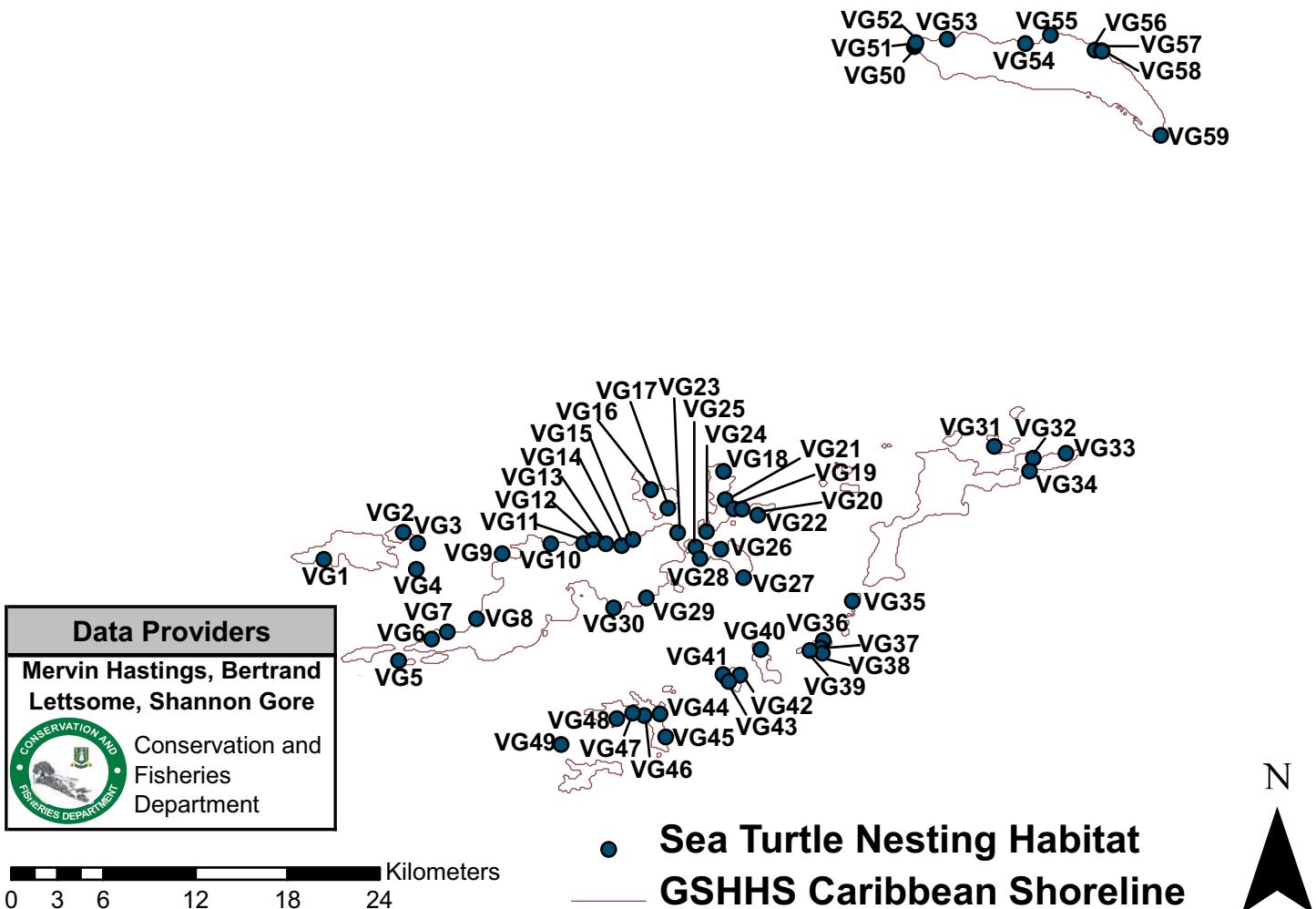


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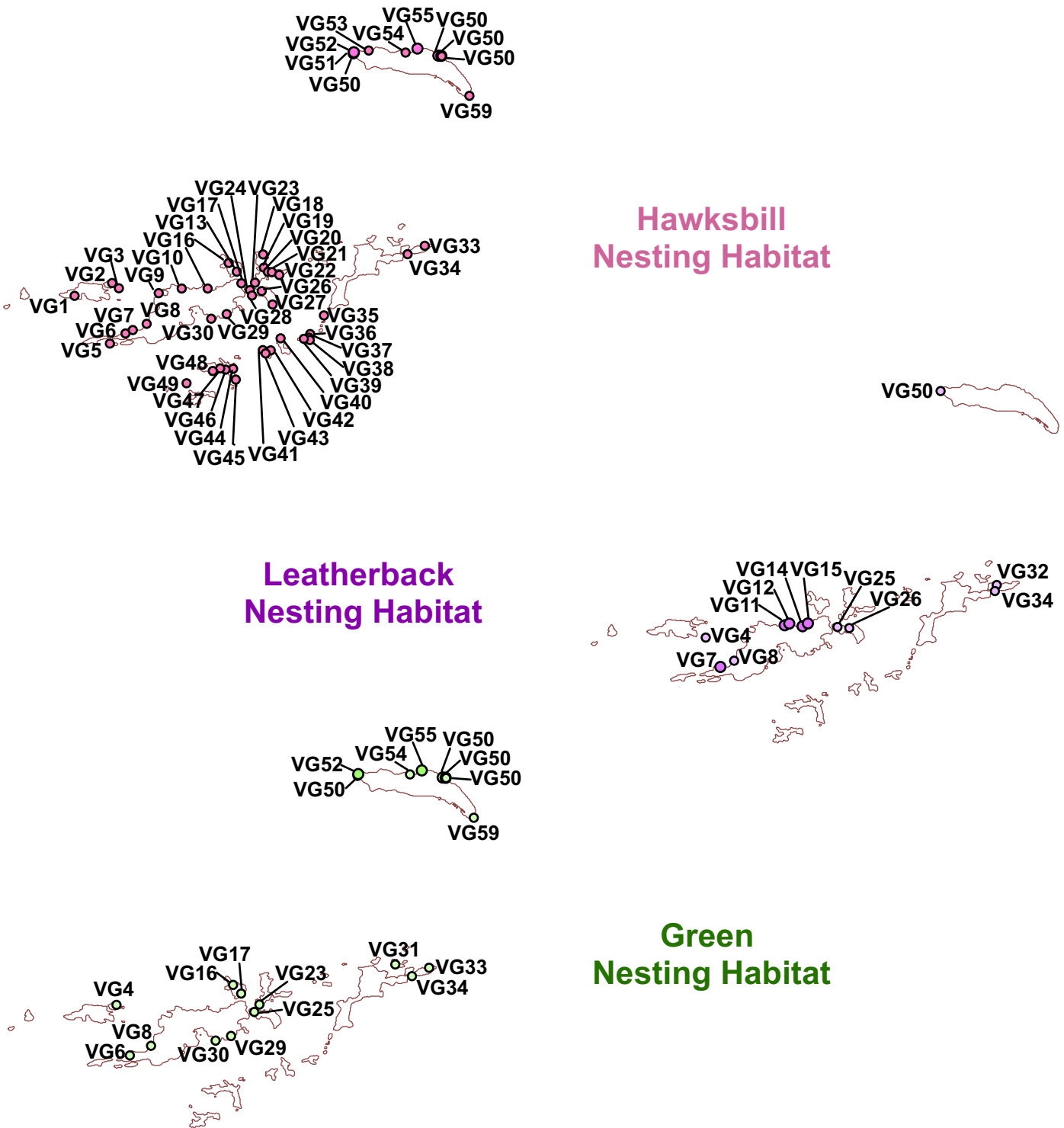
Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>)	IN, IF
Green Turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>)	N, F
Leatherback Turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>)	N
Hawksbill Turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>)	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>)	A
Olive Ridley Turtle (<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>)	A
N = Nesting; F = Foraging; IN = Infrequent Nesting; IF = Infrequent Foraging; I = Infrequent (further detail unavailable); A = Absent	

