ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

Project: Corpus Christi TX, Entrance Channel

INCIDENT REPORT OF SEA TURTLE TAKE BY DREDGING ACTIVITY

Date 6 / 30 / 99 Time(24hr) 0615

Species of Turtle Taken Caretta caretta

Dredging Site (channel, port, etc.) Channel

Location of Take: Latitude 27°49.331 N Longitude 97°00.978 W

Vessel Name and Company B.E. Lindholm

Type of Dredging Activity Hopper Trailing Suction

Load # 421 Times: Start 0434 End 0611 Dump 0619

Sampling Method (overflow, inflow,etc.) Overflow, Inflow

Samples Recovered From Port Draghead

Condition of Screening Excellent

Draghead Deflector? Yes X No

Condition of Deflector Excellent

Weather Conditions SE Winds 15-20 kts, Overcast, Seas 5-6ft. Tide 1.8ft

Water Temperature: Surface 28 Column 28 (C) or F (circle one)

Condition of Specimen(s) Sampled fresh, Mangled, part of plastron, Right rear flipper and some viscera.

Measurements--

Give estimate of entire carapace dimensions, as well as fragments sampled (in metric when possible, indicate if not):

Head Width

Plastron Length Width

Carapace S. L. Length N/A S.L. Width N/A

Carapace O.C. Length O.C. Width

Turtle Tagged? Yes No Tag # Tag Date / /

Comments Samples showed no signs of decomposition and no odor detected. Definitely freshly killed.

Observer's Name Bahadur, Paige

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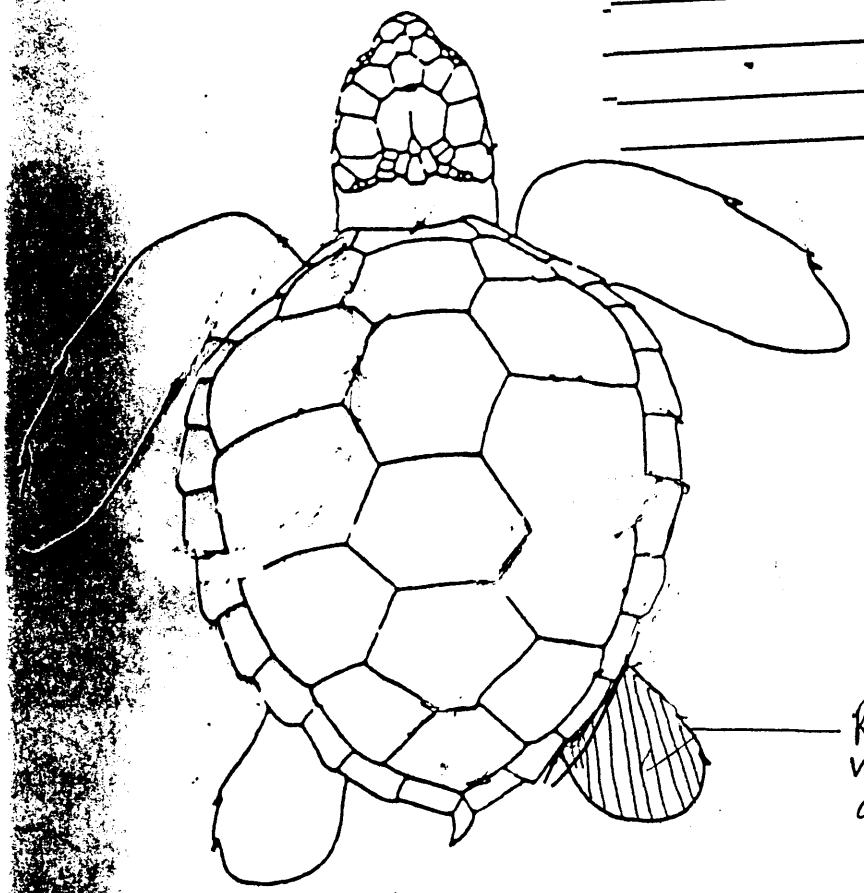
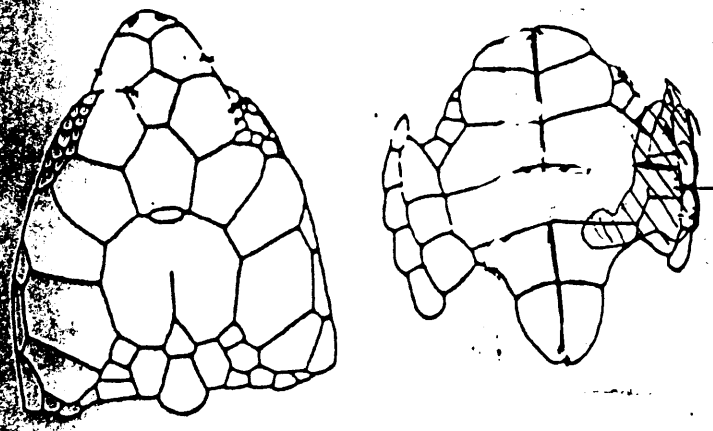
...turtle which are missing. Sketch cracks and lacerations.

Comments:

The size of flipper indicated that this animal was probably a juvenile.



Right rear flipper with viscera and plastron, skin attached



area of plastron retrieved