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Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN)

- [Report a stranded sea turtle to a STSSN state coordinator](#)

Sea Turtle Strandings in the Gulf of Mexico

The Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) was formally established in 1980 to collect information on and document strandings of marine turtles along the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic coasts. The network, which includes federal, state and private partners, encompasses the coastal areas of the eighteen-state region from Maine to Texas, and includes portions of the U.S. Caribbean.

Data are compiled through the efforts of network participants who document marine turtle strandings in their respective areas and contribute those data to the centralized STSSN database.

- **Online Stranding Reports**
Using online reports, you may obtain basic summarized stranding information from 1986-2007. For years 2008- current see the Weekly Reports below. When available all years will be combined into one system.
The data used to generate the reports have been verified from 1998-2006; however they are subject to change as additional data are received. The data from 1986-1997, and 2007 are preliminary and are in the process of being verified, beginning with 2007 then working through the earlier years. Queries may include Year, Month, Region, Zone, State, County, and species.
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- STSSN Stranding Report Form:
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- [STSSN State Coordinators](#) [pdf] (also see links toward bottom of page)

- Regional statistical zone maps:
 - [U.S. Gulf of Mexico statistical zone map](#) [gif]
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Weekly Reports

The 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Weekly Reports are in a new format which allow for more specific near real-time queries. These data are reported directly by the STSSN State and National Coordinators. These Weekly Reports are preliminary and subject to change, therefore they are not recommended for use in publications/analyses. It may take a few minutes to execute a large query.

- [Zone: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Sea Turtle Strandings by Zone](#)
- [Narrative: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Sea Turtle Strandings Narrative](#)

References

- **Wolke, R.E. and George, A. 1981.** Sea turtle necropsy manual. NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFC-24, 20p.
- **Rainey, W. 1981.** [pdf] Guide to sea turtle visceral anatomy. NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFC-82. also available in [HTML format](#)
- **Wyneken, J. 2001.** The Anatomy of Sea Turtles. U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFSC-470, 172 pp. Also available in [HTML format](#). **See supplemental**

More on Sea Turtles

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Green Turtle
(*Chelonia mydas*)
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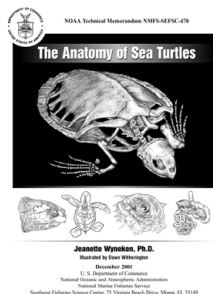
- o **Wyneken, J. 2004 (español).** La Anatomía de las Tortugas Marinas. U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFSC-470, 172 pp. [Version en español de Wyneken, J. 2001. The Anatomy of Sea Turtles. U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFSC-470, 172 pp.] **Ver videos complementarios citados.**

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The Anatomy of Sea Turtles videos

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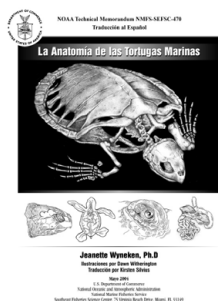
**The Anatomy of
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Videos. This four part video series is supplemental to the manual:

1. **Introduction, Terminology and Species Identification [mov]**
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2. **Dissection, Preparation, Standard Measurements, Dissection Tools, Anatomy, Opening the Body [mov]**
(65.7 MB, 5.5 min)
3. **Ventral Anatomy, Internal Anatomy and Landmarks, and GI Tract [mov]**
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4. **Dorsal Anatomy, Sexual Dimorphism, Lungs and Airways, Exposing the Brain, Summary, and Credits [mov]**
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La Anatomía de las Tortugas Marinas

Para ver lo siguientes videos usted necesitara bajar el programa de [QuickTime](#). Estos archivos son pesados y le tomara algunos minutos bajarlos.



**La Anatomía de las
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Videos. Esta serie de cuatro videos es complementaria el manual.

1. **Introducción, Terminología, Identificación de Especies [mov]**
(63.5 MB, 6 min)
2. **Preparación para la Disección, Medidas Estandar, Equipo de Disección, Anatomía, Abriendo el Cuerpo [mov]**
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3. [Anatomia Ventral, Anatomia Interna y Marcadores de Lugar, Via Gastrointestinal \[mov\]](#)
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Links to STSSN coordinator agencies

The following links provide additional information on marine turtles and the organizations who coordinate the STSSN.

Please note that references leaving the SEFSC web page are indicated with this icon  and does not constitute an endorsement by the SEFSC of any information, products, or services found on external web sites.

- [National Parks Service- Padre Island National Seashore](#)
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- [National Parks Service- Gulf Islands National Seashore](#)
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- [Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission-Florida Marine Research Institute !\[\]\(2c0783baf87a2728b2fe49eb1c34c456_img.jpg\)](#)
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- [Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research & Preservation !\[\]\(7a2fa42399a378955de1effe4cf6b043_img.jpg\)](#)
- [New England Aquarium !\[\]\(08c0a656573a88d33d475c29e72a29c0_img.jpg\)](#)
- [College of the Atlantic !\[\]\(5bdd610281e86439b007b8e48679cd03_img.jpg\)](#)
- [U.S. Virgin Islands Division of Fish and Wildlife](#)

More Information

- [NOAA's Northeast Region Sea Turtle Stranding and Disentanglement Program](#)
- [WIDECAST- Sea Turtle Care and Medicine !\[\]\(67ff022fd78f943b679992c2874bbfd1_img.jpg\)](#)
- [What to do if you find a dead or injured sea turtle- Florida !\[\]\(042ea11c58a77088d3dd7150909adec0_img.jpg\)](#)

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