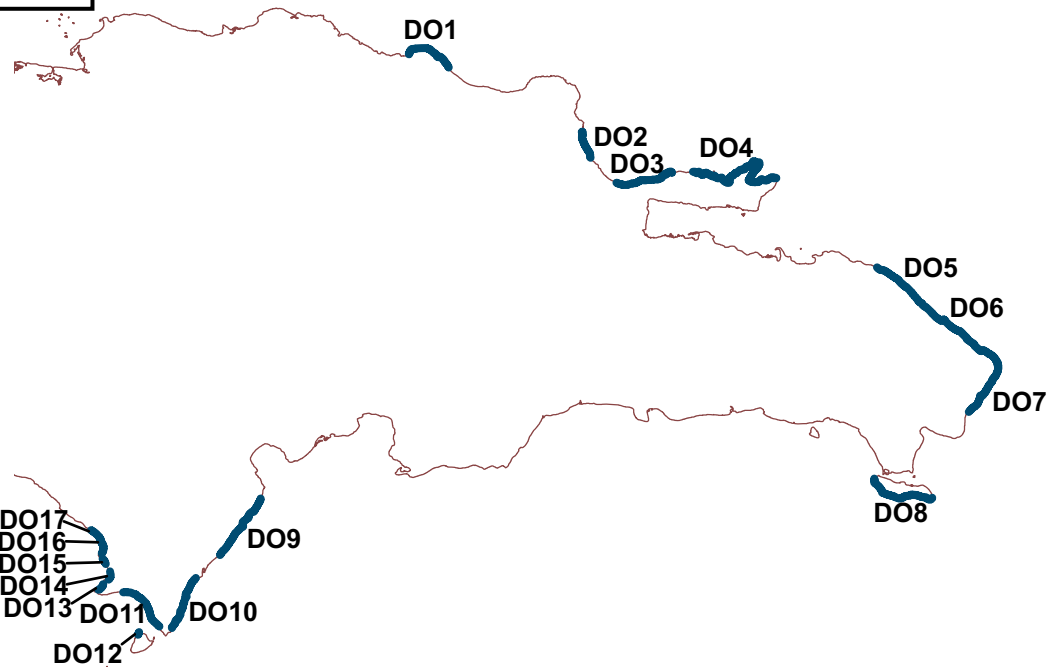
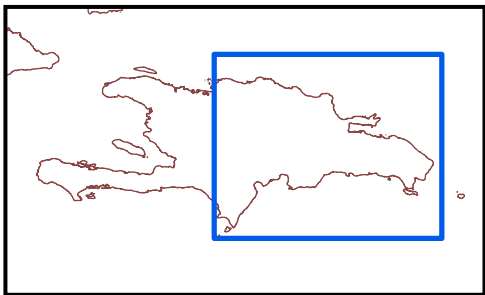



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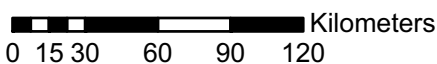
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	N, I
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys 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	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	Yes
General public awareness of laws	No
Recent prosecutions or penalties	No
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	No
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; – = Not Applicable	



