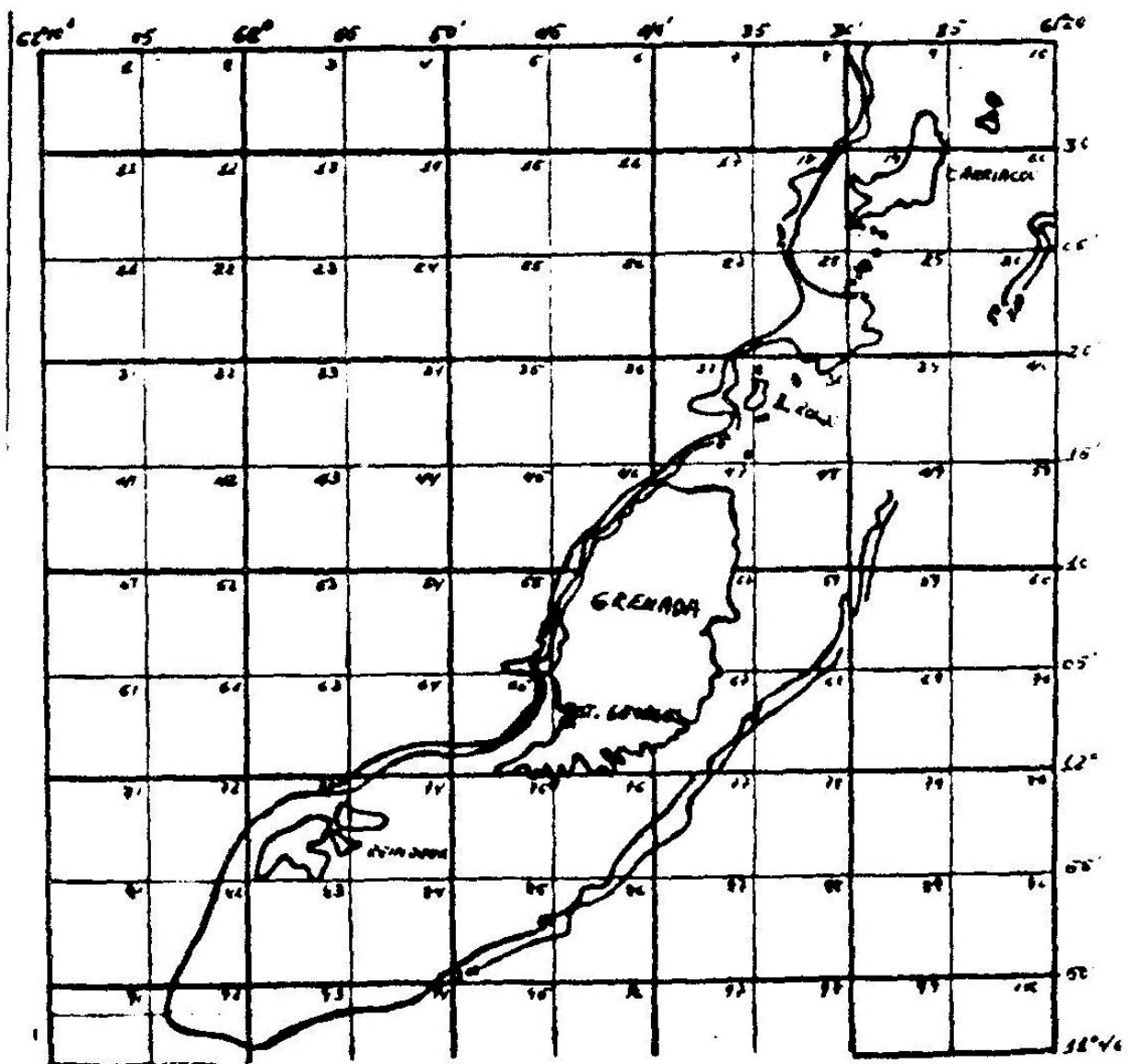
(b) take the eggs or nest of any such bird during the close season for the same, or have in his possession any such bird killed or wounded or taken or any eggs or nest taken during the said season; or

(c) have in his possession any turtle, the eggs of any turtle or any oysters, during the close season for the same, shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

**Annex I. Grenada – W.A.T.S. National Report Study Area.<sup>2</sup>**



<sup>2</sup> *Editor's note (2009):* Maps and figures are reprinted exactly as they appear in the original WATS I Proceedings (Bacon et al., 1984); we regret the poor quality exhibited in some cases.