National Policy for the Protection of Sea Turtles	
Complete (indefinite) protection	No
Moratorium (fixed period)	Yes (Leatherback & Loggerhead)
Prohibition(s) on take	E, Leatherback, Loggerhead
Closed season	Yes
Minimum size limits	Yes
Maximum size limits	No
Annual quota	No
Permits/licenses required	Yes
Gear restrictions	Yes*
Area closures (MPA, park, reserve)	Yes
Reports of exploitation/sale nationally	Yes
Reports of illegal trade internationally	Yes**
General public awareness of laws	Yes
Recent prosecutions or penalties	Yes***
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	No
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; * For sea turtle direct take, not for other fisheries; ** Generally from BVI to USVI; *** Pending court trial (2006)	



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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

Leatherback Nesting Habitat

Green Nesting Habitat

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● X Crawls per year

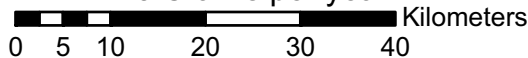
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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (R)	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	No	
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (R)	Birds
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Erosion
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (R)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (FA)	
Artificial Lighting	Yes (U)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Beach litter/debris
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	No	
Beach Nourishment	No	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (FA)	
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No	
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (R)	
Sand Mining	No	
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (R)	
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (R)	
Occurrence Frequency: R = Rare; O = Occasional; F = Frequent; FA = Frequent in one area; U = Unknown		

Threats to Sea Turtles - Foraging/Migration		
Seagrass Degradation	Yes (U)	Sedimentation
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (R)	Long line, chemical and pot/trap
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (O)	During open and closed seasons
Pollution	Yes (U)	Agriculture, sewage, cruise ships/yachts, industrial runoff and marine debris
Predators	Yes (U)	Sharks and fish
Disease/Parasites	Yes (U)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (U)	
Dredging	Yes (O)	
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (U)	Plans for more development
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	Yes (R)	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No	
Entanglement	Yes (U)	Gear and pots
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
VG1	White Bay - Jost Van Dyke	VG31	Optuntia Point - Prickly Pear
VG2	Crawl Beach - Little Jost Van	VG32	Deep Bay - Virgin Gorda
VG3	Sandy Spit Beach - Sandy Spit	VG33	Oil Nut Bay - Virgin Gorda
VG4	Sandy Cay Beach - Sandy Cay	VG34	Bercher's Bay - Virgin Gorda
VG5	Northwest Coast - Little Thatch Island	VG35	North Lee Bay - Fallen Jerusalem
VG6	Smuggler's Cove - Tortola	VG36	Grape Tree Landing - Ginger Island
VG7	Long Bay-Belmont - Tortola	VG37	The Sound Beach - Ginger Island
VG8	Capoon's Bay - Tortola	VG38	Wedego Bay - Ginger Island
VG9	Brewer's Bay - Tortola	VG39	South Bay - Ginger Island
VG10	Larmer's Bay - Tortola	VG40	Coral Bay - Cooper Island
VG11	Trunk Bay - Tortola	VG41	Salt Island Bay - Salt Island
VG12	Rogues Bay - Tortola	VG42	Sound Beach - Salt Island
VG13	Cooten Bay - Tortola	VG43	South Bay - Salt Island
VG14	Josiah's Bay - Tortola	VG44	Big Reef Bay - Peter Island
VG15	Lambert Beach - Tortola	VG45	Little Reef Bay - Peter Island
VG16	North Beach - Guana Island	VG46	White Bay - Peter Island
VG17	Dig-a-Low Beach - Guana Island	VG47	Sand Pierre Bay - Peter Island
VG18	North Bay - Great Camanoe	VG48	West of Key Point - Peter Island
VG19	Cam Bay - Great Camanoe	VG49	Pelican Island
VG20	West End Beaches - Scrub Island	VG50	West End - Anegada
VG21	North Bay - Scrub Island	VG51	Ruffling Point - Anegada
VG22	West South Beach - Scrub Island	VG52	Northwest Point - Anegada
VG23	East End/South Bay - Little Camanoe	VG53	Cow Wreck Bay - Anegada
VG24	Lloyd's Beach - Tortola	VG54	Windlass - Anegada
VG25	Long Bay - Beef Island	VG55	Soldier Wash - Anegada
VG26	Trellis Bay - Beef Island	VG56	Anegada
VG27	Bluff Bay - Beef Island	VG57	Anegada
VG28	Well Bay - Beef Island	VG58	Loblolly Bay - Anegada
VG29	Halfmoon Bay - Tortola	VG59	East Point - Anegada
VG30	Sophie Bay - Tortola		