

SAVING SEA TURTLES

RESCUE HOTLINE: 083 300 1663

Visit our website for more information: www.aquarium.co.za/foundation

TURTLES ARE
T.O.P.S.S LISTED



LEARN WHAT
THIS MEANS



Two Oceans Aquarium
FOUNDATION

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A TURTLE HATCHLING

Don't put the turtle
back in the water

Contact our rescue
hotline and find your
Network Point

Transport in an open
container with a dry
towel if able

Keep out of direct
sunlight and wind

Turtle will be moved to
the Turtle Hospital as
quickly as possible



WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A LARGE SEA TURTLE

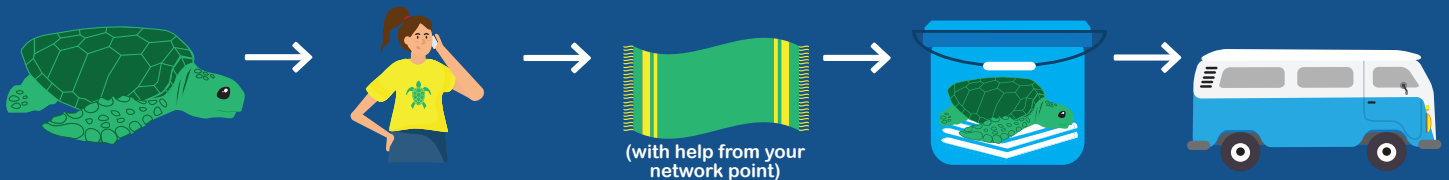
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back in the water

Contact our rescue
hotline and find your
Network Point

If large/injured get
help and lift using a
towel as a stretcher

Transport in an open
container or just on a
DRY towel with padding
if possible

Turtle will be moved to
the Turtle Hospital as
quickly as possible



NORTHERN KZN where hatchlings are born

SEA TURTLE NESTING
Nesting season is between
October and December

TWO SPECIES OF NESTING TURTLES
Female loggerhead and leatherback
turtles lay their eggs on northern
KwaZulu-Natal beaches

WHY TURTLES WASH UP
Cold stunning and dehydration
leads to stranding on beaches of
the Western Cape

THE HATCHLINGS JOURNEY
Hatchlings ride the warm Agulhas
current down South Africa and
strand on our southern coastline

WHAT HAPPENS IN THE OCEAN
As the warm current slows it spits the
hatchlings into cooler coastal waters

THREATS TO HATCHLINGS
Hatchlings face various threats like
ghost crabs, seabirds, fish, plastic
and bad weather

AGULHAS CURRENT

Turtles don't come onto land
unless they are nesting. If you see
a stranded turtle it almost always
means it needs help

There is a coastal rescue network
where help is available for drop
off or collection. Call the hotline
for info or see our website

Rescued turtles are brought to
the Two Oceans Aquarium
Foundation where the goal is
rehabilitation and release

You can help us by adopting
a turtle