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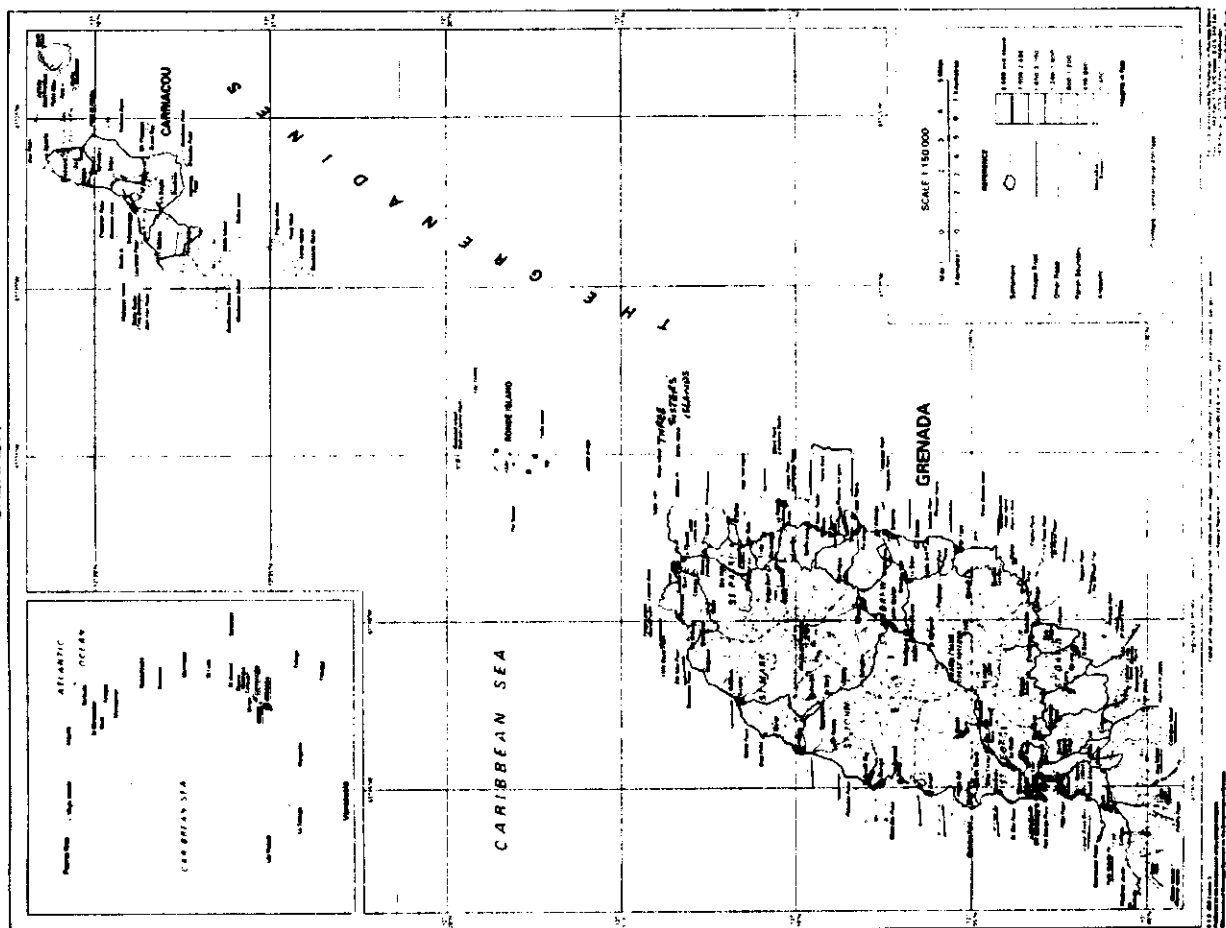
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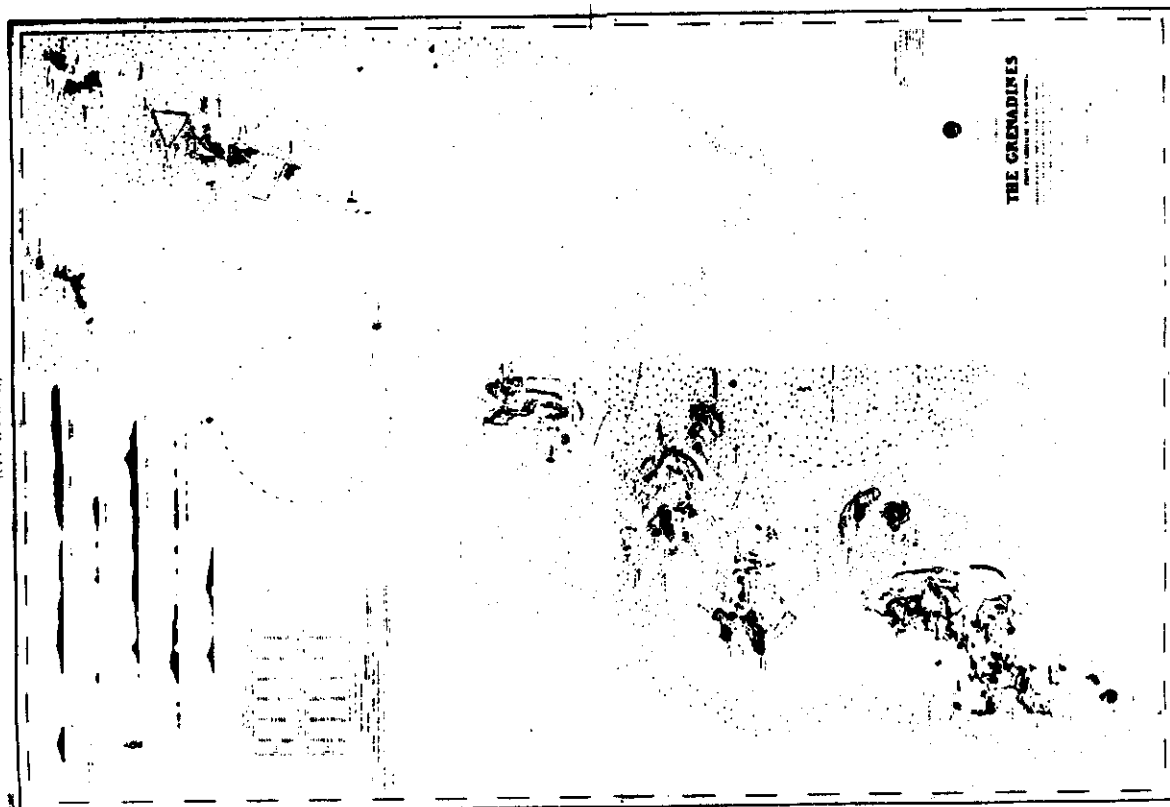
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# INTRODUCTION:

The Sea Turtle Socio-economic and Nesting Survey, Study of Grenada (including Isle De Ronde & Isle De Caillie) began about March 1982 and continued until December 1982. It was an extensive rather than intensive study. The purpose of this study was to collect information and prepare a national report on Grenada for the Western Atlantic Turtle Symposium (W.A.T.S.) to be held in July 1983 in San Jose, Costa Rica. (For Grenada even after the report is submitted data collection will continue). The following objectives guided the study and indicate the scope of investigation undertaken.

- (a) Record the type of shoreline about the island of Grenada. The purpose being to indicate the actual and potential sea turtle nesting beaches. This data will be valuable baseline work for subsequent studies, and also to document the kinds and amounts of shoreline throughout the islands.
- (b) Record the areas in which turtle sightings are frequently made by fishermen and other persons visiting the beaches; record data on concentrated and dispersed nesting locations.
- (c) Compile data of any kind that may indicate the status of sea turtle populations in Grenada.

