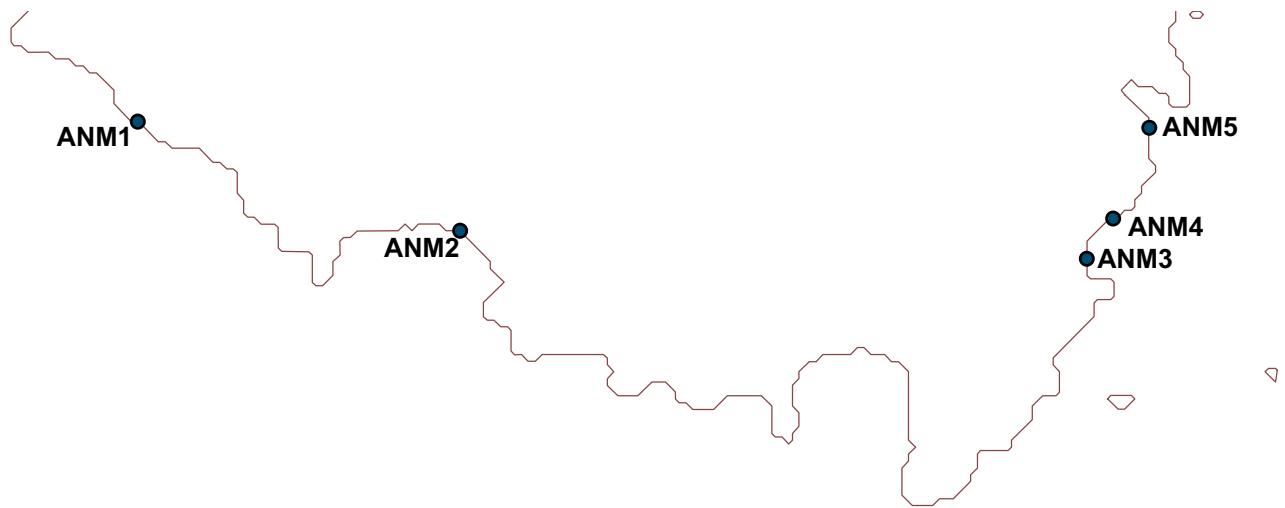


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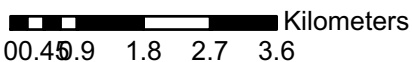
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	I
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys 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	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)	No*
Reports of exploitation/sale nationally	Yes
Reports of illegal trade internationally	Yes
General public awareness of laws	No
Recent prosecutions or penalties	Yes
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Yes
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; – = Not Applicable; * Marine Park Management Plan waiting for government approval	



