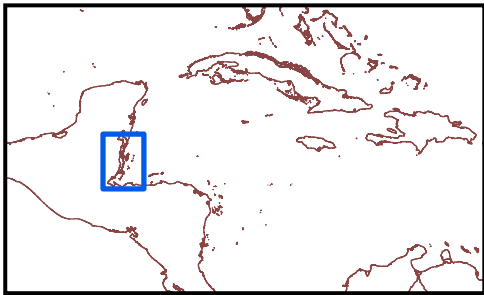


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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	N, F
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	I
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys 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	Yes*
Moratorium (fixed period)	-
Prohibition(s) on take	-
Closed season	No
Minimum size limits	No
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	No (Insufficient)
Recent prosecutions or penalties	Yes**
Enforcement considered adequate	No (Insufficient)
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Yes
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; - = Not Applicable; * Except for Licensed Traditional Use; ** Only one case in 2004	



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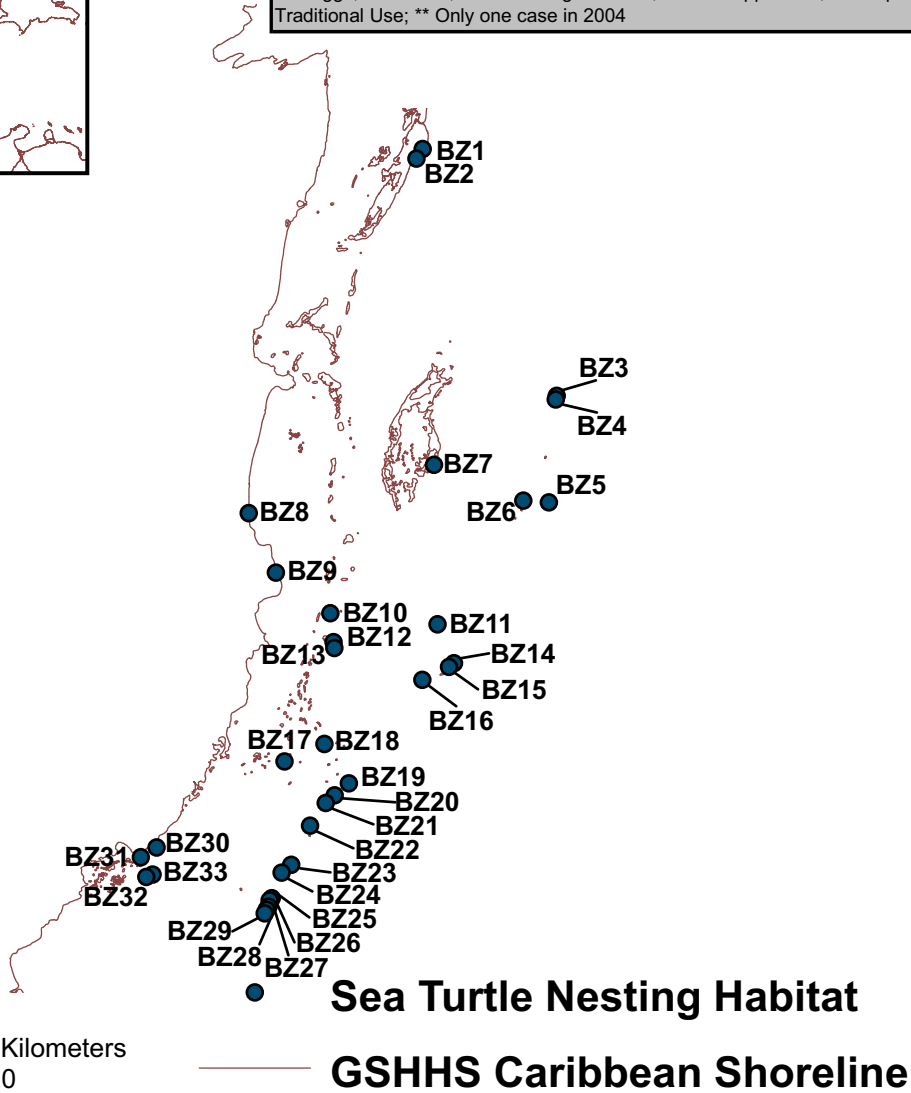
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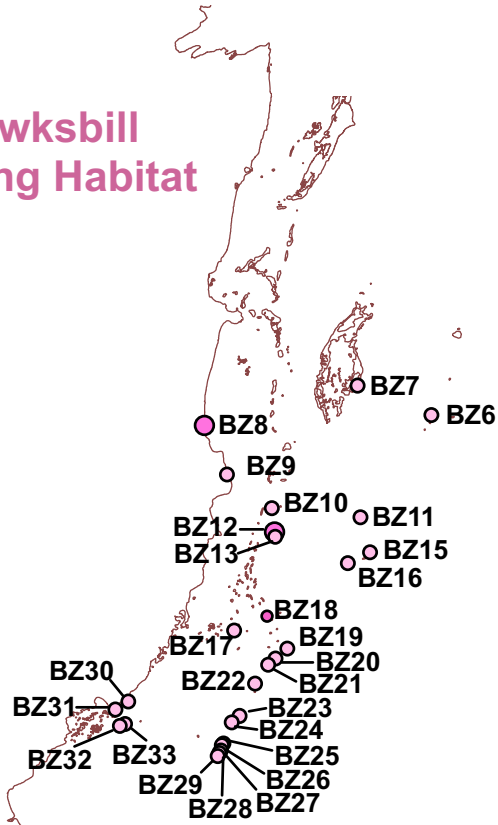
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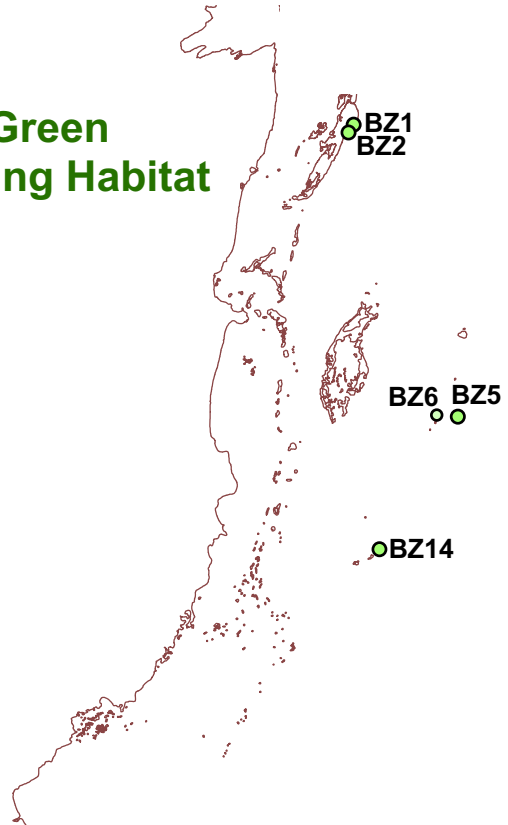
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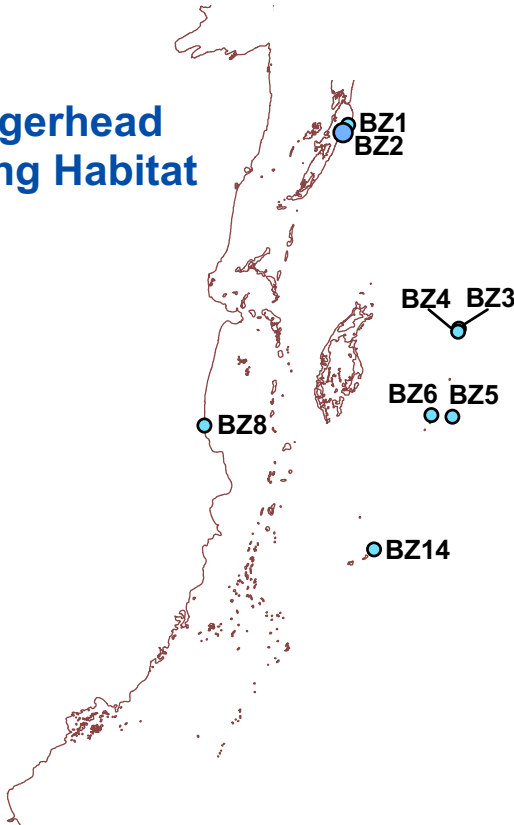
Hawksbill Nesting Habitat



