

Adoption Application and Order Form

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Mote Marine Laboratory's Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of sea turtle populations.

By symbolically adopting either a hatchling or adult sea turtle you are playing an instrumental role in supporting the conservation and research activities of Mote Marine Laboratory's Sea Turtle Program.

With your help we CAN make a difference.

THANK YOU!



Sea Turtle Adoption Application



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Item	Price	Quantity	Size (circle)	
			Youth	Adult
Sea Turtle Adoption	\$100		XS-S-M-L	S-M-L-XL
Hatchling Adoption	\$25			
T-shirt Green Turtle	\$15			
T-shirt Loggerhead	\$15			
Poster: Majestic Reef	\$15			
Poster: Turtle Play	\$15			
Mouse Pad	\$10			
Hat	\$15			

Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program



Conservation

Each morning from May through October, dedicated staff, interns and volunteers monitor the beaches to document sea turtle nest and hatch activity, record the species nesting and protect new nests with approved conservation methods. The nesting habitat is monitored to help ensure that conditions are favorable for the nesting turtles and the emerging hatchlings. In one year, staff and volunteers log 18,000-30,000 hours on the beach! Each protected nest is marked and the materials used are supplied by the Sea Turtle Program at little to no cost to the local county or municipality. Loggerhead sea turtles lay approximately 1,500-3,000 nests throughout Sarasota County. In addition, incidental nesting by green sea turtles, Kemp's ridley and leatherback turtles has also been documented.

Research

Staff and college interns conduct research projects throughout the year. These projects include but are not limited to:

- Behavioral studies of nesting turtles including tagging for identification
- In-water studies of species habitat utilization and population movement
- Monitoring restored beaches to determine suitability for nesting habitat

These activities assist with the accumulation of valuable information on sea turtle biology and ecological preferences of sea turtles using our coastal areas for nesting, foraging and juvenile development. These studies help us get a better picture of negative impacts to sea turtles and what we can do to correct these problems.

Education

In addition to the various research projects, the staff, interns and volunteers provide educational outreach about the biology and conservation of sea turtles.

During the months of July and August, the public can join an educational beach walk to learn more about these fascinating creatures and see first-hand the work of staff and volunteers.



Mote's Sea Turtle Program is responsible for providing conservation information to beachfront accommodations and residences to help ensure a successful nesting season. We provide consultation to the local authorities to ensure that beach lighting meets standards set by the local ordinances and state regulations.



The Sea Turtle Program works in tandem with the Aquarium exhibit team to provide accurate and timely information about the various turtle species that are displayed in the Sea

Turtle exhibit. The Program staff also provides education materials that can be used by the Aquarium's mobile exhibit at fairs, schools and civic events.

What your donation means to us...

Your dollars assist with all the activities of the Sea Turtle Program and enable us to provide the conservation, research and education needed to protect one of Florida's most precious species. Without your support we couldn't continue our work or provide the necessary protection of these endangered species.

We thank you for your contribution and appreciate your continued support!

Protecting sea turtles, one nest at a time



Includes:
Adoption Certificate
Photo of Nesting Turtle
Loggerhead T-shirt
Majestic Reef Poster
Educational Materials

ADOPT A TURTLE \$100

Includes:
Adoption Certificate
Photo of Hatchling
Nest Hatch Success
Education Materials



ADOPT A HATCHLING \$25



"Turtle Play"
by S.K. Whiting
Poster \$15



"Majestic Reef"
by Gracia Benish
Poster \$15



Hat \$15

Mouse Pad \$10
by
Linda Thompson



Green Turtle
By Jesse Noga

T-shirts \$15



Loggerhead
By Karen Rowe

(designs on back side of shirt)