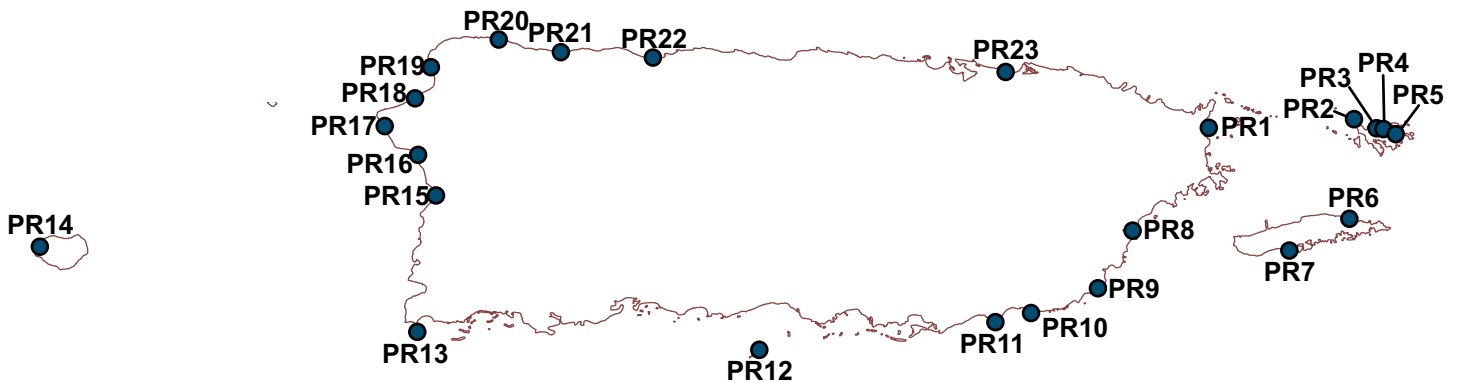


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Sea Turtle Presence	
<b>Loggerhead Turtle</b> <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	I
<b>Green Turtle</b> <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
<b>Leatherback Turtle</b> <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N, F
<b>Hawksbill Turtle</b> <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
<b>Kemp's Ridley Turtle</b> <i>(Lepidochelys kempii)</i>	A
<b>Olive Ridley Turtle</b> <i>(Lepidochelys olivacea)</i>	I
N = Nesting; F = Foraging; IN = Infrequent Nesting; IF = Infrequent Foraging; I = Infrequent (further detail unavailable); A = Absent	

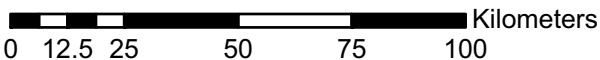
National Policy for the Protection of Sea Turtles	
Complete (indefinite) protection	Yes
Moratorium (fixed period)	–
Prohibition(s) on take	–
Closed season	–
Minimum size limits	–
Maximum size limits	–
Annual quota	–
Permits/licenses required	Yes*
Gear restrictions	Yes
Area closures (MPA, park, reserve)	Yes
Reports of exploitation/sale nationally	Yes
Reports of illegal trade internationally	Yes**
General public awareness of laws	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; * For incidental take in fisheries; ** From tourists returning from other countries	