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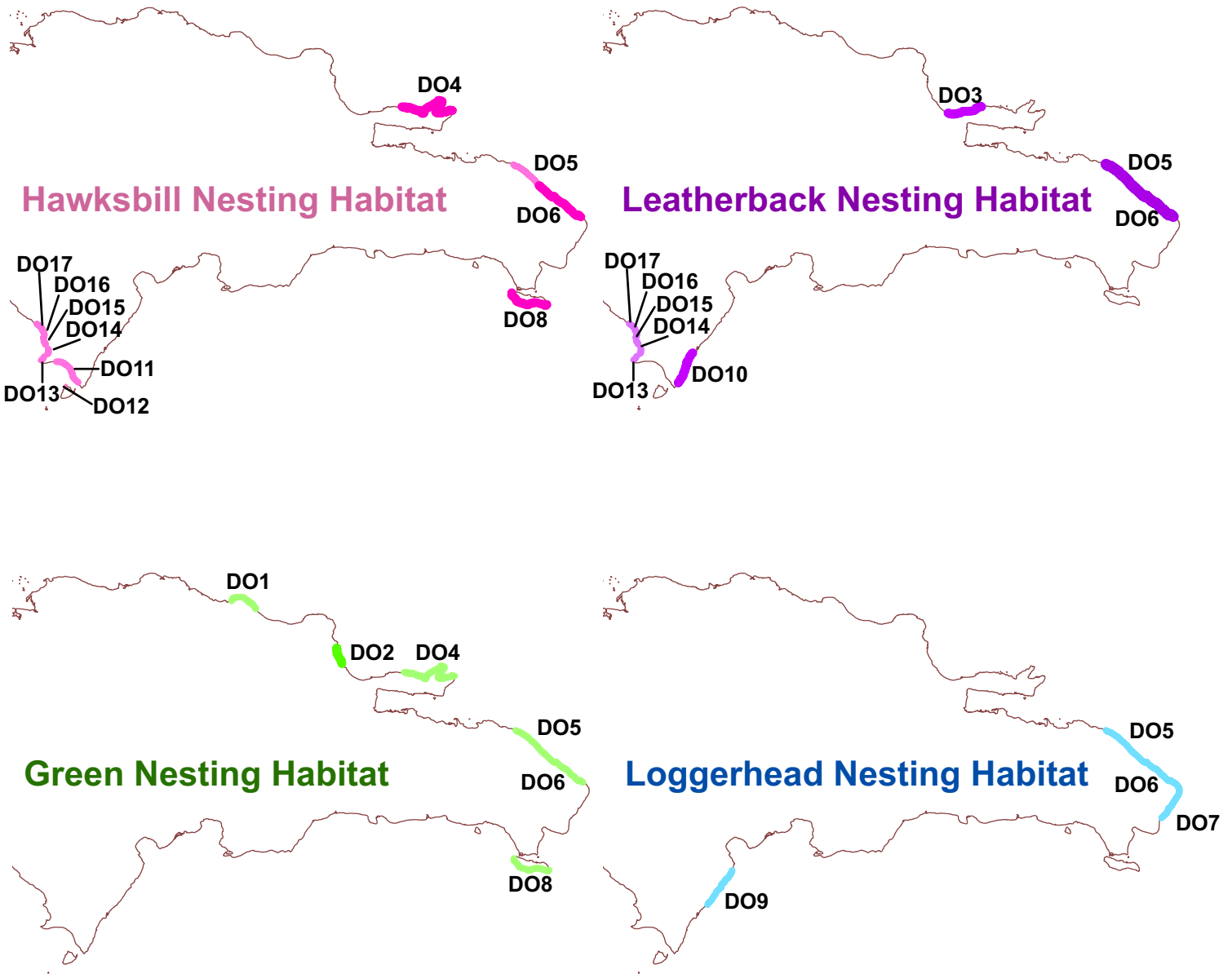


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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

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

Green Nesting Habitat

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

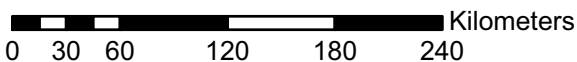
Leatherback Nesting Habitat

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

Loggerhead Nesting Habitat

- <25 Crawls per year

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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (O)	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	Yes (R)	
Nest Loss to Predators	Unknown	
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Unknown	
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (U)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	No	
Artificial Lighting	Unknown	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Beach litter/debris
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Erosion
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (O)	
Beach Nourishment	Yes (R)	Future project to nourish three tourist beaches
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (F)	Mostly beach chairs on hotel beaches
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	Yes (FA)	On resort beaches
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (O)	
Sand Mining	Yes (FA)	Macao, Salinas Dunes National Park
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (F)	Most shoreline vegetation has been replaced by coconut groves
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (R)	Goats, horses and mules
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)	Pollution and removal by development
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Pollution, sedimentation, coral bleaching and disease
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (F)	Purse seine, gillnet, pot/trap and hookah diving
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Sewage and marine debris
Predators	Yes (U)	Sharks
Disease/Parasites	Yes (R)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Unknown	
Dredging	Yes (R)	Boca Chica
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (FA)	New marinas on east and northern coasts
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	Yes (R)	
Power Plant Entrapment	Yes (R)	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	Yes (R)	
Entanglement	Yes (O)	Monofilament lines and nets
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
DO1	Sosúa-Boca del Yásica	DO10	Playas de Oviedo (San Luis, Mosquea, Inglesa)
DO2	Nagua - Gran Estero	DO11	Cabo Beata - Cabo Falso
DO3	Boca del Estero - Las Terrenas	DO12	Isla Beata
DO4	Playa Las Terrenas - Cabo Samaná	DO13	Playas de Pedernales - Lanza Zó
DO5	Playa Nisibon - Boca del Maimon	DO14	Playas de Pedernales - Bahía de las Águilas
DO6	Playa Macao - Cabeza de Toro	DO15	Playas de Pedernales - La Cueva
DO7	Boca del Maimon - Boca del Río Anamuya	DO16	Playas de Pedernales - Cabo Rojo
DO8	Isla Saona	DO17	Playas de Pedernales - Bucán Yé
DO9	Los Arroyos - Enriquillo		