

# Marine Wildlife Stranding and Mortality Report

Turtles, dolphins, whales, dugong, sharks, seals, groupers



Australian Government  
Great Barrier Reef  
Marine Park Authority



Queensland  
Government

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| Date: ___/___/___ | Time: ___:___ | Tag Number/s: |
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## SPECIES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Turtle</b><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hawksbill <input type="checkbox"/> Flatback<br><input type="checkbox"/> Olive ridley <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherback<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unidentified | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mammal</b><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Dugong<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dolphin<br><i>Species:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Whale<br><i>Species:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unidentified | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b><br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Shark<br><i>Species:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seal<br><i>Species:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><i>Species:</i> _____ |
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## MEASUREMENTS

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| <b>TURTLE</b><br>Curved carapace length: _____ cm<br><br>Tail length: _____ cm<br><br>Head width: _____ cm | <b>MAMMAL</b><br>Body length: _____ cm<br><br>Fluke / tail width: _____ cm | <b>SEA SNAKE</b><br>Total length: _____ cm | <b>OTHER</b><br><i>Specify:</i> _____<br><br>Body length: _____ cm |
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## SEX AND MATURITY

|   |   |
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| Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown | Maturity: <input type="checkbox"/> Immature <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
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## LOCATION

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| Coordinates:<br><i>(in decimal degrees)</i> Latitude _____ S    Longitude _____ E  | Dugong Protection Area? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Location Accuracy: <input type="checkbox"/> Estimated <input type="checkbox"/> Exact location +/- 10m <input type="checkbox"/> General area +/- 1km <input type="checkbox"/> Map reference +/- 1nm |  |
| Location Description:<br><br>  |  |

## PRIMARY ACTIVITY

## SECONDARY ACTIVITY *Leave blank if not applicable*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach washed (dead or sick on beach or coast)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Floating offshore (dead, sick, unable to dive)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Attacked by predator<br><i>Predator species:</i> _____<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Released<br><input type="checkbox"/> Swimming, sleeping, feeding, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Trapped inside crab pot<br><i>Complete crab pot section on page 2</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Tangled in float line to crab pot, anchor line, etc.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing: captured by net/gill net<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing: hooked by fishing line, including SCP shark-hooks<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Tangled in fishing line<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing: trawling<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing: speared<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trapped in ghost net<br><i>Identify net from WWF Net Kit</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other - <i>Specify:</i> _____ |
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## CONDITION

|  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <b>UNKNOWN</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown if dead or alive  | <b>ALIVE</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Alive and left to natural process, not rescued (DL)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Alive and rescued (DZ) | <b>DEAD</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Live but subsequently died (D1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Carcass in good condition (fresh) (D2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Carcass fair (decomposing but organs intact) (D3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Carcass poor (advanced decomposition with internal organs falling apart) (D4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Mummified carcass (skin holding bones) (D5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Disarticulated bones (no soft tissue remaining) (D6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown (D) |
| ASSESSMENT OF BODY CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Very poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |   |  |   |

## FATE / DISPOSAL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Released<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left insitu<br><input type="checkbox"/> Animal sent for rehabilitation/euthanasia<br><i>Facility:</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Buried onsite <i>Buried by:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Buried offsite <i>Buried by:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Carcass sent for necropsy <i>Facility:</i> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Please specify:</i> _____ |
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## DAMAGE AND INJURIES

Damage or injuries observed (photos required)

