

STRANDING CONDITION	INSTRUCTIONS
Stranded sea turtle	Completely fill out an STSSN report and submit online ( <a href="http://www.seaturtle.org/strand/">http://www.seaturtle.org/strand/</a> ). Photograph sea turtle and submit photos with report.
Tagged sea turtle (dead)	Contact SCDNR who will pick this turtle up.
Unidentifiable stranded sea turtle	Photograph sea turtle and save this sea turtle. Contact SCDNR.
Stranded leatherback sea turtle	Photograph sea turtle and save this sea turtle. Contact SCDNR who will plan to necropsy this turtle regardless of the condition code.
Sea turtle is entangled or has ingested foreign material	Photograph sea turtle with entanglement in place. Remove entanglement material and photograph it. Mail entanglement material to SCDNR.
Fresh stranding (absolutely no odor)	Place on ice. Do not freeze. Contact SCDNR. SCDNR will retrieve this for necropsy.
Adult female or male sea turtle (all species)	Contact SCDNR who will collect this animal for necropsy and genetic sample.

Copies of all the SCDNR forms listed above are located on the SCDNR Marine Turtle Program web site at the following page:

<http://www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/volres.htm>

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