- (d) Review the present conservation and management programs related to sea turtles.
- (e) Determine the socio-economic importance of sea turtles.
- (f) Make recommendations to help promote the survival status of sea turtle populations inhabiting the territorial waters of the Grenada group.

## BACKGROUND:

### General Geographical Description of Grenada Group:

Grenada is an independent, English speaking East Caribbean State consisting of Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique, Isle De Ronde and a number of small islets. It is the southernmost island of the West Caribbean Chain, lying between 12° and 13° North and 61° and 62° West (See map references).

The island group have a population of approximately 110,000 (1970 census). The citizens have very strong contacts with the sea and shoreline. The islands are volcanic in origin with evidences of sandstone and shales in many areas. For the main island, Grenada, there is

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substantial runoff, which together with other factors, has generated much shoreline sand. Grenada is very much less an oceanic island, than Barbados only about 100 miles away. The vegetation is tropical continental with certain variations which reveal the dry season/rainy season character of the climate.

### COASTLINE AND OFFSHORE AREAS:

The coastline of the Grenada group is a pattern of sandy bays and rocky points. There is much more sandy shore than rock and cliff shoreline. Grenada is notably affected by the North East Trade Winds and hence the North and Eastern shoreline experience high energy swells almost constantly. Hence the beaches to the Leeward sides of the islands have a moderately sloping beach profile and well vegetated 10 or 20 meters above the high tide mark.

The Windward beaches have a steeper profile in high tide sand. However, in areas as characterized by Conference Bay, sand dunes spread along the profile of the beach up to 20 meters from the tide mark. The shorter beaches occur in areas along the windward coast where the rocky points are frequent. Here the beaches are less rough.

On Grenada the colour of sand on beaches varied.

Generally the leeward beaches have black sand probably due to the substantial run off from rivers. The white sand occurs in the beaches from Grand Mal to Point Saline. The Windward beaches are generally white with the occasional admixture of white and black sand. Mangrove swamps occur in areas to the South East but sand and beaches can be found at these locations.

Isle De Ronde and island of about 1.5 square miles has white sand to the south and black sand to the west. Isle De Caillie another 0.5 square miles island only .5 km away has black sand pervading the beaches.

The offshore areas of Grenada etc. consist of a submarine shelf of approximately 400 sq. miles of bottom varying from 0-20 fathoms. Most of this area consists of active and dead coral-lime surfaces. Large expansion of sea grass beds and soft coral occur at various locations. References are given of known vegetation types, on map.

Since the 1940's various persons concerned that Sea Turtle may be overfished in Grenada. This concern was generated from the observation made that the nests of the turtles were being over-exploited. A programme was launched in the late 1950's to generate more recruitment. The principal and most visible threat to the turtle is that of ironnel nets which are set on the reefs especially at times of nesting. The fishermen who engage in turtle fishing do not engage in turtle fishing exclusively. Another method of fishing is by spear-fishing.



Divers will shoot turtles while spear-fishing. Persons show strong preferences for various types of turtle. The hawks bill and green turtles are the choice for meat but the loggerhead and leatherbacks are often rejected because of the "funky" fat. The hawks bill and green turtles are also prized for their backs, however, there is a marked preference for the hawksbills back.

By a survey conducted through the 1961 period, it is estimated that about 1000 turtles are caught annually. Those turtles more than 50 pounds, the number is probably 300 with the remainder being juveniles.

There are so many beaches that are becoming less and less secluded hence fishing pressure on eggs have been serious. The fishing pressure by divers is not serious but the threat by trammel (turtle) nets is a serious one. Despite this, through personal observations and interviews of divers and not many juveniles are spotted at a rate of at least 4 - 6 or 7 a day on reefs.

#### STATUS OF KNOWLEDGE OF SEA TURTLES:

No known objective and scientific observations have been made of sea turtle populations in Grenada. At Carriacou some work has apparently been done in the past.

The concerns of fisheries up to lately had been the responsibility of the Agriculture Ministry. Little serious action had been

taken by way of conserving these species. Fisheries in Grenada is multispecies in nature and principally artisanal. Legislation was passed in 1957 in an effort to protect turtles. However, since turtles can be landed on any beach on the island, it has been difficult to monitor or control the exploitation of these species. Hence, knowledge of the present state of sea turtle populations is drawn from observations made by local trammel fishermen, divers and boys who hunt the turtles and their eggs.

The divers and fishermen reveal that although there are principal meetings at secluded beaches and on the offshore uninhabited islands, there were no concentrated meeting sites. The turtles observed making crawls and actual meetings were those of the green and hawksbill turtles. Records were drawn from interviews with the three categories of turtles predators. Divers were the most helpful. A local diver in the southern part of Grenada observes green and hawksbill turtles frequently. He reports that out of nesting season juveniles of these species are observed feeding all along the grass beds which are prevalent in this area. There are many small secluded beaches in the area, he reports that whenever the turtles are found basking above the grass beds in the day time then he sure they will come in at night.

Leather-back turtles are the most infrequent and are more often

seen out at sea by fishermen. The turtles fishermen report that these are most frequent in the "rainy season" when the water is less salt. The logger head turtles have never been reported as meeting on beaches. The fishermen either catch them in divers or in the net. Even when caught near to shore they have not been found to have eggs. Only once did a fisherman report having seen eggs in a loggerhead female. Notably the fishermen do not catch male loggerheads.

Through repeated interviews and probes the fishermen have indicated that only four types of turtles are observed in Grenada. These are Green Hawksbill loggerhead and leather-back. Reliable and keen divers have reported that turtles having the appearance of "flatback" are often caught on the offshore islands to the north of the Grenada island. The fishermen have said that they always call them a cousin to the green turtles.