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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
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- 25-100 Crawls per year

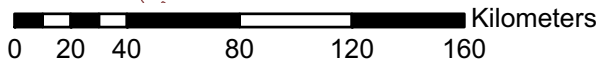
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Loggerhead Nesting Habitat

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— GSHHS Caribbean Shoreline



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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	No	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	Unknown	
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (U)	
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Flooding and erosion
Egg Collection by Humans	No	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (U)	
Artificial Lighting	Yes (U)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Agriculture, sewage and beach litter/debris
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Caused by storm events
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (U)	
Beach Nourishment	No	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	No	
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No	
Beach Vehicular Use	No	
Sand Mining	Yes (U)	
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (U)	
Livestock Presence on the Beach	No	
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)	Anchor damage
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Anchor damage
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (U)	Trawl, hook and line, long line, gillnet and pot/trap
Hunting/Poaching	No	
Pollution	Yes (U)	
Predators	Yes (U)	
Disease/Parasites	Yes (U)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	No	
Dredging	Yes (U)	
Marina and Dock Development	No	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	No	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No	
Entanglement	Yes (U)	
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
BZ1	Rock Point - Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve	BZ18	Gladden
BZ2	Robles Point - Bacalar Chico	BZ19	Silk
BZ3	Lighthouse - Sandbar	BZ20	Round Cay
BZ4	Lighthouse - North	BZ21	Pompion Cay
BZ5	Lighthouse - Half	BZ22	Ranguana
BZ6	Lighthouse - Long	BZ23	Red Rock - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ7	Turneffe - Calabas	BZ24	Tom Owen - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ8	Manatee Bar/Gales Point	BZ25	Northeast Cay - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ9	North Stann Creek	BZ26	Frank - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ10	Tobacco	BZ27	Nicholas - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ11	Glovers - Northeast	BZ28	Hunting - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ12	South Water Caye	BZ29	Lime - Sapodilla Cayes
BZ13	Carrie Bow	BZ30	Punta Negra
BZ14	Glovers - Long	BZ31	Punta Ycacos
BZ15	Glovers - Middle	BZ32	Middle Snake
BZ16	Glovers - Southwest	BZ33	West Snake
BZ17	Laughing Bird		