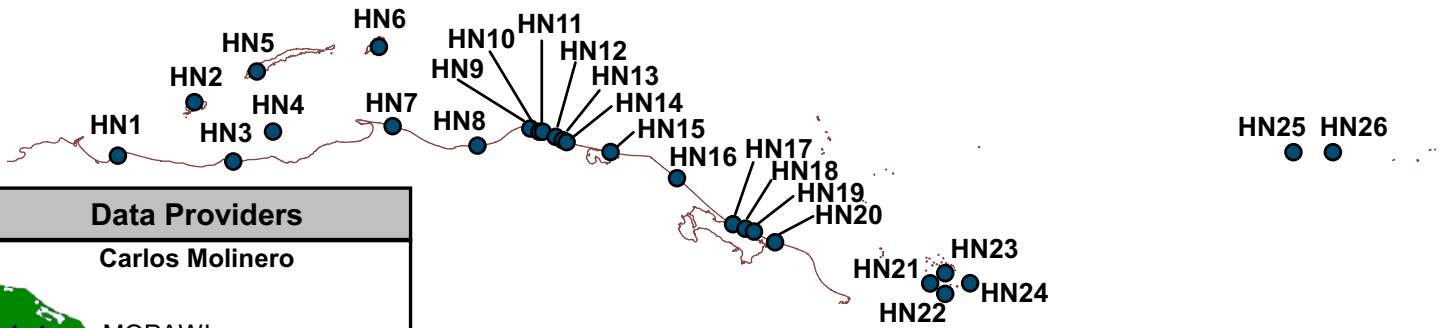
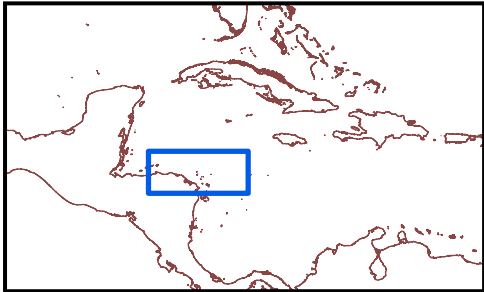


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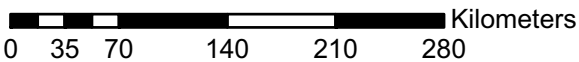
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Sea Turtle Presence	
<b>Loggerhead Turtle</b> <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	N, F
<b>Green Turtle</b> <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
<b>Leatherback Turtle</b> <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N
<b>Hawksbill Turtle</b> <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
<b>Kemp's Ridley Turtle</b> <i>(Lepidochelys kempii)</i>	A
<b>Olive Ridley Turtle</b> <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	No
Closed season	No
Minimum size limits	No
Maximum size limits	No
Annual quota	No
Permits/licenses required	No
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
Recent prosecutions or penalties	Unknown
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Unknown
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; - = Not Applicable; * Except for Indigenous Take	



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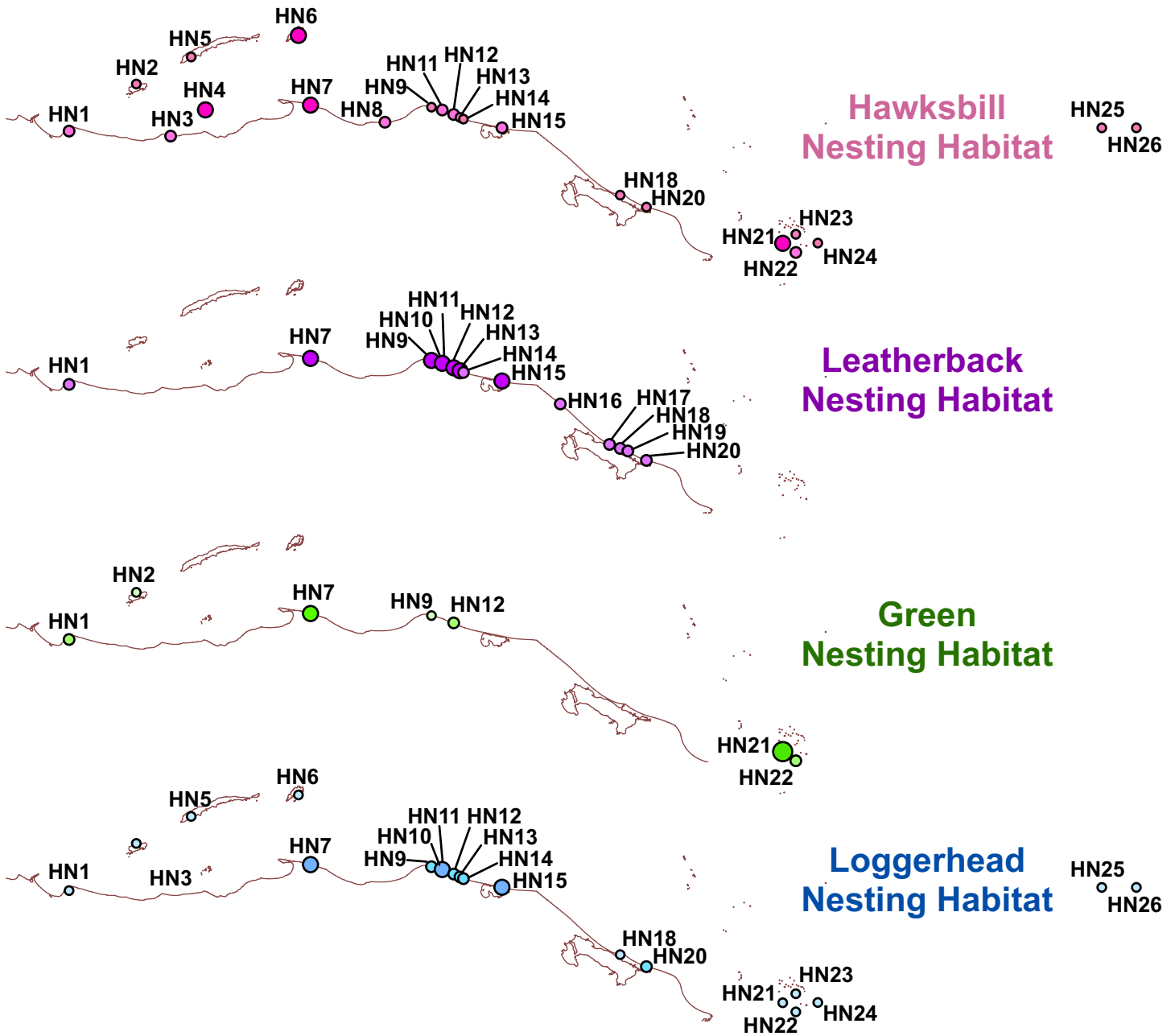
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**Hawksbill Nesting Habitat**