To the north of the Grenada island where there are a number of offshore islands, there are significant populations of turtles. Divers interviewed have indicated that Hawksbill and Green Turtles concentrate in different areas depending on the bottom types. He reports that the Hawksbills feed on sponges and soft coral and occur principally along the London Bridge channel area. The Green-Turtles which eat sea-grass frequent the grass beds

between the three sister islands and further north of Isle St. Rude. The Leatherback though not very frequent around the island make a favourite meeting site on the Levere Beach in rainy season June - July. Only the females of leatherbacks are observed.

In the southern offshore area of Grenada, Green and Hawksbills are prevalent. Green turtles are especially prevalent around Hog Island where there are extensive areas of sea grass beds. Two fishermen reported that Green Turtles lay when larger than 80lbs and Hawksbill lay when larger 90/60 lbs. However, one reported that he had observed eggs in a 30/15 hawksbill turtle. They also reported that hawksbill are quite predictable since they lay in 15 days cycles several times a season and according to the moon, when fresh tracks are observed the fishermen know when to return for the subsequent crawl. They report also that hawksbills lay furthest up the beach even under bushes in the highest sand.

Fishermen report that April, May is the principal mating time, when the turtles are seen chasing each other and even disregarding divers. On the southern portion of Grenada, a diver reports that October, November and December are the prevalent feeding times for the the Hawksbill Turtles.

Another seine-net fisherman diver reports that the juveniles are prevalent feeding on the "seaweed" seaweed (moss) in the early parts of the year when the seaweeds are blooming.

N.B. On the Leeward side of the Grenada island where seine net fishing is practiced turtle meetings are rare and although occasionally nets draw in small juveniles the turtles are not frequent in this area.

#### METHODS

With limited time and resources available for such a survey in Grenada, the nature of the research was very narrow. The study involved:-

- Visits to most beaches which were actual and potential nesting sites of turtles;
- Researching Government records of turtle management and most importantly interviews and discussion with turtle fishermen, local men and divers;
- Observations of catches of turtles brought at the landing sites;

The ordnance survey maps used extensively for back up studies on the locations for beaches in perspective. These maps were used also for translating data, collected in the field, to the smaller scale maps.

| NAME OF BAY<br>OF ISLAND | APPROXIMATE LENGTH<br>OF COASTLINE (km) | APPROXIMATE LENGTH<br>OF SUITABLE BEACH (METERS) |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| BLACK BAY                | 0.7                                     | 300  |
| MARIGOT                  | 0.7                                     | 0  |
| GRAND ROY                | 0.7                                     | 300  |
| DOVER                    | 1.0                                     | 700  |
| FLAMINTE                 | 2.0                                     | 1,000  |
| OCTAVE                   | 1.0                                     | 200  |
| WILET                    | 1.5                                     | 300  |
| KARAN                    | 1.1                                     | 100  |
| PT. HEDDERGHE            | 1.2                                     | 0  |
| ST. MARIE                | 3.2                                     | 400  |
| CRAYFISH BAY             | 1.5                                     | 100  |
| DUQUESNE                 | 1.7                                     | 200  |
| DAVID                    | 2.6                                     | 200  |
| SAINT-JEAN               | 2.0                                     | 2,000  |
| IRVING                   | 2.5                                     | 100  |
| LITTLE BAY               | 1.8                                     | 800  |
| GREYHOUND (Battery)      | 3.0                                     | 1,500  |
| ANTICIP                  | 2.5                                     | 2,250  |
| CONFESSION/GRAND RIVER   | 6.9                                     | 6,150  |
| GRANDVILLE BAY           | 4.5                                     | 1,500  |
| ST. ANDREW'S             | 3.3                                     | 250  |
| GRAND PROCTER            | 3.5                                     | 1,250  |
| NEWTON                   | 2.1                                     | 250  |
| CROCHER HARBOR           | 1.6                                     | 250  |
| LA TATE                  | 1.2                                     | 100  |
| GILL BAY                 | 1.3                                     | 500  |
| REQUI                    | 1.9                                     | 700  |
| LA FITE BAY              | 4.4                                     | 300  |
| LA GAGNE                 | 1.9                                     | 800  |
| ST. DAVIDS               | 1.5                                     | 0  |
| LITTLE BACCIE            | 1.1                                     | 500  |
| FEET PACAYE              | 1.4                                     | 200  |
| WESTERHALL               | 3.5                                     | 100  |
| CALVIGNY HARBOR          | 2.8                                     | 0  |
| CALVIGNY ISLAND          | 3.0                                     | 400  |
| VICTOR BAY               | 6.0                                     | 0  |
| BOG ISLAND               | 3.7                                     | 500  |
| PT. HARTY                | 3.5                                     | 0  |

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The findings of the survey were limited but yielded much valuable information on the status of the sea turtles about Grenada. The following recommendations should be considered:-

- Repend much effort in enforcing the regulations for the protection of turtles especially in the close season.
- Mount a campaign against the use of turtle nets or reefs during close season.
- Establish the presently secluded beaches of the out islands as sanctuaries for nesting turtles.

| NAME OF BAY<br>OF ISLAND | APPROXIMATE LENGTH<br>OF COASTLINE (km) | APPROXIMATE LENGTH<br>OF SUITABLE BEACH<br>(METERS) |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| LANCE AND SPINES         | 4.5                                     | 800   |
| PRICELY BAY              |   |   |
| THREE BLUE BAYS          | 2.4                                     | 600   |
| BRAGADI                  | 1.1                                     | 200   |
| SANDY BAY                | 1.0                                     | 0   |
| GRAND BAY                | 1.2                                     | 600   |
| OSTO BAY                 | 0.4                                     | 400   |
| BLACK BAY                | 0.4                                     | 150   |
| PT. SALINE TO            | 4.0                                     | 600   |
| ST. JOHN'S PT.           |   |   |
| GRAND BAY                | 1.5                                     | 600   |
| GRAND ANNE               | 3.9                                     | 2300  |
| ST. MARTIN               | 0.6                                     | 0   |
| ST. GEORGE'S             | 1.9                                     | 100   |
| GRAND HALL               | 2.6                                     | 1000  |
| BRAGON                   | 1.3                                     | 400   |
| BRAND/OUR                | 3.2                                     | 500   |
| BALIFAY                  | 2.5                                     | 50  |
| THREE SISTERS ISLANDS    | 6.0                                     | 2000  |
| ISLE DE BOWIE            | 5.5                                     | 700   |
| ISLE DE GAMBIE           | 2.0                                     | 300   |
| LACON (CITY) HARBOR      | 2.0                                     | 300   |

Total  
720.

