

Curaçao Sea Turtle Habitat

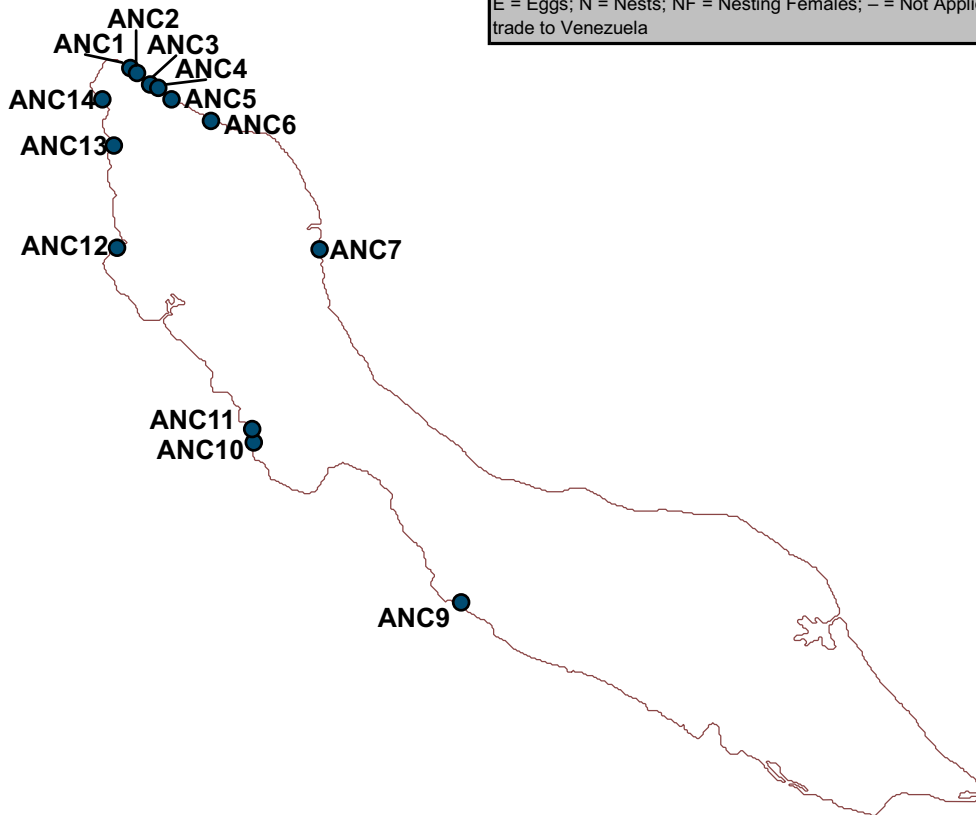
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle (<i>Caretta caretta</i>)	N, F
Green Turtle (<i>Chelonia mydas</i>)	N, F
Leatherback Turtle (<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>)	N, IF
Hawksbill Turtle (<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>)	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle (<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>)	A
Olive Ridley Turtle (<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>)	I

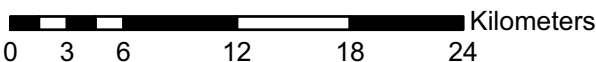
N = Nesting; F = Foraging; IN = Infrequent Nesting; IF = Infrequent Foraging; I = Infrequent (further detail unavailable); A = Absent

National Policy for the Protection of Sea Turtles	
Complete (indefinite) protection	Yes
Moratorium (fixed period)	–
Prohibition(s) on take	–
Closed season	–
Minimum size limits	–
Maximum size limits	–
Annual quota	–
Permits/licenses required	–
Gear restrictions	No
Area closures (MPA, park, reserve)	Yes
Reports of exploitation/sale nationally	Yes
Reports of illegal trade internationally	Unknown*
General public awareness of laws	Yes
Recent prosecutions or penalties	No
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Yes

E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; – = Not Applicable; * Some suspected trade to Venezuela



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● Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat

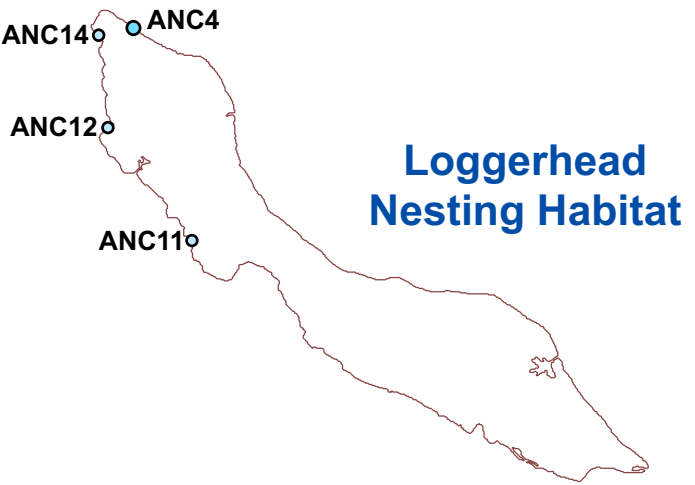
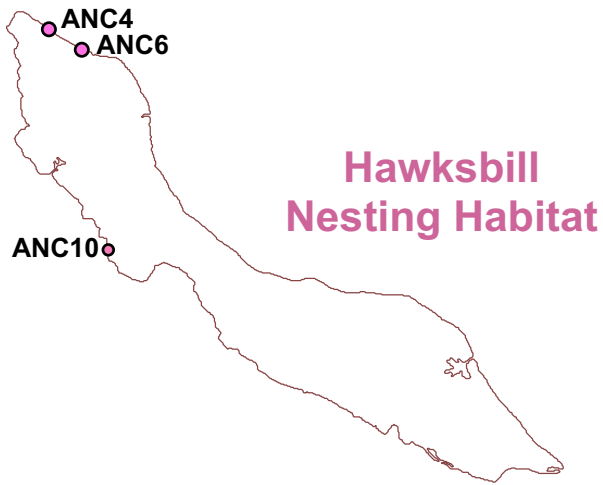
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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
- <25 Crawls per year

Leatherback Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year

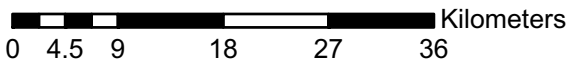
Green Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
- <25 Crawls per year

Loggerhead Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	No	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	No	
Nest Loss to Predators	No	
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	No	
Egg Collection by Humans	No	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	No	
Artificial Lighting	No	
Pollution	No	
Beach Erosion/Accretion	No	
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	No	
Beach Nourishment	No	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	No	
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No	
Beach Vehicular Use	No	
Sand Mining	No	
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	No	
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	No	
Coral Reef Degradation	No	
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (U)	Hook and line
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (R)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Minimal
Predators	No	
Disease/Parasites	Yes (U)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	No	
Dredging	No	
Marina and Dock Development	No	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	No	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No	
Entanglement	No	
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
ANC1	Un Boka	ANC8	North Beach - Klein Curacao
ANC2	Dos Boka	ANC9	Blauwbaai
ANC3	Boka Djego	ANC10	Daaibooi
ANC4	Boka Mansalina	ANC11	Porto Marie
ANC5	Boka Kortalein	ANC12	Santu Pretu
ANC6	Boka Braun	ANC13	Groot Knip
ANC7	Boka Bergantin	ANC14	Playa Kalki