



Sea Turtle

Etiquette

Please enjoy St. Croix beaches responsibly during sea turtle nesting season. Peak season out east is August-October.

***Dispose of trash properly. Sea turtles mistake litter for food; food trash attracts predators (dogs, cats, mongoose).**

***Avoid fires on the beach. Sea turtle eggs near a fire will die; nesting females and hatchlings attracted to the light may get disoriented, injured, and/or die.**

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 prohibits the harassment, harm, capture, or collection of sea turtles and their eggs. Violators can be prosecuted under federal, civil and criminal laws and charged heavy penalties: prison and/or fine up to \$100,000. Sea turtles are also protected under the USVI Endangered & Indigenous Species Act of 1990.

STAR:

Sea Turtle
Assistance &
Rescue

(340) 690-0474

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If you encounter sea turtles

on the beach:



At Night

DO NOT DISTURB

with light
or sound!

- Remain quiet, still, and at a distance.
- No flash photography, flashlights. Lights interfere with a turtle's orientation to the sea.



During the day

CALL STAR

beach activity is
unnatural.

- If you find hatchlings: Do NOT put in a bucket of water. Call STAR.
- If you find an adult: note its location and condition. Call STAR.