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## **TABLE 1**

Summary of total coastline of islands and ways location in Grenada Group (not including Carriacou, Petit Martinique, and Sandy Island) and estimation of total length of beaches suitable for sea turtle nesting. Distances made from actual studies to majority of beaches and by using coastline survey maps.

For estimating lengths of bays as alignment of half

distance between two adjoining bays is used as limitation.

For estimating small inlet whole coast is estimated.

## Country GRENADA

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Length of Coastline\* .....

km

km<sup>2</sup> of Continental Shelf Area .....

240 km<sup>2</sup>

Seaward Extent of Jurisdiction:

Territorial Sea .....

12 miles

Extended Continental Shelf .....

200 miles

Patrimonial Jurisdiction .....

200 miles

Other (Describe) .....

km

TABLE 2. GEOGRAPHIC INVENTORY

| HABITAT BOTTOM TYPES    | km <sup>2</sup> OF HABITAT |                       |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | INSIDE 25m (SHOREWARD)     | OUTSIDE 25m (SEAWARD) |
| 1. Sand                 | ?                          | ?                     |
| 2. Mud                  | ?                          | ?                     |
| 3. Reefs                | ?                          | ?                     |
| 4. Submerged Vegetation | ?                          | ?                     |
| 5. Reefs (Total)        | 250 km <sup>2</sup>        | ?                     |
| A. Fringing Reefs       | 20 km <sup>2</sup>         | ?                     |
| B. Patch Reefs          | 60 km <sup>2</sup>         | ?                     |
| 6. Other                |                            |                       |

TABLE 2b. MARINE HABITAT INVENTORY OF BOTTOM TYPES

\* Coastline length is the measurement of the national seaward boundary of a country; i.e., the distance from border to border for a coastal country and the distance around an island country.

| MARINE SHORELINE CHARACTERISTICS*    |  | % OF SHORELINE |             |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|
|                                      |  | DEVELOPED      | UNDEVELOPED |
| 1. Sand Beach (Total)                |  | 29.5           | 5.1         |
| A. High Energy                       |  | 14.9           | 1.0         |
| B. Low Energy                        |  | 14.6           | 4.1         |
| 2. Reef (exposed)                    |  | 4.0            | 0.0         |
| 3. Rocks                             |  | 70.3           | 10.0        |
| 4. Cliffs                            |  | 24.5           | 3.5         |
| 5. Vegetation (Total)                |  | 108.0          | 15.5        |
| A. Vines                             |  | ?              | ?           |
| B. Grasses                           |  | ?              | ?           |
| C. Mangroves                         |  | 7.0            | 0.0         |
| D. Coconut Trees                     |  | 125.0          | 12.5        |
| E. Other Trees or Shrubs             |  | 100.0          | 15.5        |
| F. Marshes                           |  | 1.0            | 0.0         |
| 6. Mouths of lagoons, rivers, canals |  | 15.0           | 1.5         |
| 7. Total Shoreline                   |  | 143.3          | 32.1        |
|                                      |  | 165.4          | 165.4       |

TABLE 2. COASTAL HABITAT INVENTORY OF MARINE SHORELINE \* Refer to SEA TURTLE MANUAL (Aerial Survey)

\*\* Human development or use (see MANUAL)

| NAME OF BEACH       | LENGTH IN KM | SPECIES NESTING (Use abbreviations)* | MONTHS OF RECORDED NESTING |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. DAVID BAY        | 1.0          | Cm, E, D                             | April - Sept               |
| 2. IRVING BAY       | 1.5          | E, D                                 | April - Aug                |
| 3. RATHUN BAY       | 0.5          | Cm, E, D                             | April - Aug                |
| 4. LEVERA BEACH     | 1.5          | Cm, E, D                             | April - Sept               |
| 5. GREAT RIVER      | 5.2          | Cm, E, D, Cc                         | April - Sept               |
| 6. SANDY ISLAND     | 2.0          | Cm, E                                | April - Aug                |
| 7. NORTH BAY        | 1.0          | Cm, E                                | April - Aug                |
| 8. (Isle de l'Anse) | 1.0          | Cm, E                                | April - Aug                |
| 9. GREGORY BAY      | 2.0          | Cm, E, D                             | April - Sept               |
| 10. ANTOINE BAY     | 1.5          | Cm, E, D                             | April - Sept               |

TABLE 3. NESTING BEACH INVENTORY List beaches in geographic sequence. Provide additional information on following page.

\* Species Abbreviations:  
Cc Chelonia mydas  
Cm Caretta caretta  
D Dermochelys coriacea  
E Eretmochelys imbricata  
F Lepidochelys olivacea

| NAME OF BEACH       | LENGTH IN KM | SPECIES NESTING (Use abbreviations)* | MONTHS OF RECORDED NESTING |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. PALMISTE BAY     | 2.0          | Cm, Cc, D                            | May, Jun, July, Aug        |
| 2. ST. MARK BAY     | 1.0          | Cm                                   | Jun, July                  |
| 3. SOUTH BAY        | 0.5          | E                                    | April, May, Jun, July, Aug |
| 4. GLE DE CHILLON   | 0.5          | E, Cm                                | " " " " " "                |
| 5. BROUET BAY       | 1.0          | E, Cm, Cc                            | April, May, Jun, July, Aug |
| 6. ST. DAVID'S BAYS | 8.0          | E, Cm, Cc, D                         | " " " " " "                |
| 7. POINT SALINES    | 2.0          | E, Cm, Cm                            | " " " " " "                |
| 8. POINT SALINES    | 1.5          | E, Cm, Cm                            | " " " " " "                |
| 9. DUQUEBNE BAY     | 0.5          | E, Cm                                | May, Jun, July, Aug        |
| 10. LA SEUIS BAY    |              | E, Cm, D                             | " " " " " "                |

TABLE 4. NESTING BEACH INVENTORY List beaches in geographic sequence. Provide additional information on following page.