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

**Loggerhead Nesting Habitat**

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

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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
<b>Killing of Nesting Females by Humans</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Killing of Nesting Females by Predators</b>	Yes (U)	
<b>Nest Loss to Predators</b>	Yes (F)	Feral dogs, pigs, cats; Playa de Mokabila in Brus Laguna
<b>Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors</b>	Yes (U)	
<b>Egg Collection by Humans</b>	Yes (U)	La Barra del Rio Monague to la Barra de Rio Aguan; Leatherbacks are particularly declining
<b>Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence</b>	Yes (F)	
<b>Artificial Lighting</b>	Yes (FA)	Ceiba to Sambo Creek
<b>Pollution</b>	Yes (F)	Agriculture, sewage and beach litter/debris
<b>Beach Erosion/Accretion</b>	Yes (F)	Due to loss of vegetation and storms
<b>Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Beach Nourishment</b>	Yes (U)	
<b>Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Mechanized Beach Cleaning</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Beach Vehicular Use</b>	Yes (F)	Increases during rainy season due to the poor state of roads in coastal communities
<b>Sand Mining</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation</b>	Yes (F)	Cocotero has been eliminated by disease
<b>Livestock Presence on the Beach</b>	Yes (R)	Cattle graze on beaches
Occurrence Frequency: R = Rare; O = Occasional; F = Frequent; FA = Frequent in one area; U = Unknown		

Threats to Sea Turtles - Foraging/Migration		
<b>Seagrass Degradation</b>	Yes (F)	Development, beach nourishment and sedimentation
<b>Coral Reef Degradation</b>	Yes (F)	Sedimentation and fishing
<b>Fisheries Bycatch</b>	Yes (F)	Artisinal fisheries
<b>Hunting/Poaching</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Pollution</b>	Yes (F)	Sewage, marine debris, deforestation (runoff)
<b>Predators</b>	Yes (U)	
<b>Disease/Parasites</b>	Yes (U)	
<b>Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence</b>	Yes (O)	
<b>Dredging</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Marina and Dock Development</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions</b>	Yes (R)	Almost no reports
<b>Power Plant Entrapment</b>	Yes (R)	
<b>Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation</b>	Yes (O)	One installation in Bahia de Omoa
<b>Entanglement</b>	Yes (U)	
<b>Offshore Artificial Lighting</b>	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
HN1	Bahia de Tela	HN16	Barra de Tabakunta
HN2	Isla de Utila	HN17	Yahurabila
HN3	La Ceiba Cayo Chachahuate	HN18	Barra Catarasca
HN4	Cayos Cochinos	HN19	Prunnitara
HN5	Roatan	HN20	Cauquira
HN6	Guanaja	HN21	Cayo Bobel
HN7	Punta Castilla	HN22	Cayo Port Royal or Tortuga
HN8	Sangre Laya	HN23	Cayo Sabana
HN9	Tocamacho	HN24	Cayo Sur
HN10	Batalla	HN25	Cayo Bogas
HN11	Cabo Camaron - La Barra	HN26	Cayos Vivorillos
HN12	Plaplaya	HN27	Barra Patuka
HN13	Ibans	HN28	Kury
HN14	Cocobila	HN29	Belén
HN15	Brus Laguna		