

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 Conservation and Research Program.

With your help we CAN make a difference.



Sea Turtle Adoption Application



Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program
1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34236

Phone: 941-388-4441
Fax: 941-388-3547
Email: turtles@mote.org

Item	Price	Quantity	Size
			Adult S-M-L-XL
Sea Turtle Adoption	\$100		
Hatchling Adoption	\$25		
Program T-shirt	\$15		
Poster: Majestic Reef	\$15		
Hat	\$15		

Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program



Conservation

Every 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 Conservation and Research Program. Loggerhead sea turtles lay approximately 1,500-3,000 nests throughout Sarasota County, the largest loggerhead nesting rookery in the Gulf of Mexico. 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 and satellite tracking
- 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 to residents and vacationers encountered on our morning patrols.



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. Information we collect is also important for consultation when government agencies issue construction permits on the Sarasota coastline.

During non-nesting season, Mote's sea turtle biologist present their research and findings at local schools, state meetings and international conferences.

The Sea Turtle Conservation and Research 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

Sea Turtle Adoptions

ADOPT A TURTLE \$100



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

ADOPT A HATCHLING \$25

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



Program T-shirts
\$15

Program Hat
\$15



"Majestic Reef"
by Gracia Benish
Poster
\$15