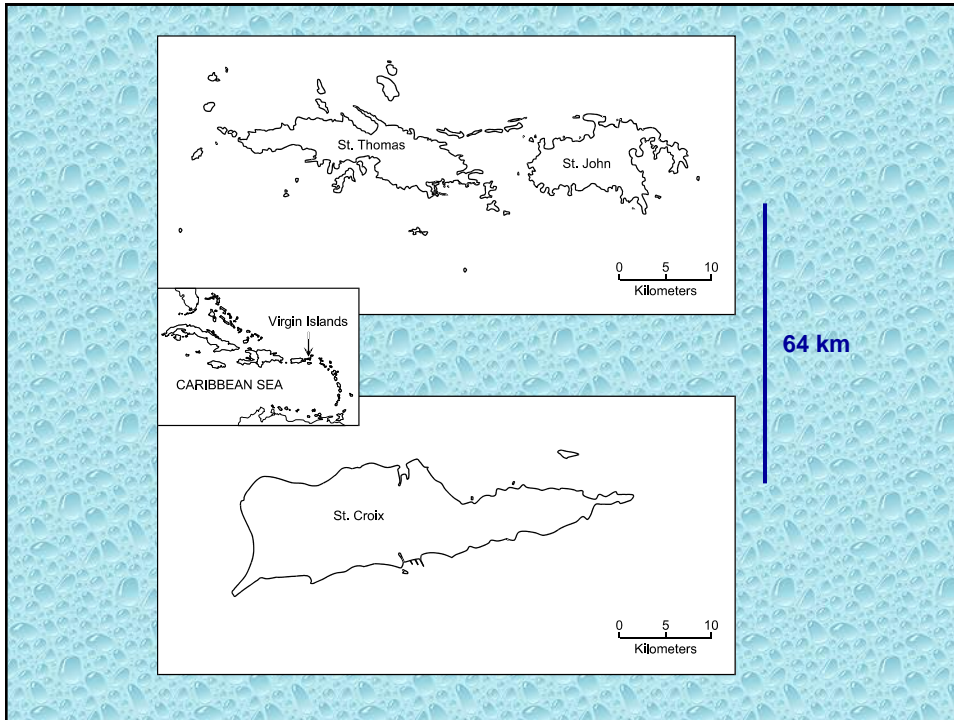


STAR

Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue Network in the US Virgin Islands

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Sea Turtle Work

St Croix

- The Nature Conservancy
- National Park Service
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- St Croix Environmental Association
- WIMARCS (West Indian Marine Mammal Research & Conservation Service)
- Geographic Consulting
- VI Government Department of Planning & Natural Resources



St John

Sea Turtle Work

National Park Service
Friends of the VI National Park



St Thomas


Sea Turtle Work

VI Government Department of Planning & Natural Resources
Coral World
University of the Virgin Islands

All these different agencies....

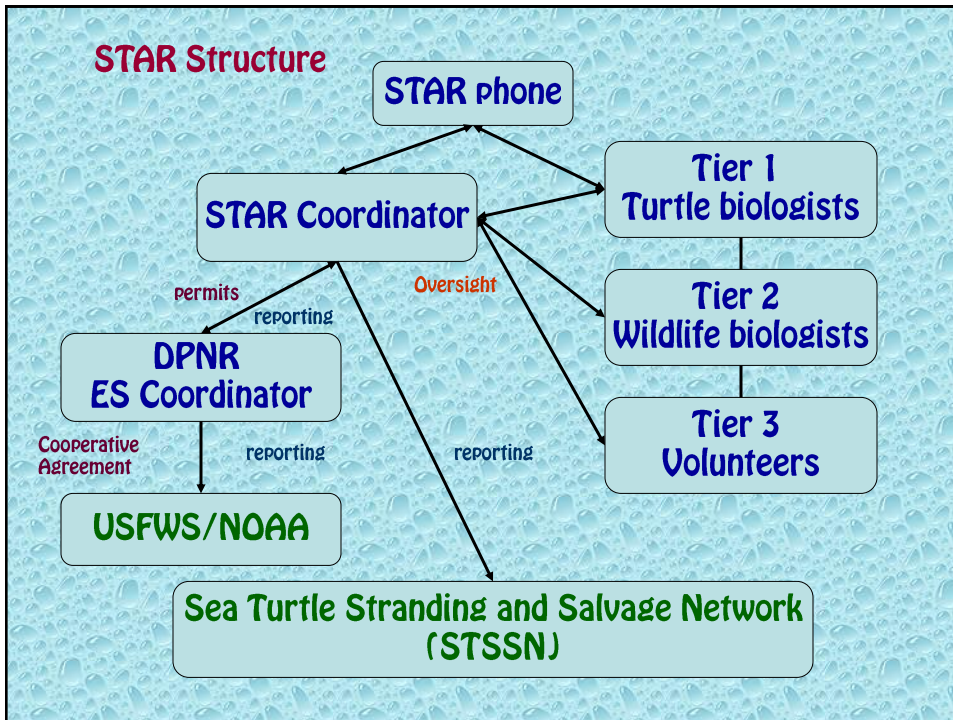
All these turtle people...

Who you gonna call?



STAR
Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue
(340) 690-0474

The complex block features a central rectangular image with a white border. The image depicts a beach scene with waves crashing onto the shore in the upper half and a sea turtle resting on the sand in the lower half. The text 'STAR' is prominently displayed in large, white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image. Below it, 'Sea Turtle Assistance and Rescue' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the text block, the phone number '(340) 690-0474' is shown in the same large, white, bold font as 'STAR'. The entire complex block is set against a background of a light blue, bubbly texture.



STAR began out of a need to...

- coordinate turtle rescue activities
- secure dedicated funding
- put volunteers to use
- keep track of activities



STAR provides:

- reporting to STSSN & DPNR (who in turn reports to NMFS & USFWS)
- dedicated phone line (from USFWS)
- responder training & support
- meetings
- response equipment (hopefully one day)
- protocols and other resources from WIDECAST
- sea turtle community

**STAR activities are permitted by DPNR/DFW under
Cooperative Agreements with NMFS and USFWS**



**Nesting hawksbill rescued
from rip rap, released alive**



Injured hawksbill treated and rehabilitated at turtle hospital in Florida, released back at St Croix



Green turtle found dead on a beach



Things we responded to in 2011

St Croix

9 live strandings 6 dead strandings

- 4 entanglements
- 3 disorientation
- 1 dog attack
- 1 nest relocation
- 2 poached
- 1 shark attack
- 3 unknown

St Thomas

2 live strandings 6 dead strandings

- 2 washed up hatchlings
- 3 boat strikes
- 2 Fibropap
- 1 unknown

7 Green
5 Leatherback
3 Hawksbill

4 Green
4 Hawksbill

Questions about STAR?



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