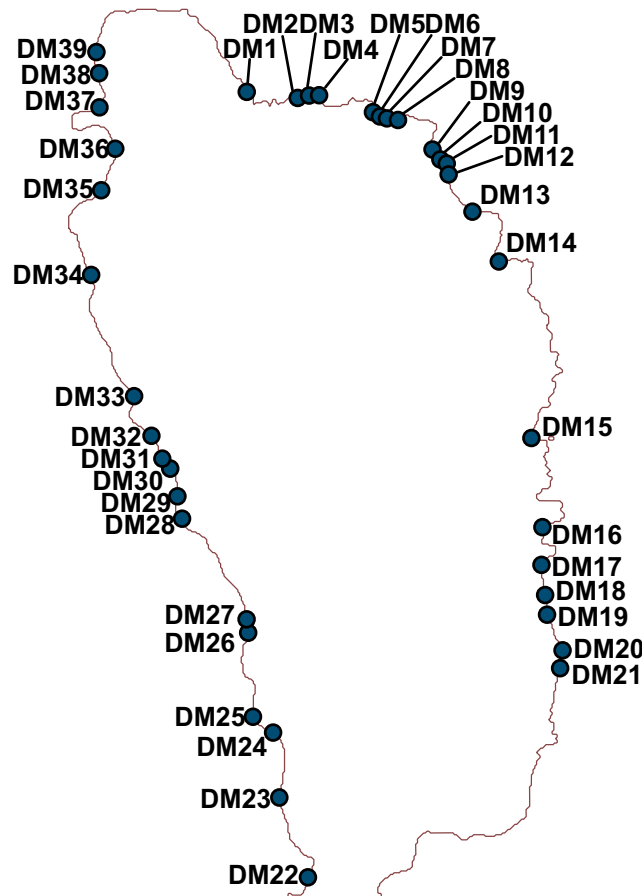


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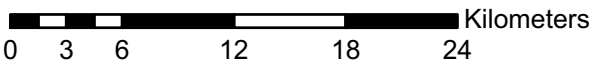
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	I
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys 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)	No
Prohibition(s) on take	E, N, NF
Closed season	Yes
Minimum size limits	Yes
Maximum size limits	No
Annual quota	No
Permits/licenses required	No
Gear restrictions	No
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; -- = Not Applicable	



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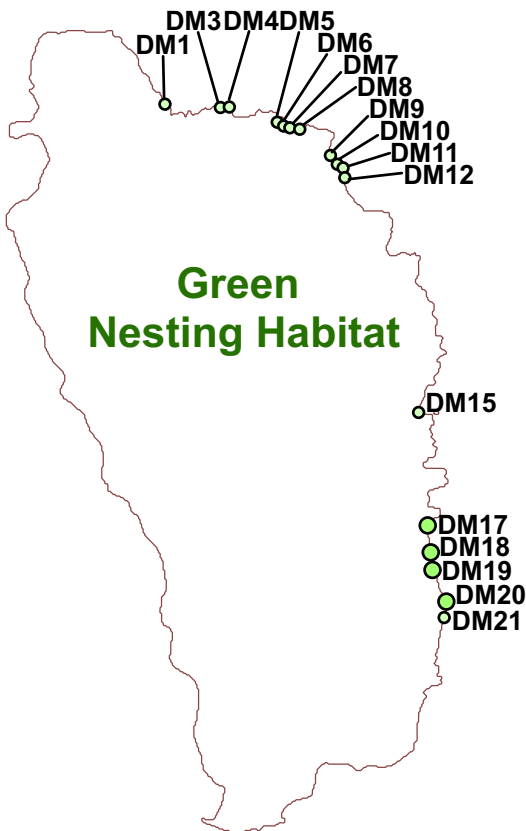
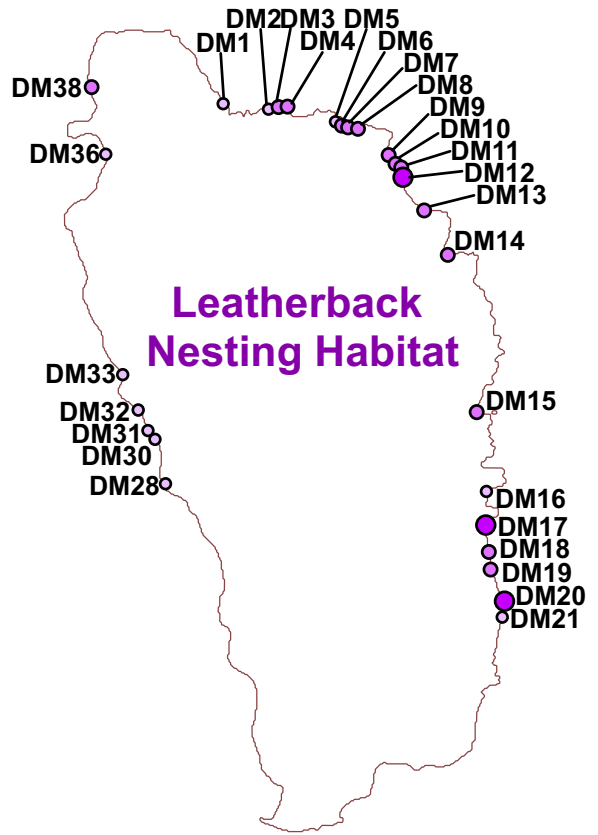
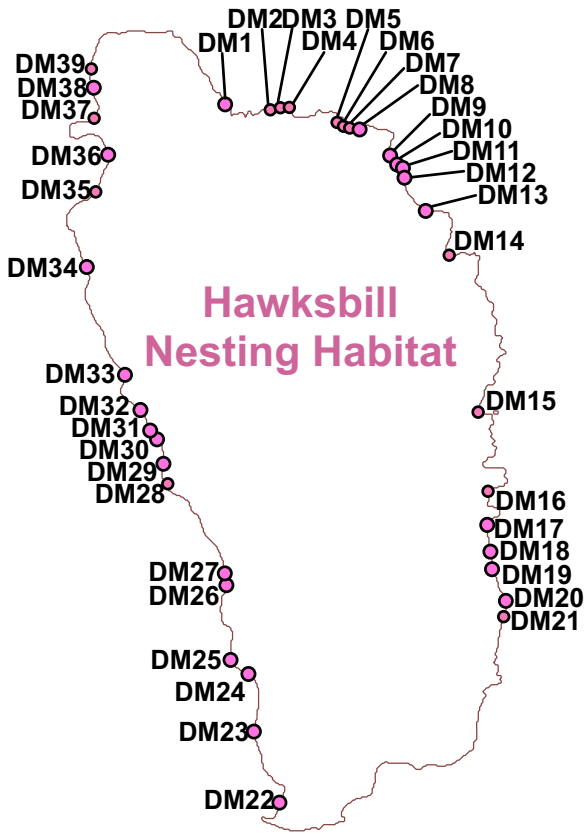
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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
- ◐ <25 Crawls per year