\* Species Abbreviations:  
Cc Chelonia mydas  
Cm Caretta caretta  
D Dermochelys coriacea  
E Eretmochelys imbricata  
F Lepidochelys olivacea

| NAME OF AREA (or give coordinates) | APPROX. AREA (km <sup>2</sup> ) | SPECIES FORAGING (Use abbreviations approx. numbers) | NATURE OF EVIDENCE (Observation, fishery, incidental catch) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. To QUANTINIE BAY                | 15                              | E, Cm (all sizes)                                    | divers observations interviews                              |
| 2. Grande Island 11°59' N 60°46' W | 20                              | E, Cm (all sizes) Taw and sub A                      | divers observations interviews, same fishermen              |
| 3. GRAND MAL BAY                   | 5                               | E, Cm Diagonally all sizes, sub B                    | divers netsetters interviews                                |
| 4. NOLAN/HAF ISLAND                | 15                              | E, Cm, sub A   | divers, netsetters interviews                               |
| 5. CROCHU BAY                      | 15                              | E, Cm, sub A   | divers, netsetters interviews                               |
| 6. GREAT BARRIST BAY               | 10                              | E, Cm, sub A   | divers, netsetters interviews                               |

TABLE 7. FORAGING AREAS INVENTORY

\* Species Abbreviations:  
Cc Chelonia mydas  
Cm Caretta caretta  
D Dermochelys coriacea  
E Eretmochelys imbricata  
F Lepidochelys olivacea

NORTH Grenada  
3 SISTER ISLANDS  
GRINADA

DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS WHITE CARBONATE  
AND SILICATE SANDS

ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR .....

INCIDENTAL.....

GENERAL COMMENTS Most regular nesting site for all four species of turtles which are observed about the island.

NAME OF BEACH ISLE DE RONDE ISLAND OUT ISLAND OF  
GR. FR. AND

EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION OF MESSAGE (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW

DESCRIPTION OF BAND CHARACTERISTICS ..... WHITE CARBONATE SILICATE  
SANDS ON NORTH EAST AND BLACK VOLCANIC ON NORTH  
WEST

LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY

ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR..... REGULAR.....

INCIDENTAL.....

GENERAL COMMENTS: A very regular roosting area for  
turtles. Fall site since the area has  
foraging areas that are significant.

[illegible]

E. OF BEACH..... FORT TRYON AND  
WATER MILL BAYS..... ISLAND..... GRENADA

1. **URGENT CLASSIFICATION OF MESSAGE (Circle)** HIGH, MODERATE, LOW

DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS ..... WHITE CARBONATE SAND  
WITH MODERATE  $Al_2O_3$  PORTION OF SILICA.

LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: AWD/EN IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY

ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... ✓ ..... MINOR .....

**INCIDENTAL**

GENERAL COMMENTS: Very much frequented by Green  
and Hawkbill turtles.

HOG ISLAND  
CALIVIGNY ISLAND ISLAND GRENADA

U-MSGY CLASSIFICATION OF MESSAGE(Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW

DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS ... WHITE CARBONATE SAND  
WELL SORTED OCCASIONALLY

LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY

ESTIMATED BREEDING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... ✓ ..... MINOR .....

INCIDENTAL.....

GENERAL COMMENTS: A very regular turtle nesting site even in mangrove mud/sand areas turtles are known to nest.

NAME OF BEACH: BLACK BAYS ISLAND: .....

ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) ☒ HIGH, ☐ MODERATE ☐ LOW

7. DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS... WELL SORTED CARBONATE ORANGE and WHITE SAND. HIGH PROPORTION OF Silica.

LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY

INTENSIFIED HOSTING ACTIVITY: BLVD..... ✓ ..... MONTANA .....

**UNCLASSIFIED**

ORIGINAL COMMENTS... *EXPOSED BRYS BUT MUCH FREQUENTED*  
*TURTLES; HAWKBILL GREEN, LOGPERMEAS.*

NAME OF BEACH: TRUE BLUE BAY ISLAND: GRENADA

ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE LOW

DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS VARIETY OF CARBONATE  
SAND. FINE TO COARSE GRAINED

LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY

ESTIMATED BREASTING ACTIVITY: NO-MON..... REGULAR..... ✓

**Abstract**.....

DETAILS CONCERNING... SITES FREQUENTED BY HAWKS BILL  
AND GREEN TITLBS.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH LA SAGREE TO PETIT BACAYE BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS CARBONATE SAND WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ✓ REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS GOOD FORAGING OFFSHORE  
MUCH VEGETATION ON SHORELINE

NAME OF BEACH LA SAGREE, LITTLE BACAYE ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS WHITE CARBONATE SAND  
COARSE TO FINE WELL GRADED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ✓ REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS Low energy beaches hemmed in by  
Rocky points, very much frequented by hawksbill  
and green turtles.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH ANTOINE BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS VOLCANIC WELL SORTED SAND  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR REGULAR ✓  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS Green and Hawksbill nesting area  
much vegetation onshore, coconut trees mangroves

NAME OF BEACH CONFERENCE GREAT RIVER ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS SAND DUNES, GENTLY SLOPING  
CLASSIC HIGH ENERGY BEACH CARBONATE SAND  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ✓ REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS SIGNIFICANT RUN OFFS INTO BAY BY RIVERS  
A SIGNIFICANT NESTING SITE OFFSHORE FORAGING  
Common

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH GREAT BACOLET ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS AD MIXTURE OF VOLCANIC  
CARBONATE SAND  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ✓ REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS A SECLUDED BEACH MUCH VEGETATION  
MUCH FORAGING AREA OFFSHORE, STREAM RUNS INTO  
BAY.

NAME OF BEACH CROCHY TO PETIT BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS GALBY (BLACK SAND) OTHER BEACHES  
CARBONATE WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ✓ REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS Small bays with streams running  
into them - significant foraging offshore  
for Green and Hawksbills, Loggerheads  
are occasional.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH ST. MARKS BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS VOLCANIC black sand  
well sorted.  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS Hawksbill and green turtles occasionally  
nest on the beach however human impact is  
significant.

