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Abstract:

"The present report is a summary and preliminary analysis of data on the green turtle, *Chelonia mydas*, which has been collected during a 22-year tagging program at Tortuguero, Costa Rica, 52 miles north of the Cariacou of Puerto Limon. It is the first general account of Tortuguero results since 1960. From 1955 through 1977, each nesting season, approximately 12,000 female green turtles have been tagged on the nesting beach. Of these, 1,412 have been seen in subsequent years; 1,412 of them as return migrants and 1,110 on distant forage grounds. No turtle tagged at Tortuguero has ever been reported from any other nesting shore. The report is concerned mainly with the migratory and behavioral ecology of the colony and with interseasonal characteristics of the nesting population. Results are presented in five sections, as follows: (1) Migratory geography and travel: of 1,110 long-distance, postseasonal recoveries of Tortuguero tags 957 have come from the Miskito Bank and adjacent parts of Miskito Bank off the Nicaraguan coast. Smaller numbers of recoveries cluster in Panama, and Mexico. Analysis of monthly recovery frequencies in Nicaragua, and of periods of time between tagging and recapture, reinforce the assumption that Miskito Bank is a resident foraging range rather than merely a travel station. Migratory travel speeds based on tag recoveries are compared with those recorded in the literature. (2) Nesting and reneating: The average number of nestings by a Tortuguero turtle during a season on the breeding shore is 2.8; the recorded maximum is seven, although eight probably occur occasionally. There is evidence that one-time nestings are a regular occurrence. The average reneating interval is 12.1 days. (3) Return turtles were found to nest more often than recruits. (3) Remigration: Of 1,412 turtles that have returned to Tortuguero after previous appearances there, only six came back the following season. Interval percentages for the three predominant remigration periods are: two years, 21 percent; three years, 49 percent; four years, 14 percent. A unique contribution of the report is an extensive record of remigratory cycle-shifts, and a table showing the composition of the nesting colonies of 1962-1972 with respect to past and future remigratory cycles.

frequencies. (4) Reproductive homing: A distinction is made between philopatry, or regional return
fixity--the tendency to nest repeatedly on the same beach section within the home region. These 1
involve different cues; and the responses mediating open-sea orientation must be different from both.
the West Caribbean population: A calculation of the number of sexually mature green turtles in the
Caribbean is made. An equation that takes into consideration the different proportions of two-, three-,
year remigratory periods is used to convert nesting arrivals into total female population. Since the la
from year to year, the average for the last six years is used in the calculation, and the resulting figure is
on the assumption that there is a 1:1 sex ratio. The resulting total of mature green turtles in the pop
62,532. In the final section, the future outlook for the population is assessed and the need for further r
its shifting habitats, particularly the interesting habitat, is pointed out. The critical importance of deve
excluder device to keep sea turtles out of shrimp trawls is discussed"--P. 5.

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