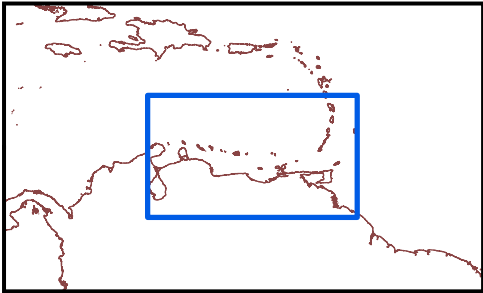


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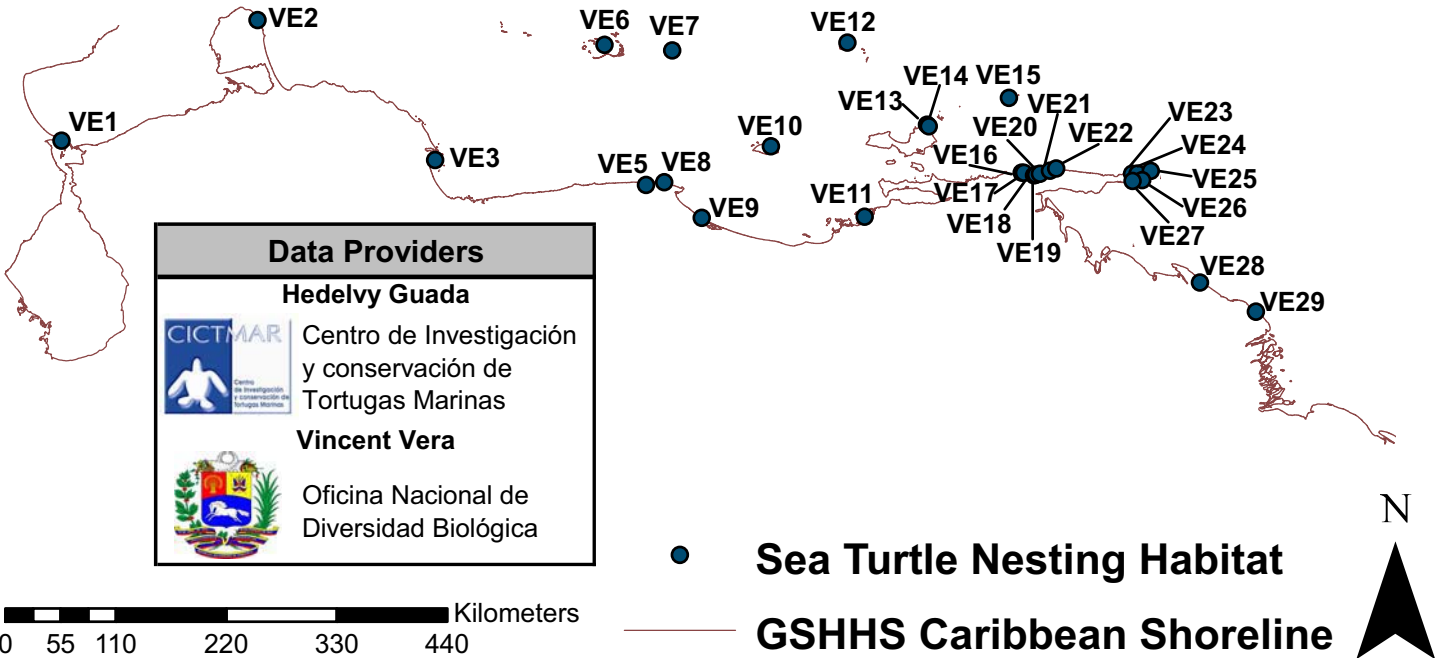
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Sea Turtle Presence	
Loggerhead Turtle <i>(Caretta caretta)</i>	N, F
Green Turtle <i>(Chelonia mydas)</i>	N, F
Leatherback Turtle <i>(Dermochelys coriacea)</i>	N, F
Hawksbill Turtle <i>(Eretmochelys imbricata)</i>	N, F
Kemp's Ridley Turtle <i>(Lepidochelys 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	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	Yes
Enforcement considered adequate	No
Penalties are an adequate deterrent	Yes
E = Eggs; N = Nests; NF = Nesting Females; - = Not Applicable	