NAME OF BEACH PUQUESNE BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS VOLCANIC WITH CARBONATE  
SAND, WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR REGULAR  
 INCIDENTAL  
 GENERAL COMMENTS Hawksbill and green turtle nesting  
beach profile steeply sloping frequently  
occasionally gently sloping in high swells

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH DAVID BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS Black volcanic sandy beach with vines and coconut trees. Stream runs into bay  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS HAWK BILLS AND GREEN TURTLES NESTING FORMING AREAS OUTSIDE BEACH

NAME OF BEACH SAUTEURS BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS PRINCIPALLY CARBONATE SAND HOWEVER AN ADMIXTURE OF VOLCANIC CARBONATE EXIST  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS HUMAN IMPACT ON PARTS OF THE BEACH SIGNIFICANT HOWEVER OFFSHORE IS A GOOD FRAGILE AREA

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH PALMISTE BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS fine volcanic sand with occasionally coarse sections of sand  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS occasionally heavy or high energy swells affect the beach; beach is used as source of sand. gently sloping profile

NAME OF BEACH GRIFFIN BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS Volcanic and carbonate admixture fine to medium grains well sorted.  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS Human impact on this beach area is very heavy. profile of the beach is steep. low energy swells often with occasional high energy swells.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH LEVERA BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS COARSE TO FINE CARBONATE SAND. MUCH HIGH ENERGY SWELLS WITH RAPID CURRENT MOVEMENT  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ☒ ..... REGULAR .....  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS A MAJOR NESTING AREA FOR ALL FOUR SPECIES OF TURTLES. FORAGING AREAS OFFSHORE ARE SIGNIFICANT.

NAME OF BEACH (BATHWAY) GRENADA BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS WELL SORTED CARBONATE SAND. SAND MOVEMENT IS FREQUENT  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS BEACH HAS FRINGING REEF CLOSE TO SHORE AT CERTAIN POINTS

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH BEANRETOUR ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS BLACK, VOLCANIC SAND. WELL SORTED AND REFINED FINE  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS BEACH ON QUICKLY GROWING BAY. SEA ENCRANCHING ON THE LAND, SOURCE OF SAND FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES.

NAME OF BEACH BLACK BAY ISLAND GRENADA  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS BLACK, VOLCANIC. WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ☒  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS low energy/moderate energy beach. moderate profile with much vegetation. Hawkbill and green turtle nesting site.

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH DRAGON BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS BEACH PROFILE MODERATELY STEEP  
COARSE TO FINE, WELL SORTED SAND, BLACK WITH WHITE  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR .....  
 INCIDENTAL X .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS: IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITY, SEINE NETS  
ETC. HAVE LIMITED TURTLE NESTING

NAME OF BEACH GRAND ROY BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS BLACK VOLCANIC SAND, WELL  
SORTED, MOSTLY FINE, PROFILE MODERATELY SLOPING  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR .....  
 INCIDENTAL ✓ .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS: Moderate energy beach with gently  
sloping profile; only occasional nesting reported

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH GRAND MAL BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS CARBONATE WHITE SAND  
WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR .....  
 INCIDENTAL X .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS: Beach broken occasionally by rocks  
low energy, seine nets frequently fish in this location  
Hawksbill and green turtles nest on this beach  
occasionally, foraging offshore by turtles is frequent

NAME OF BEACH DOTHAN BAY ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS VOLCANIC MIXED WITH CARBONATE  
SAND, BEACH GENTLY SLOPING, FINE SAND  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR .....  
 INCIDENTAL ✓ .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS: BEACH FREQUENTLY USED BY SEINE-NET  
FISHERMEN, BEACH BROKEN BY ROCKS OCCASIONALLY

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA ON BEACHES

NAME OF BEACH Point Salines To Petit Carribe ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS CARBONATE, MEDIAN GRAIN  
WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ✓ ..... REGULAR .....  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS: A FREQUENT NESTING SITE FOR  
HAWKSBILL AND GREEN TURTLES

NAME OF BEACH MORNE ROUGE QUANTINE ISLAND GRENADE  
 ENERGY CLASSIFICATION OF BEACH (Circle) HIGH, MODERATE, LOW  
 DESCRIPTION OF SAND CHARACTERISTICS WHITE CARBONATE  
WELL SORTED  
 LEVEL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPACT: NONE, LIGHT, MODERATE, HEAVY  
 ESTIMATED NESTING ACTIVITY: MAJOR ..... REGULAR ✓ .....  
 INCIDENTAL .....  
 GENERAL COMMENTS: SHALLOW APPROACH TO THE BEACH  
Hawksbill and green turtle nesting



| SPECIES                       | 1982     | 1981 | 1980 | 1979 | 1978 | 1977 |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>        | 100 ± 25 |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>         | 200 ± 50 |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>   | 25 ± 10  |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> | > 500    |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i>     |          |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>  |          |      |      |      |      |      |

TABLE 6. ESTIMATED POPULATIONS OF NESTING FEMALE TURTLES. Sample the estimated number of nesting females for the years indicated and describe methods of estimation on the next page.

| SPECIES                       | J | F | M | A | M | J | J | A | S | O | N | D | MONTHS OF GREATEST ACTIVITY |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------|
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Aug. (cd)                   |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>         | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | April - June (cd - 250)     |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | July - Sept. (cd only)      |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | July - Sept. (cd only)      |
| <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i>     |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | July - Sept. (cd only)      |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>  |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | July - Sept. (cd only)      |

TABLE 8. TURTLE SPECIES PRESENT ON FISHING AREAS. Please complete one of these tables for each of the areas identified in Table 7. Number each table as completed in Table 7 (1, 2, etc.).