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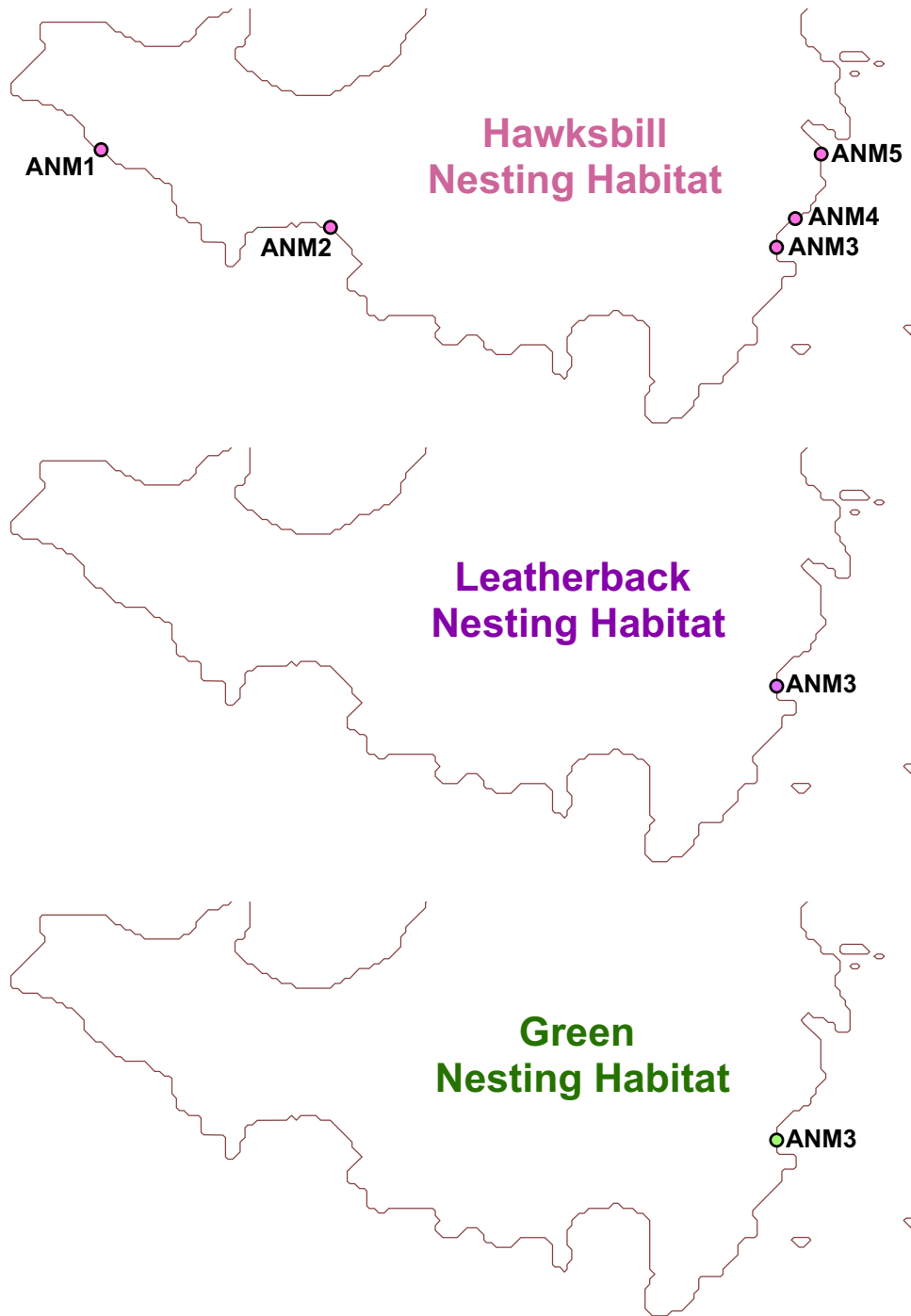


● **Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat**
— **GSHHS Caribbean Shoreline**



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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

● <25 Crawls per year

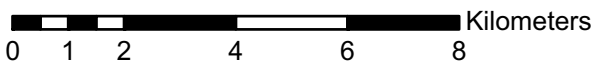
Leatherback Nesting Habitat

● <25 Crawls per year

Green Nesting Habitat

● <25 Crawls per year

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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (R)	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	No	Harassment by dogs is rare
Nest Loss to Predators	No	
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Flood and erosion
Egg Collection by Humans	No	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (FA)	On the southwestern coast
Artificial Lighting	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Beach litter/debris
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Caused by storms and natural beach movement
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	No	
Beach Nourishment	No	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (O)	
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No	
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (F)	
Sand Mining	No	
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	No	
Livestock Presence on the Beach	No	
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, runoff and pollution
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Anchor damage, runoff and pollution
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (U)	Gillnet
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (U)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Petroleum, sewage, cruise ships/yachts and marine debris
Predators	No	
Disease/Parasites	Yes (R)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (R)	
Dredging	No	
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (F)	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	Yes (U)	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No	
Entanglement	Yes (U)	
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
ANM1	Cupecoy Beach	ANM4	Gibbs Bay
ANM2	Simpson Bay	ANM5	Dawn Beach
ANM3	Guana Bay Beach		