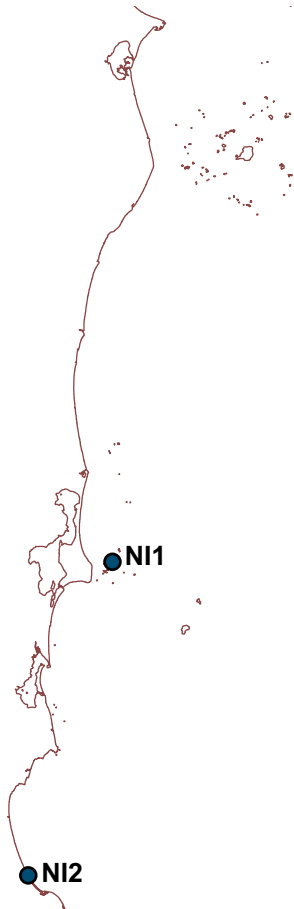
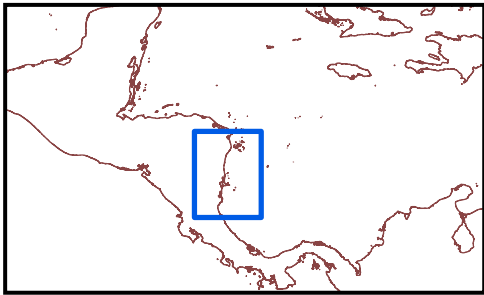


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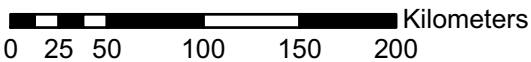
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	F
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N, IF*
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys kempii)</i>	A
Olive Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys olivacea)</i>	A
N = Nesting; F = Foraging; IN = Infrequent Nesting; IF = Infrequent Foraging; A = Absent; * In-water presence, foraging status unknown	

National Policy for the Protection of Sea Turtles	
Complete (indefinite) protection	Yes*
Moratorium (fixed period)	–
Prohibition(s) on take	No
Closed season	Yes
Minimum size limits	No
Maximum size limits	No
Annual quota	No
Permits/licenses required	No
Gear restrictions	Yes
Area closures (MPA, park, reserve)	No
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; * All species protected except for the green sea turtle	



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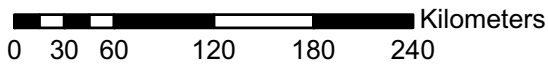
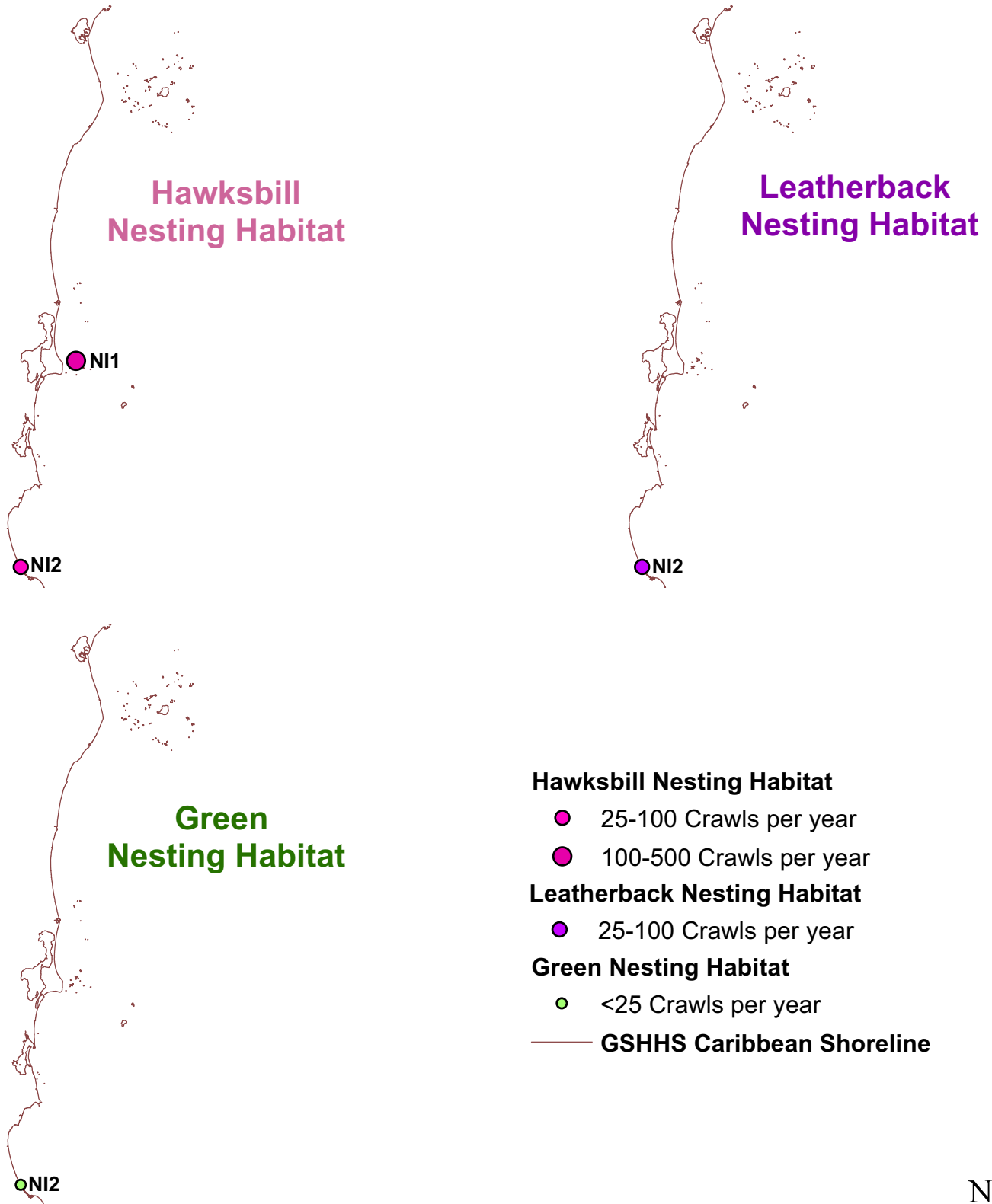
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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (O)	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	No	Harassment by dogs
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (O)	Dogs, rats and crabs
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (O)	Erosion and water inundation
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (F)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (O)	
Artificial Lighting	Yes (FA)	Pearl Cays
Pollution	Yes (F)	Beach litter/debris, sewage, petroleum/tar and pesticides
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (FA)	Pearl Cays
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (O)	Pearl Cays
Beach Nourishment	No	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	No	
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No	
Beach Vehicular Use	No	
Sand Mining	Yes (FA)	Pearl Cays
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (FA)	Pearl Cays
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (FA)	Pearl Cays - pigs
Occurrence Frequency: R = Rare; O = Occasional; F = Frequent; FA = Frequent in one area; U = Unknown		

Threats to Sea Turtles - Foraging/Migration		
Seagrass Degradation	Yes (F)	Anchor damage, sedimentation and fisheries impacts
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (F)	Anchor damage, sedimentation, fisheries impacts and hurricanes
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (F)	Pot/trap, gillnet, trawl and long line
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Sewage, petroleum/tar, marine debris, runoff and "decreased water quality"
Predators	Yes (U)	Sharks
Disease/Parasites	Yes (O)	Fibropapillomas in greens
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (F)	
Dredging	No	
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (FA)	Pearl Cays
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	No	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	Yes (U)	
Entanglement	Yes (F)	Fishing gear
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
NI1	Pearl Cays	NI2	El Cocal