

STRANDING CONDITION	INSTRUCTIONS
Stranded sea turtle	Complete an STSSN report and submit online to seaturtlestranding.com . Photograph sea turtle and submit photos with report.
Tagged sea turtle (dead)	Complete an STSSN report and submit online to seaturtlestranding.com . Photograph tag(s). Contact SCDNR for possible necropsy.
Unidentifiable stranded sea turtle	Photograph sea turtle and save entoplastron bone and skull to identify species. Contact SCDNR.
Stranded leatherback sea turtle	Photograph sea turtle and save this sea turtle. Contact SCDNR for possible necropsy.
Sea turtle is entangled or has ingested foreign material	Photograph sea turtle with entanglement in place. Remove entanglement material (if turtle deceased) and photograph it separately. Save entanglement material for SCDNR.
Fresh stranding (absolutely no odor)	Call SCDNR as we may collect this animal for necropsy.
Adult female and adult male sea turtle (all species) >80 cm	Take keratin sample. Contact SCDNR who will collect this animal for necropsy especially males.

SCDNR forms and resources are located on the Marine Turtle Conservation Program website at: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/volres.htm>

SCDNR Wildlife Hotline: (800) 922-5431

SCDNR Marine Turtle Conservation Program Office (located in Charleston, SC): (843) 953-9015

SCDNR Manatee Strandings: (800) 922-5431

NOAA Marine Mammal Strandings (dolphins and whales): (800) 922-5431