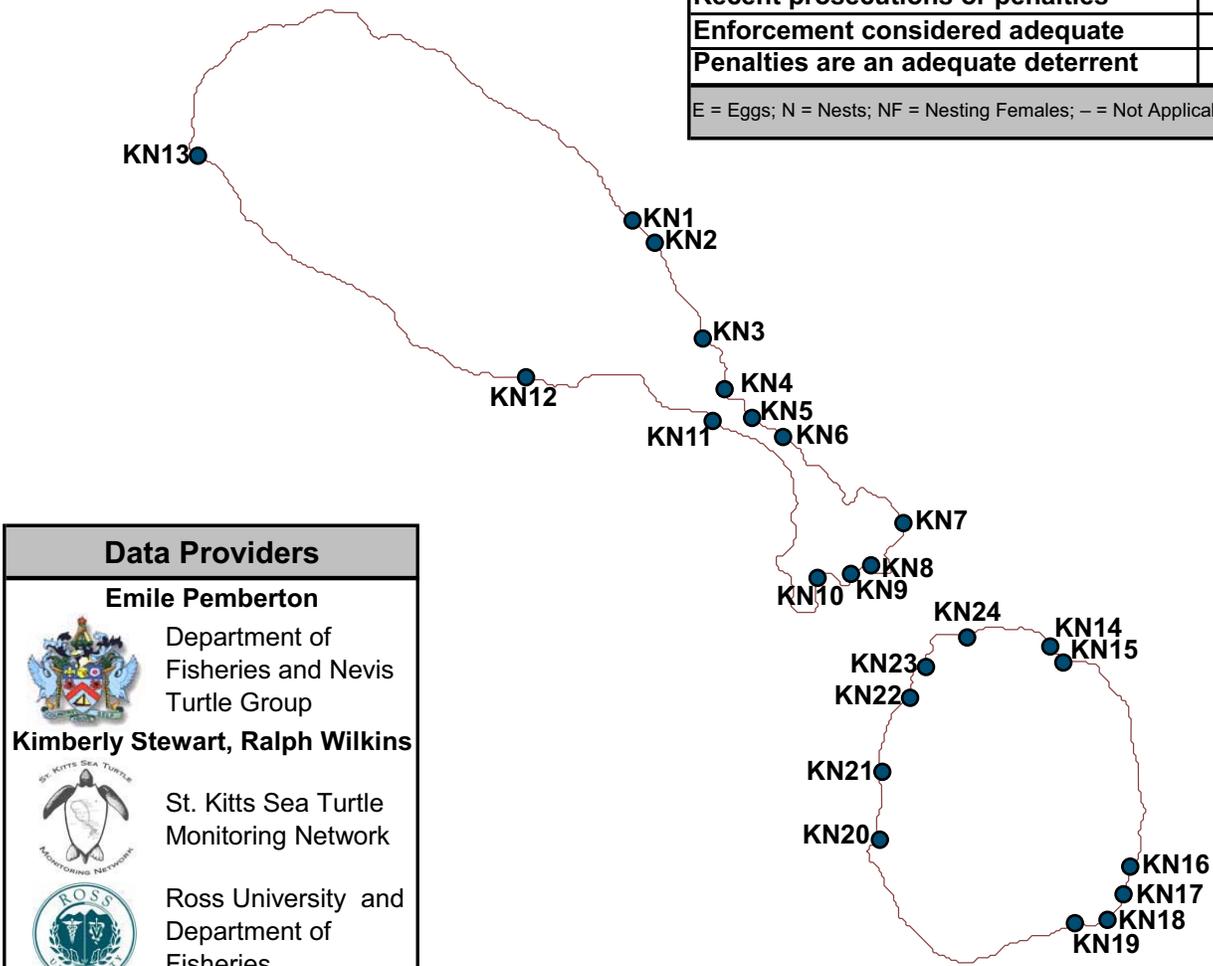


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Sea Turtle Presence	
<b>Loggerhead Turtle</b> <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	I
<b>Green Turtle</b> <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
<b>Leatherback Turtle</b> <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N
<b>Hawksbill Turtle</b> <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
<b>Kemp's 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	No
Moratorium (fixed period)	No
Prohibition(s) on take	E, N, NF
Closed season	Yes
Minimum size limits	Yes
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	Unknown
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Yes
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; -- = Not Applicable	