No damage or injuries observed

### FRESHNESS OF INJURY:

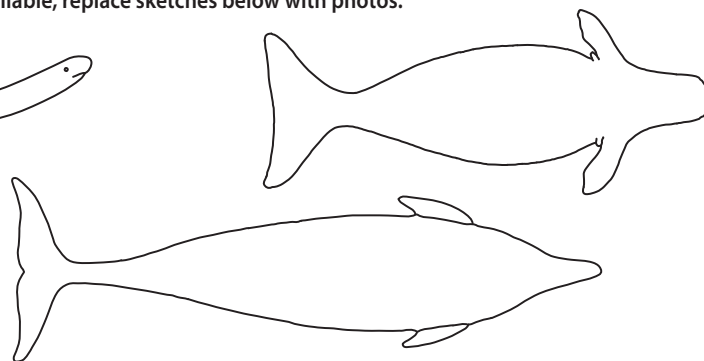
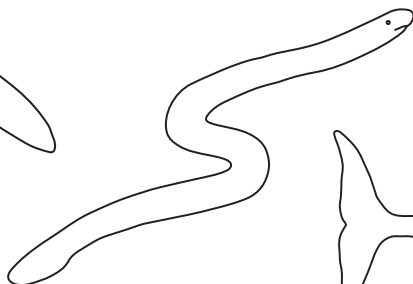
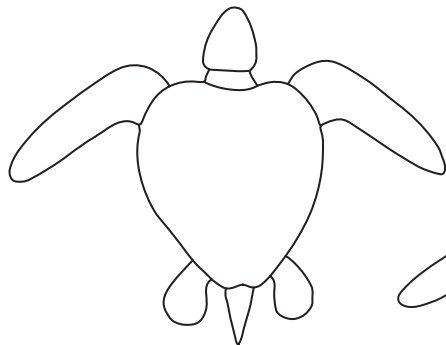
Very fresh, no healing evident

A recent wound, partly healed

Scar only, healed

### NOTES

Sketch damage and distinguishing marks or attach photos. If photos are available, replace sketches below with photos.



### ADDITIONAL NOTES

## CONTACT DETAILS

### CONTACTS *Persons involved in the marine stranding response*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### EXPERT ASSESSOR *Person experienced in species identification of marine animals*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLIST

Samples taken:  Yes  No Details of samples: \_\_\_\_\_

Photos taken:  Yes  No

Photos attached to or received with form

### Compliance notified:

Yes  No, not required

### Reporting:

Stranding report entered into StrandNet database

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE DATA SHEET

- **DATE and TIME:** record as day / month / year and hours / minutes.
- **SPECIES:** Identify the species using the identification keys. If the species not already listed on the form, list it under 'Other species'. State the species name and submit the form to [strand.data@ehp.qld.gov.au](mailto:strand.data@ehp.qld.gov.au).
- **SEX and MATURITY:** Where possible, identify sex (see key illustration for mammals) and maturity.
- **TAGS:** Record any tag number/s. Tags may be attached to the rear edge of the front flipper of turtles.
- **LOCATION ACCURACY and DESCRIPTION:** Be precise and use more than one line if necessary; e.g. North Stradbroke Island, eastern ocean beach, 5km south of Pt Lookout.
- **CONDITION:** Record the health/condition of the animal using the fields provided.
- **FATE:** Describe the steps taken to secure the animal to ensure it is not lost with currents or tides.
- **DISPOSAL:** Summarise how the carcass has been disposed of.
- **DAMAGE and INJURIES:** Describe any damage or injuries observed and their freshness. If you cannot take photos, use the diagrams on the form to sketch any damage or distinguishing marks.
- **EXPERT ASSESSORS:** Identify the veterinary and/or biological experts who examined the animal.
- **NOTES:** Address the full range of your observations. Attach extra pages if required.
- **CRAB POT STRANDINGS:** Complete this page if the marine stranding relates to being trapped inside a crab pot or tangled in the float-line to a crab pot.
- **PHOTOS:** Forward all photos along with this report to the contacts listed at the bottom of this page.

**CRAB POT STRANDINGS** Only complete if applicable

Position of entanglement on turtle or dugong (e.g. right front flipper): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the turtle/dugong:  trapped inside the pot or  entangled in the rope/frame on the outside of the pot?

**TYPE OF CRAB POT**

- Commercial
- Recreational
- Unidentified type or condition

- Large circular
- Collapsible rectangular
- Opera house

- Dilly – blue swimmer crab gear
- Dilly with barrier – spanner crab gear
- Inverted dilly (illegal 2010)

**CONDITION**

- Working crab pot
- Lost or discarded (ghost fishing)