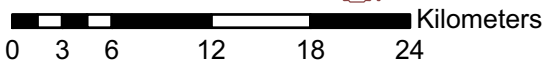
Leatherback Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
- ◐ <25 Crawls per year
- ◑ 25-100 Crawls per year

Green Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
- ◑ <25 Crawls per year

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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (F)	Frequent on north coast and west coast
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	Yes (R)	
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (O)	Dogs, crabs and herons (frequent near urban areas)
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (F)	Major problem especially on northeast and southwest coasts
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (F)	Occurs on all coasts (less frequent in the southeast)
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (F)	Frequent on the north and southeast coasts
Artificial Lighting	Yes (O)	Traffic lights and construction of new airport facilities
Pollution	Yes (U)	Agriculture, beach litter/debris
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (F)	Erosion - major problem caused by sand mining and natural erosion; sedimentation - problem at Londonderry and airport construction at Melville Hall
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (O)	Coulibistrie, near Roseau and Colihaut
Beach Nourishment	Yes (R)	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (R/O)	Occasional on the west coast, rare on the east coast
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No	
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (O)	
Sand Mining	Yes (O)	Illegal, but occurs on the north and west coasts
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)	West coast loss due to sedimentation and eutrophication; seagrass rare on east coast
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Bleaching, runoff, sedimentation, debris and fish pots
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (F)	Gillnet (frequent in the southwest)
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Agriculture, marine debris and sedimentation
Predators	Unknown	Sharks
Disease/Parasites	Unknown	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (U)	
Dredging	Yes (R)	On the west coast
Marina and Dock Development	No	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	Yes (R)	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No	
Entanglement	Yes (F)	In active and abandoned gillnets and pots
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
DM1	Thibaud	DM21	Plaisance Bay
DM2	Batibou	DM22	Soufriere Bay/ Scotts Head
DM3	Swaier	DM23	Point Michael
DM4	Hampstead	DM24	New Town
DM5	Hodges Bay	DM25	Roseau
DM6	L'anse Noir	DM26	Canefield Airport
DM7	L'anse Tortue	DM27	Massacre
DM8	Woodford Hill Bay	DM28	Layou
DM9	Big Bottom	DM29	Saint Joseph
DM10	Walker's Rest Bay	DM30	Mero
DM11	Jimmy's Bay	DM31	Macoucherie
DM12	Londonderry Bay (Cabana)	DM32	Salisbury
DM13	Marigot	DM33	Batalie
DM14	Pagua Bay (Hatten Garden)	DM34	Dublanc
DM15	St. David Bay (Castle Bruce)	DM35	Coconut Beach
DM16	Petite Soufriere Bay	DM36	Prince Rupert Bay/Portsmouth
DM17	Rosalie Bay	DM37	Douglas Bay
DM18	Ravine Cyrique	DM38	Toucari
DM19	Secret Beach	DM39	Cottage Bay
DM20	La Plaine/Point Girand		