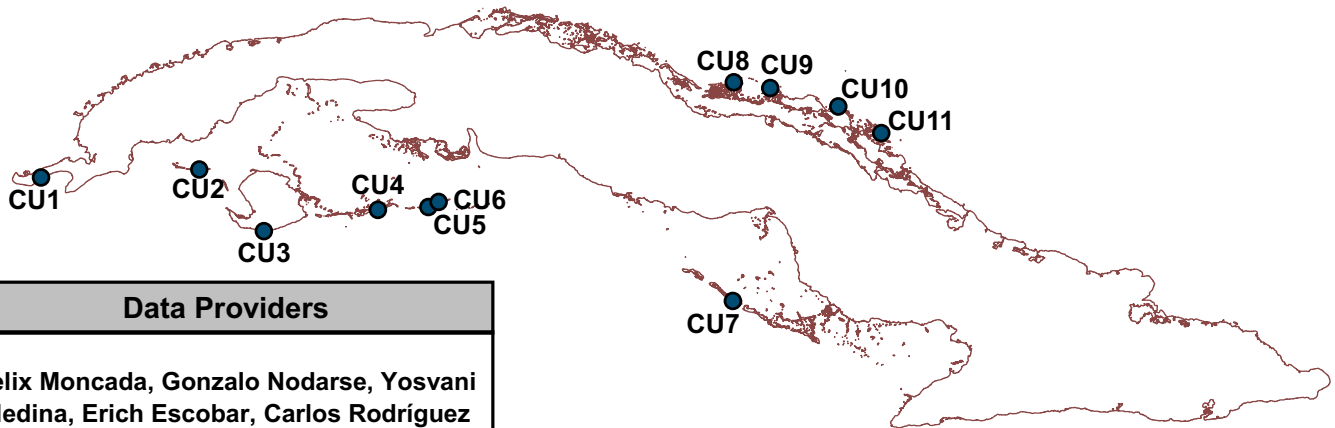


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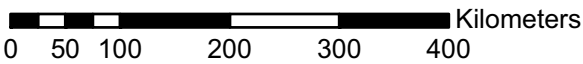
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	N, F
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	IN, IF
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys kempii)</i>	A
Olive Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys olivacea)</i>	I
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	E, N, NF
Closed season	Yes
Minimum size limits	Yes
Maximum size limits	No
Annual quota	Yes
Permits/licenses required	Yes
Gear restrictions	Yes
Area closures (MPA, park, reserve)	Yes
Reports of exploitation/sale nationally	Yes
Reports of illegal trade internationally	No
General public awareness of laws	Yes
Recent prosecutions or penalties	Yes
Enforcement considered adequate	Yes
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Yes
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; – = Not Applicable; * Except for Traditional Use	