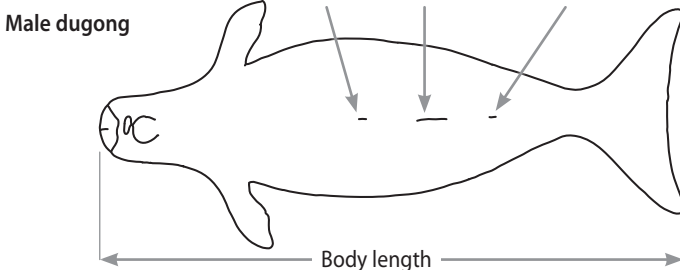
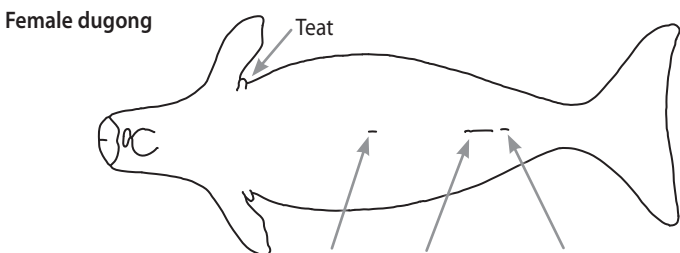
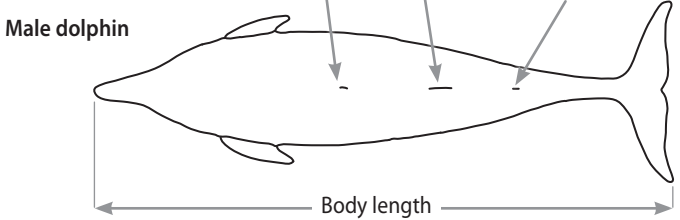
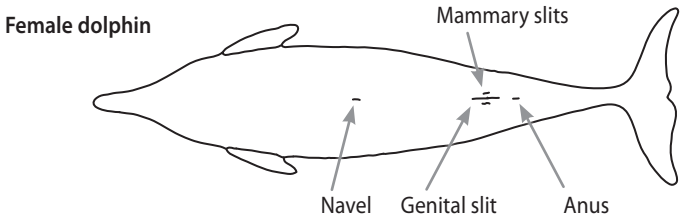
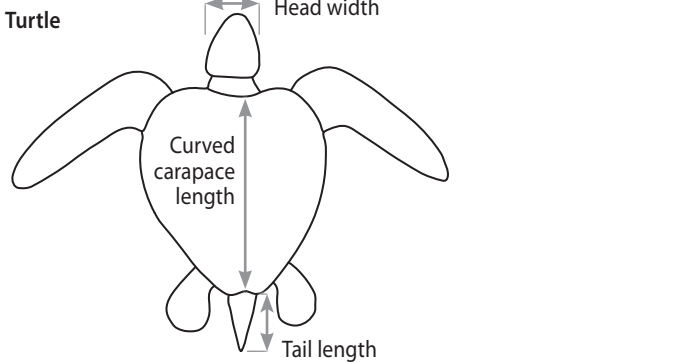
**ROPE TO CRAB POT**  Weighted  Unweighted Rope type and length: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER DETAILS** Type of float: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of weights: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of pot entrance: \_\_\_\_\_ cm

**CRAB POT OWNERSHIP** Registration details: \_\_\_\_\_ Date crab pot was set: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Location crab pot was set: \_\_\_\_\_

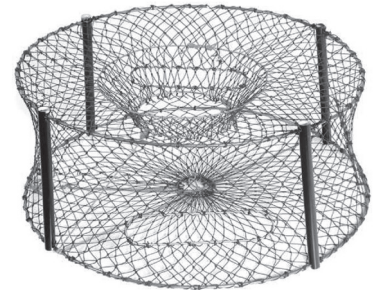
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**REFERENCE DIAGRAMS**

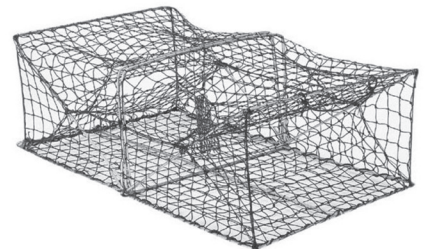


**CRAB-POT TYPES**

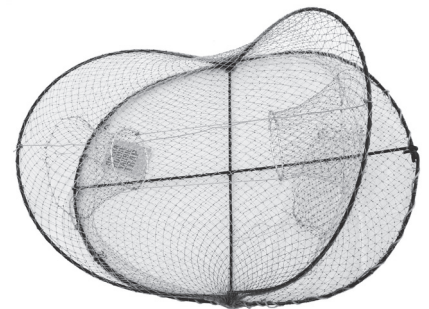
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Collapsible  
rectangular



Opera house



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