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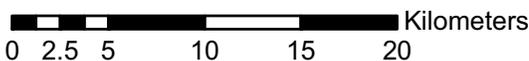
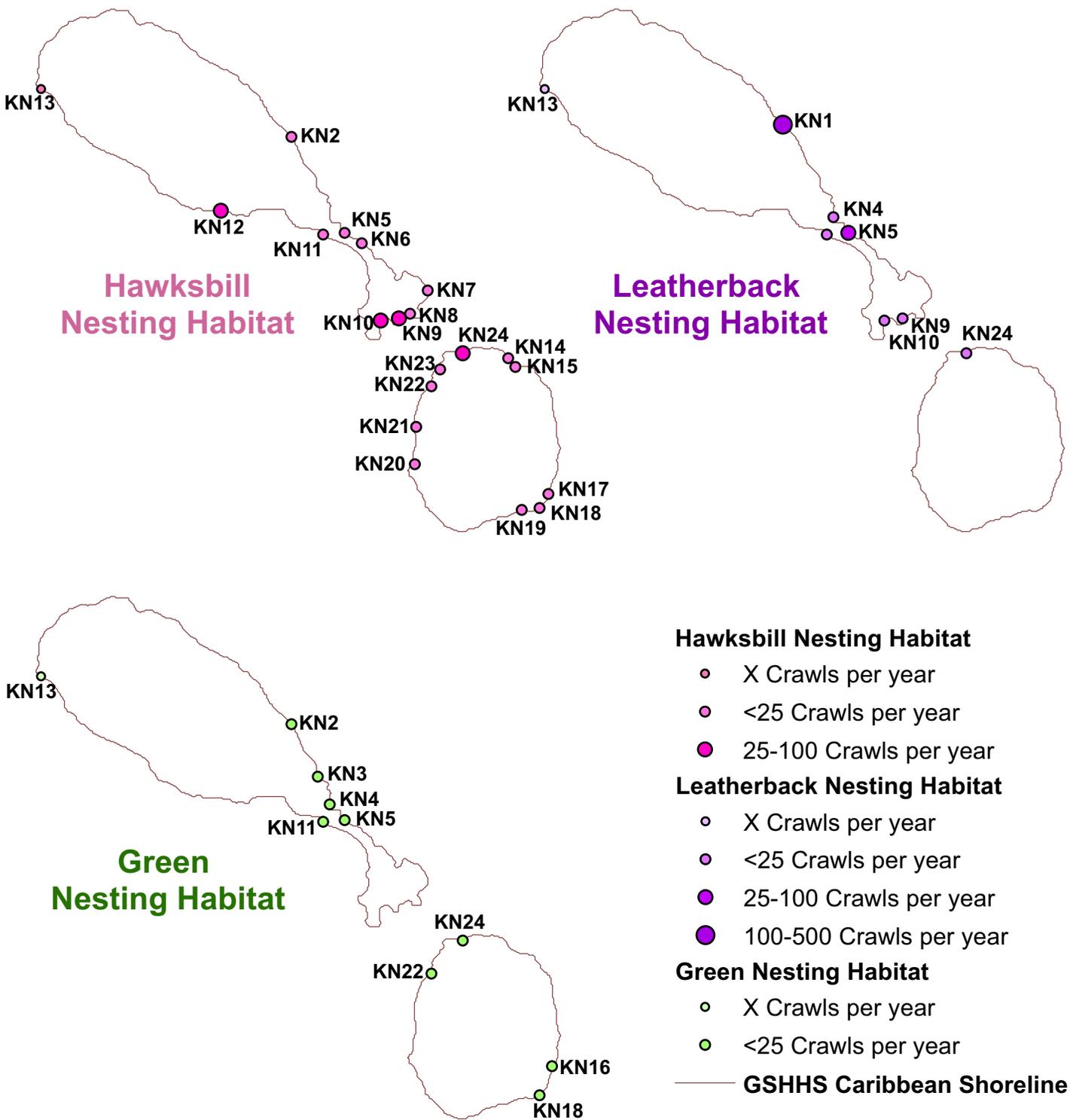
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Threats to Sea Turtles - Nesting				
	St. Kitts	St. Kitts	Nevis	Nevis
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	No		Yes (R)	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	No		No	
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (O)	Mongoose	Yes (U)	Fire ants, mongoose and dogs
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Erosion	Yes (U)	Flood and erosion
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (R)	On unmonitored beaches	Yes (O)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (U)	On North Friars	Yes (U)	
Artificial Lighting	Yes (U)		Yes (U)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Beach litter/debris	Yes (U)	Sewage, beach litter/debris and tar
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Erosion due to high tides	Yes (U)	Due to storms
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (U)	Mariott Beach	Yes (U)	
Beach Nourishment	No		Yes (R)	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	No		Yes (U)	Not on index beaches
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	No		Yes (U)	
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (O)		Yes (F)	
Sand Mining	Yes (FA)	Two areas	Yes (U)	On southeast coast
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (U)	Due to development	Yes (F)	Due to development
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (O)		Yes (F)	
Occurrence Frequency: R = Rare; O = Occasional; F = Frequent; FA = Frequent in one area; U = Unknown				

Threats to Sea Turtles - Foraging/Migration				
	St. Kitts	St. Kitts	Nevis	Nevis
Seagrass Degradation	Unknown		Yes (U)	Anchor damage and pollution
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Sedimentation	Yes (U)	Anchor damage, effluent and pollution
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (U)		Yes (U)	
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (U)		Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)		Yes (U)	Agriculture, sewage, industrial runoff
Predators	Yes (U)	Sharks and birds	Yes (U)	Sharks
Disease/Parasites	No		Yes (U)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	No		Yes (U)	Riding and boat strikes
Dredging	Unknown		Yes (R)	
Marina and Dock Development	No		Yes (U)	
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	No		Yes (R/O)	
Power Plant Entrapment	No		No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	No		No	
Entanglement	No		Yes (O)	
Offshore Artificial Lighting	No		No	
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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
KN1	Cayon to Key	KN13	Belle Tete
KN2	Conaree	KN14	Beach Land
KN3	Halfmoon Bay	KN15	Long Haul Bay
KN4	North Frigate	KN16	White Bay
KN5	North Friars	KN17	Black Bay
KN6	Turtle Bay	KN18	Dog Bay
KN7	Mosquito	KN19	Garling Bay
KN8	Cockleshell	KN20	Gallows Bay
KN9	Banana	KN21	Pinney's Beach
KN10	Majors	KN22	Cades Bay
KN11	South Friars	KN23	Jones Bay
KN12	Camps	KN24	Sea Haven (Lovers) Beach