

HOW TO **HANDLE A SEA TURTLE** **CAUGHT INCIDENTALLY**

DURING LONG LINE FISHING OPERATION



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Pick Up Turtle A SEA TURTLE HAS JUST BEEN CAUGHT!!!

How Large is it? Can You Get it Up onboard?

YES

Pull it up onboard with hand-rope or hand-hook.
DON'T PULL BRANCH LINE!!

NO

Draw it toward ship's side.
After seeing if it is alive or not, cut hook wire at
the nearest point to the hook and let it go to the sea.

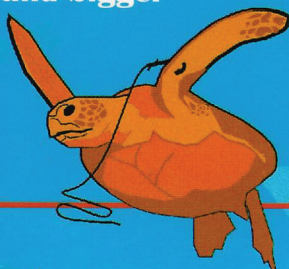
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Remove Hook IN WHAT PART OF ITS BODY DOES A HOOK OR LINE GET CAUGHT?

OUTSIDE

its mouth (Forepaw, neck, bill)

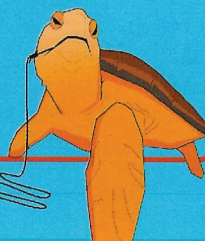
Remove the hook or
the line carefully in
order not to make a
wound bigger



INSIDE

the mouth

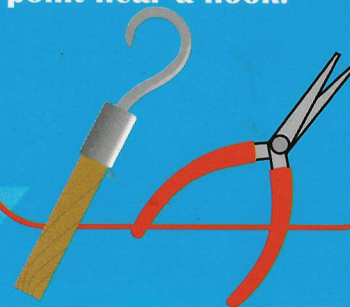
Remove the hook or
the line with pinchers
or a hook remover,
when it gets caught
forward in the turtle's
mouth.



DEEP

into the turtle's gullet

Don't remove it forcibly,
but cut hook wire at the
point near a hook.



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Check Inside Mouth DO YOU FIND ANY BAIT IN ITS MOUTH?

YES

Remove it.

NO

Next Step



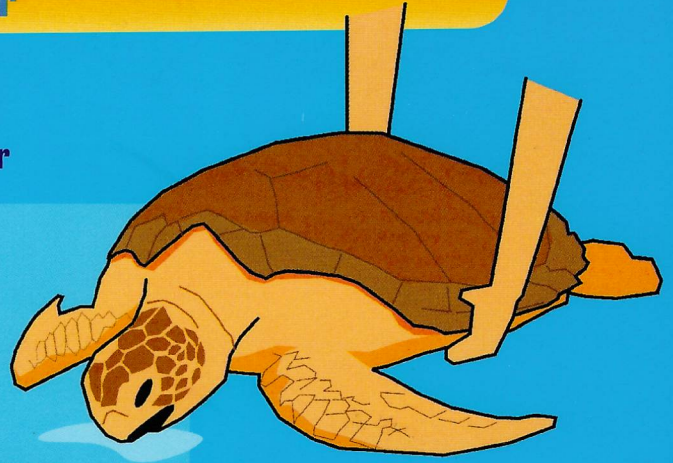
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Help the turtle vomit water

1. Open its bill, put a peice of wood stick or something like that between its upper and lower bill to keep its mouth open.
2. Hold the turtle with its head lower and its tail upper and shake it from side to side.



Note: Sometimes water is not vomited.

Note: Try to help it vomit even though it looks well.

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Observe turtle

IS IT ACTIVE? CAN IT MOVE ITSELF?

YES

PREVENT IT FROM DRYING AND ALSO PREVENT ITS TEMPERATURE FROM GOING UP.

1. Cover its shell with wet towel.
2. If possible, shade it from the sun.
3. Keep it at the place which seawater splashes on.

NO

GIVE IT MASSAGE AT THE NECK.

1. Seize the base of its neck and stimulate by rubbing it.
2. When the turtle starts to take breath and its heart starts to beat again, stop massage and observe it for a while.



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After 30-minute observation

HOW DOES IT LOOK?

IT CAN NOT MOVE BUT BREATHES.

IT CAN MOVE BY ITSELF.

IT SHOWS NO REACTIONS.



Prevent it from drying carefully and observe it for another one hour.



RETURN IT TO THE SEA.

