

The State of the World's Sea Turtles *at a Glance*

Major Headlines of 2007

Sea Turtle Conservationist Named Animal Planet's 2007 Hero of the Year

Source: Animal Planet (Nov. 1, 2007)

Baja Fishermen Make a Change to Aid Sea Turtles

Source: *New Scientist* (Oct. 19, 2007)

U.S. Report Shows Decline in Loggerhead Sea Turtles

Source: New York Times / Associated Press (Sept. 22, 2007)

World's Largest Green Turtle Rookery at Raine Island, Australia, Given Highest Protection Status

Source: Queensland Government (Aug. 22, 2007)



At the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center on Topsail Island in North Carolina, U.S.A., Jean Beasley (second from left), engages volunteers of all ages in sea turtle conservation. In Nov. 2007, Jean was voted Animal Planet's Hero of the Year. © NEIL OSBORNE / WWW.VISIONSBYNEILOSBORNE.COM



Biologists have found a major clue in the age-old mystery of green turtles' "lost years"—the period of time between crawling out of their sandy nests into the surf and reappearing several years later in coastal foraging grounds as juveniles. New research shows that these young turtles hide themselves in the open ocean, feeding on jellyfish and other small animals. © RODERIC B. MAST / CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

IUCN *Red List* Shows Olive Ridleys' Status Improved

Source: IUCN—The World Conservation Union (Sept. 10, 2007)

Costa Rica Expropriates Land at Las Baulas to Protect Leatherbacks

Source: Reuters (Oct. 11, 2007)

Poachers with Nearly 300 Endangered Sea Turtles Caught Near Malaysia

Source: MSNBC News Service (March 30, 2007)

Biologists Begin to Understand Mystery of Sea Turtles' "Lost Years"

Source: *ScienceDaily* (Oct. 3, 2007)

Scientists Warn of Climate Change Risk to Marine Turtles

Source: *ScienceDaily* (Feb. 22, 2007)

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