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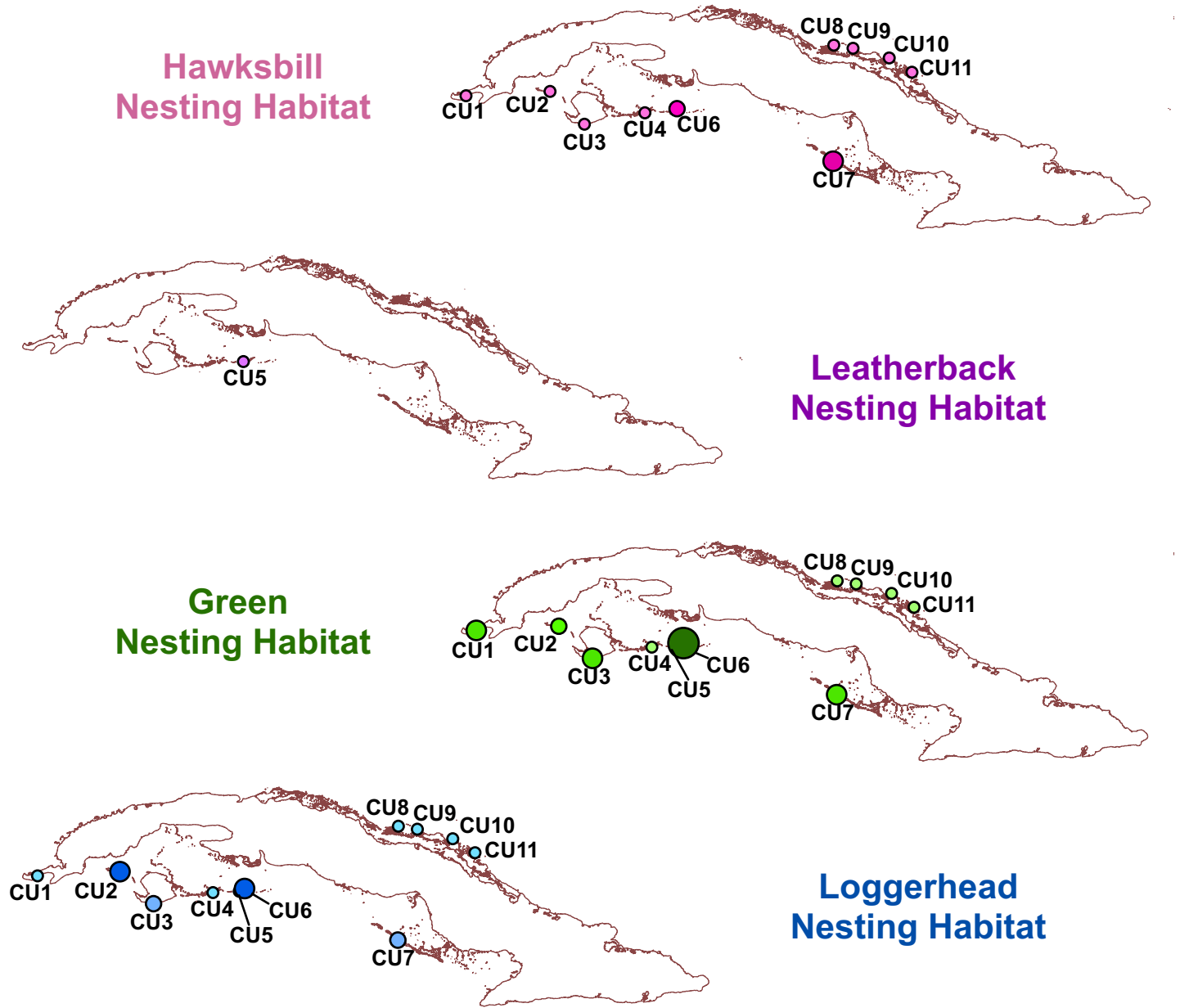


● **Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat**
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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

- <25 Crawls per year
- 25-100 Crawls per year
- 100-500 Crawls per year

Green Nesting Habitat

- <25 Crawls per year
- 25-100 Crawls per year
- 100-500 Crawls per year
- >1000 Crawls per year

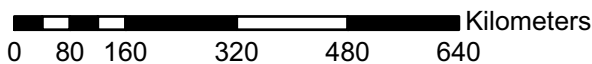
Leatherback Nesting Habitat

- <25 Crawls per year

Loggerhead Nesting Habitat

- <25 Crawls per year
- 25-100 Crawls per year
- 100-500 Crawls per year

— GSHHS Caribbean Shoreline



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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (O)	More frequent on mainland
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	No	
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (O)	Pigs and dogs
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Flood
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (O)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (O)	
Artificial Lighting	Yes (O)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Petroleum/tar, sewage and industrial runoff
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Erosion and accretion
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Unknown	
Beach Nourishment	Yes (FA)	In Varadero and Mantanzas
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (FA)	In tourist areas
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	Yes (O)	In tourist areas
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (O)	In tourist areas
Sand Mining	Yes (R)	Near Varadero
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (R)	
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (O)	
Occurrence Frequency: R = Rare; O = Occasional; F = Frequent; FA = Frequent in one area; U = Unknown		

Threats to Sea Turtles - Foraging/Migration		
Seagrass Degradation	No	
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Anchor damage, other unknown
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (F)	Trawl, gillnet, pound net and pot/trap
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (R)	Petroleum/tar, sewage and industrial runoff
Predators	Yes (U)	
Disease/Parasites	Yes (R)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Unknown	
Dredging	Yes (U)	
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (U)	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	No	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	Yes (U)	
Entanglement	Yes (U)	
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
CU1	Peninsula de Guanahacabibes	CU7	Cayería de Doce Leguas
CU2	Cayería de San Felipe	CU8	Cayo Santa Maria
CU3	Guanal, Isle of Pines	CU9	Cayo Guillermo
CU4	Cayo Campo	CU10	Cayo Peredon Grande - Cayo
CU5	Cayo Rosario	CU11	Cayo Fragosa
CU6	Cayo Largo del Sur		