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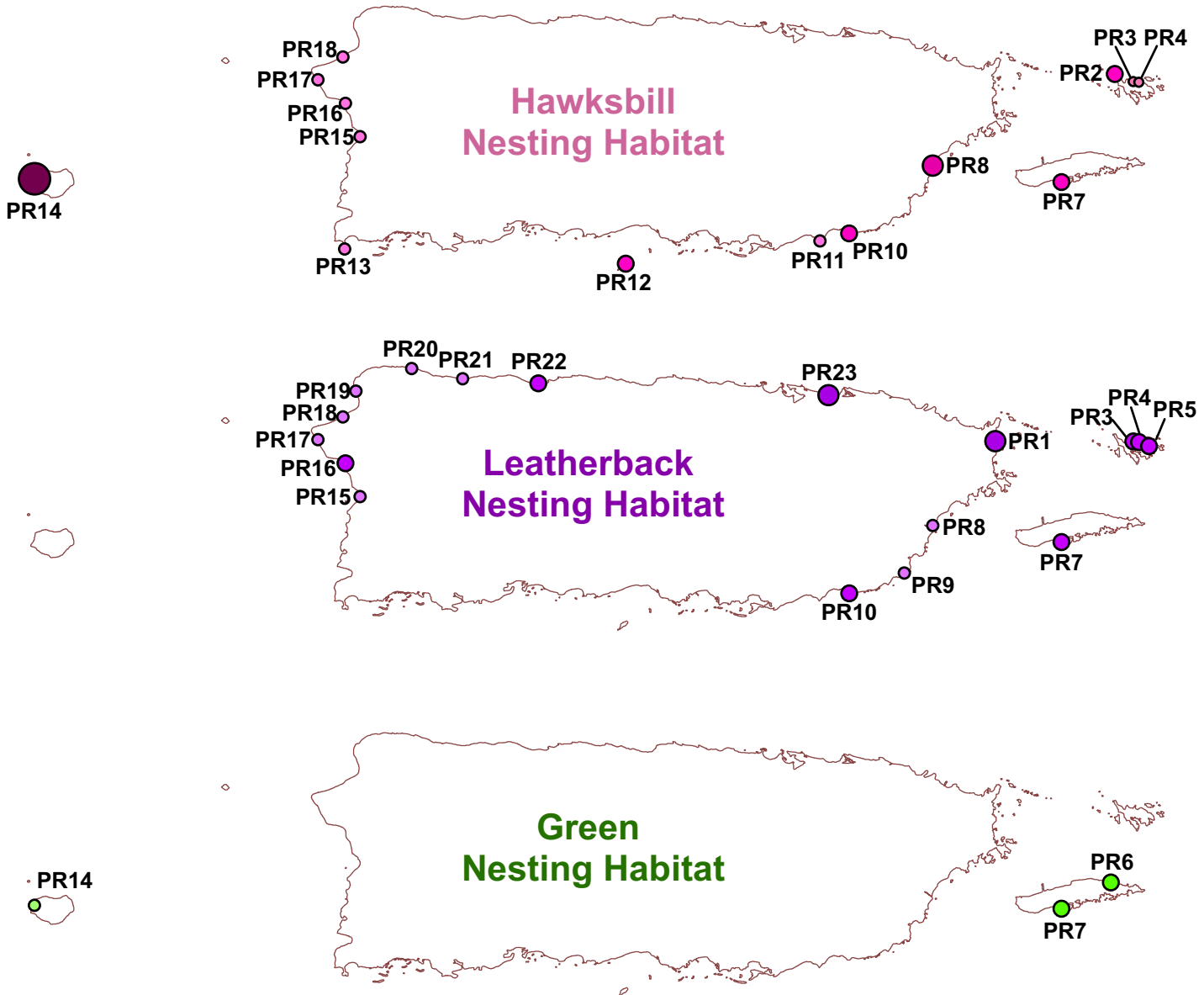
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**Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat**  
**GSHHS Caribbean Shoreline**



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**Hawksbill Nesting Habitat**

- X Crawls per year
- <25 Crawls per year
- 25-100 Crawls per year
- 100-500 Crawls per year
- >1000 Crawls per year

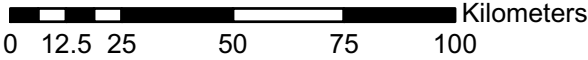
**Leatherback Nesting Habitat**

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

**Green Nesting Habitat**

- <25 Crawls per year
- 25-100 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	No	
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (F)	Mongoose and cats
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Flood and erosion
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (O)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (R)	On Culebra - frequent only during holidays
Artificial Lighting	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Sewage
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Caused by storms and natural beach movement
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (R)	
Beach Nourishment	No	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (FA)	In resort areas
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	Yes (FA)	In resort areas
Beach Vehicular Use	No	
Sand Mining	Yes (R)	
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (F)	
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (O)	Cattle
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)	Anchor damage and sedimentation
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Anchor damage and sedimentation
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (R)	Hook and line
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (O)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Sewage and agriculture
Predators	Yes (U)	Sharks
Disease/Parasites	Yes (U)	Fibropapillomas - frequent around Culebra
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (F)	
Dredging	Yes (R)	
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (F)	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	Yes (R)	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No	
Entanglement	Yes (F)	Monofilament lines
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
PR1	Paulinas, San Miguel, Convento	PR13	Cabo Rojo
PR2	Culebra Archipealgo Inclusive	PR14	Mona Island
PR3	Ressaca - Culebra	PR15	Mayaguez
PR4	Brava - Culebra	PR16	Anasco
PR5	Zoni - Culebra	PR17	Rincon
PR6	Shooting Range	PR18	Aguada
PR7	Vieques	PR19	Aguadilla
PR8	Humacao	PR20	Isabella
PR9	Yabucoa	PR21	Quebradillas
PR10	Maunabo	PR22	Islote Arecibo
PR11	Patillas	PR23	Pinones
PR12	Caja de Muerto		