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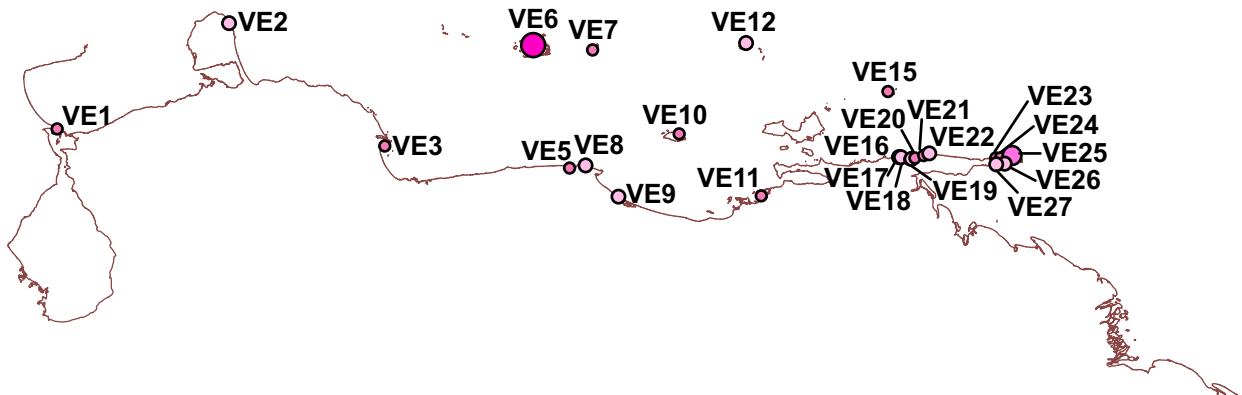


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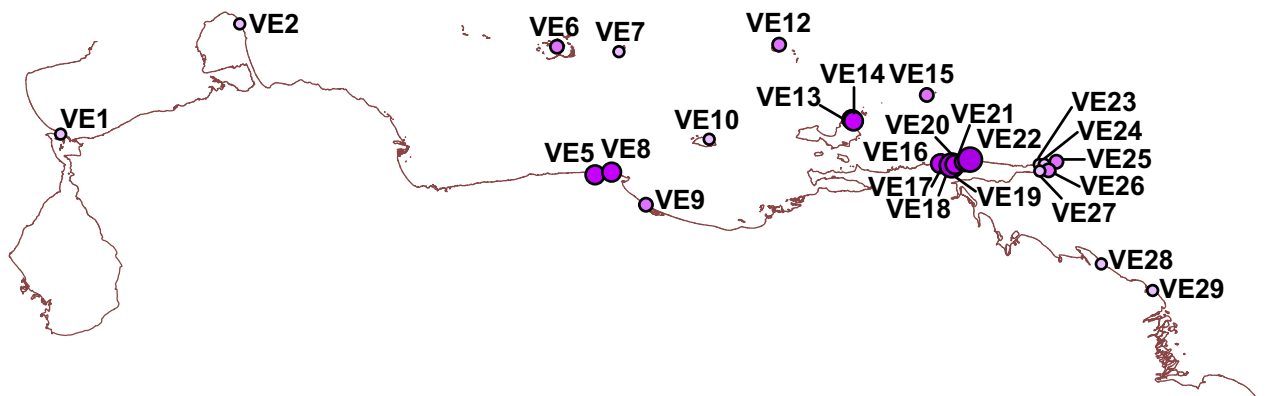
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Hawksbill Nesting Habitat



Leatherback Nesting Habitat



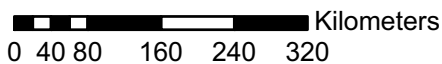
Hawksbill Nesting Habitat

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

Leatherback Nesting Habitat

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

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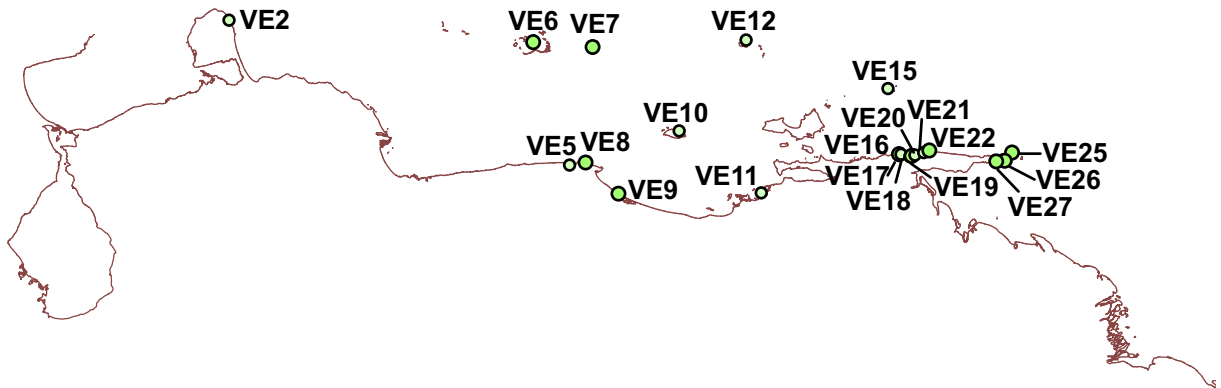


