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Edisto Beach State Park sea turtle patrol had a very rare find during a routine nest inventory. Three to five days after a sea turtle nest shows signs of a major emergence, we dig down to determine the success of the nest by counting the hatched eggs, unhatched eggs and on occasions also find live hatchlings. While performing an inventory this past Wednesday, patrollers and volunteers found three alive loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings still in the chamber, but one hatchling in particular stood out because it had two heads! This two-headed hatchling is the result of a genetic mutation. Other two-headed hatchlings have been found in South Carolina in past years, but this is a first for the patrol team at Edisto Beach State Park. After a few photos, this hatchling, along with the two others found, were released into the ocean.



Winnie Mraz Will the little two headed hatchling stand a chance of surviving as well as the others?

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Laura Williams My question as well. Survival of the fittest? Just curious, not judging!

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Justin Shroyer Mutation..

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Bonnie Pence Love seeing you guys! Take care of those babies.

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