| NAME OF PORT OR SITE | SPECIES LANDED (Use abbrev) | FISHING GEAR USED | NUMBER OF LANDINGS (Estimate) |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. SAUTEAUS          | E, Cm                       | Netts and spars   | all year. Estimates           |
| 2. GRENVILLE         | E, Cm                       | "                 | "                             |
| 3. CALLISTE          | E, Cm                       | "                 | "                             |
| 4. BACOLET           | E, Cm                       | "                 | "                             |
| 5. NOBURN            | E, Cm                       | "                 | "                             |
| 6. CALIGNY           | E, Cm                       | NETS AND SPARS    | "                             |

TABLE 11. LANDING SITES FOR TURTLES & TURTLE PRODUCTS

Species Abbreviations:  
 Cc *Caretta caretta*  
 Cm *Chelonia mydas*  
 Dc *Dermochelys coriacea*  
 Ei *Eretmochelys imbricata*  
 Lk *Lepidochelys kempi*  
 Lo *Lepidochelys olivacea*

| SPECIES                       | YEAR    | Kg   | Kg   | Kg   | 1982 | 1981 | 1980 | METHOD OF DETERMINATION         |
|-------------------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Caretta caretta</i>        | 30-50   | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 |      |      |      | MARKET FIGURES, OBS., INTERVIEW |
| <i>Chelonia mydas</i>         | 100-150 | 2500 | 2500 | 2500 |      |      |      |                                 |
| <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>   | 5-10    | 1000 | 1000 | 1000 |      |      |      |                                 |
| <i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i> | 100-200 | 5000 | 5000 | 5000 |      |      |      |                                 |
| <i>Lepidochelys kempi</i>     | 5000    | 5000 | 5000 | 5000 |      |      |      |                                 |
| <i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>  |         |      |      |      |      |      |      |                                 |

TABLE 12. TOTAL ANNUAL TURTLE LANDINGS IN HURDES AND WEIRITS (N/kg). Do not include turtles caught incidentally to other fishing operations (e.g., shrimp trawling).

# TABLE 16. EMPLOYMENT DEPENDENT ON TURTLES

When an individual produces, it is estimated that the following are taken (mainly from beaches or at sea for the purpose):

1. Estimated number of eggs: 6,000 - 10,000

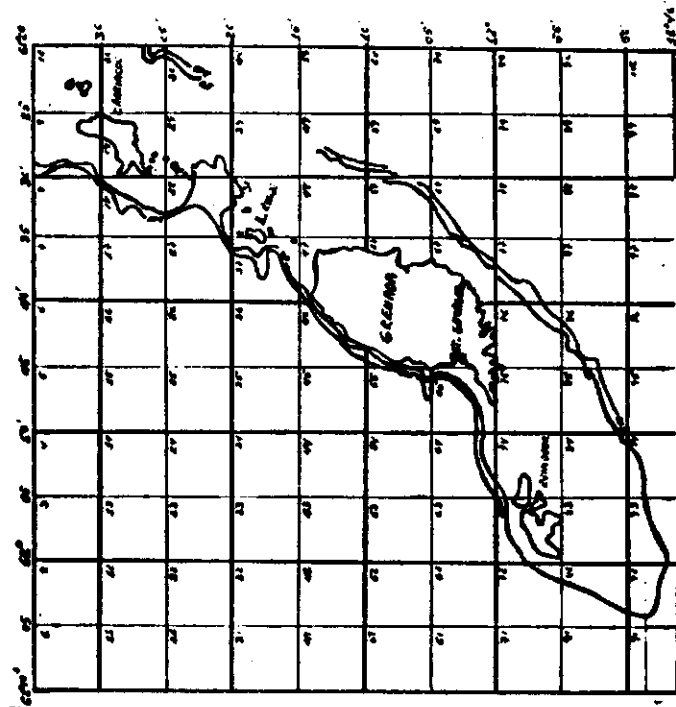
2. Estimated number of hatchlings: 100 - 150

3. Number of turtles caught at sea: 50 - 75

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## B: Social aspects

In addition to the described fishery activities, exploitation of turtles may be permitted in some countries according to local laws or privileges accorded to certain groups of people. In such cases, turtle exploitation artists, please give details (i.e., beach rights, ethnic traditions, specific seasons of the year, special permits, etc.).



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| ACTIVITY   | TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME FROM TURTLES | CRITICISMS   |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Fishing    | 50 ± 10 \$10,000 - \$15,000      | Income based on \$0.90 lb live (WT) obtained for further sale (local market) |
| Processing | —                                | Fishermen process their catch  |
| Selling    | —                                | Fishermen sell their catch on most occasions                                 |

TABLE 16. EMPLOYMENT DEPENDENT ON TURTLES

MARKET PRICES FOR TURTLE PRODUCTS IN GRENADA  
ARE AS FOLLOWS: LIVE WIGHT (\$0.90, 16-17)

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Provided that the Governor may from time to time by notice in the Gazette appoint some other period or periods in lieu of the periods fixed as aforesaid, and after any such appointment the periods so appointed shall be the close season for the purposes of this Ordinance.

3. The Governor may from time to time by notice in the Gazette declare that, as to any of the wild birds enumerated in the Second Schedule the provisions of section 4 shall cease to apply, and may from time to time vary or cancel any such alterations; and thereupon the provisions of the said section shall cease to apply, or shall again apply (as the case may be), with such variation as by the declaration may be provided, and the Governor may also, by notice as aforesaid, declare as to any bird not enumerated in the said schedule that it shall from the date of the notice be deemed to be included in the said Schedule for such close season as may be named in the notice as applicable to it, and may from time to time alter or amend the notice in the same way as if the bird had been enumerated in the Schedule; and thereupon the bird shall to all intents and purposes be deemed to be included in the Schedule for the close season assigned to it in the said notice.

4. Except as hereinafter mentioned, any person who shall—  
(a) kill, wound or take, or attempt to kill, wound or take, any of the wild birds enumerated in the Second Schedule to this Ordinance as any turtle or oysters, during the close season for the same; or  
(b) take the eggs or nest of any such bird during the close season for the same, or have in his possession any such bird killed or wounded or taken or any eggs or nest taken during the said season; or  
(c) have in his possession any turtle, the eggs of any turtle or any oysters, during the close season for the same.

shall be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.