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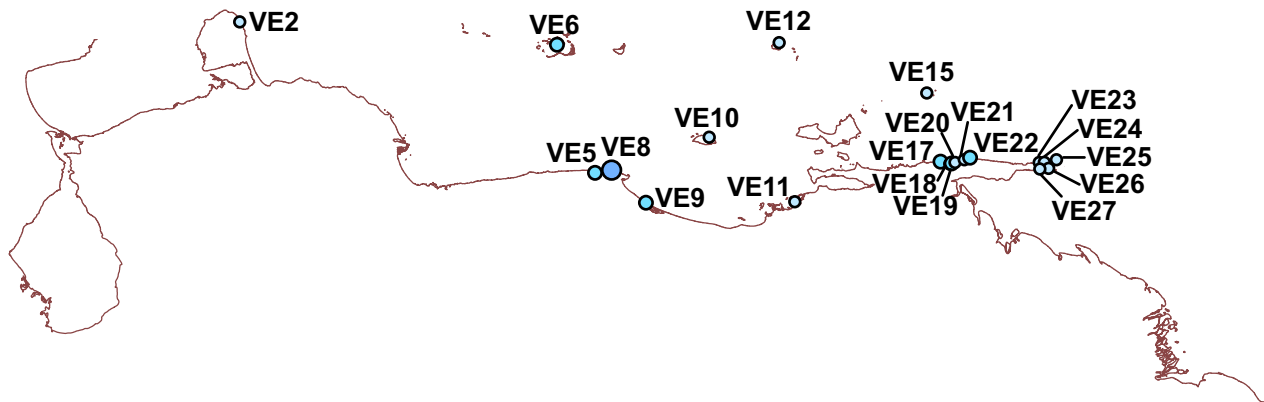
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Green Nesting Habitat



Loggerhead Nesting Habitat

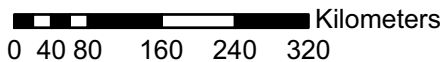


Green Nesting Habitat

- X Crawls per year
- <25 Crawls per year
- >1000 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		
Killing of Nesting Females by Humans	Yes (F)	
Killing of Nesting Females by Predators	Yes (O/F)	Jaguars
Nest Loss to Predators	Yes (F)	Racoons, dogs and pigs
Nest Loss to Abiotic Factors	Yes (U)	Erosion
Egg Collection by Humans	Yes (F)	
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (R)	During holidays
Artificial Lighting	Yes (U)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Petroleum/tar and beach litter/debris
Beach Erosion/Accretion	Yes (U)	Caused by storms
Beach Armouring/Stabilization Structures	Yes (O)	
Beach Nourishment	Yes (R)	
Recreational Beach Equipment and/or Other Obstacles	Yes (F)	On tourist beaches (Isla de Margarita)
Mechanized Beach Cleaning	Yes (R)	Only on Isla de Margarita
Beach Vehicular Use	Yes (O)	Intense in some areas (Miranda and Sucre States)
Sand Mining	Yes (O)	
Exotic (or Loss of Native) Vegetation	Yes (F)	On tourist beaches
Livestock Presence on the Beach	Yes (O)	Pigs on Peninsula de Paria
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)	Sedimentation and anchor damage - little research
Coral Reef Degradation	Yes (U)	Sedimentation and anchor damage - little research
Fisheries Bycatch	Yes (F)	Gillnet, trawl, long line and pot/trap
Hunting/Poaching	Yes (F)	
Pollution	Yes (U)	Agriculture, petroleum, sewage, industrial runoff and marine debris
Predators	Yes (U)	Sharks
Disease/Parasites	Yes (U)	Fibropapillomas
Harassment Due to Increased Human Presence	Yes (U)	
Dredging	Yes (U)	
Marina and Dock Development	Yes (U)	Plans for development
Boat/Personal Water Craft Collisions	Yes (U)	
Power Plant Entrapment	No	
Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Transportation	Yes (U)	Plans in coming years
Entanglement	Yes (O/F)	
Offshore Artificial Lighting	Yes (U)	
Occurrence Frequency: R = Rare; O = Occasional; F = Frequent; FA = Frequent in one area; U = Unknown		

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Beach Identification Codes with Beach Names			
VE1	Isla Zapara	VE16	Mapurite
VE2	Peninsula de Paraguana, Estado Falcon	VE17	Puy Puy
VE3	Golfo Triste	VE18	Cangua
VE4	Refugio de Fauna Silvestre Isla de Aves	VE19	Querepare, North Peninsula de Paria, Estado Sucre
VE5	La Sabana y Varias playas del Estado Vargas	VE20	San Juan de las Galdonas
VE6	Parque Nacional Archipelago Los Roques	VE21	El Guamo
VE7	La Orchila	VE22	Cipara, North Peninsula de Paria, Estado Sucre
VE8	Varias playas del Estado Miranda: El Banquito, entre otras	VE23	Pargo, Parque Nacional Peninsula de Paria
VE9	Parque Nacional Laguna de Tacarigua	VE24	Uquire, Parque Nacional Peninsula de Paria
VE10	La Tortuga	VE25	Extremo sureste del Parque Nacional Peninsula de Paria, Estado Sucre
VE11	Parque Nacional Mochima	VE26	Macurito
VE12	La Blanquilla	VE27	Otras playas extremo sureste Peninsula de Paria
VE13	El Agua, Isla de Margarita	VE28	Parque Nacional Delta del Orinoco
VE14	Parguito, Isla de Margarita	VE29	Isla Tobejuba, Reserve de Biosfera Delta del Orinoco
VE15	Los Testigos Archipelago		