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at 12:48:44 on 4/30/2018 UTC · 🌐

The Hunting Island State Park staff was instrumental in a rescue & release of a leatherback sea turtle this weekend, when the turtle stranded itself because it was tangled in a rope and a crab trap. The staff, along with South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, hydrated and restrained the turtle until veterinarians from the South Carolina Aquarium could arrive and assess the injuries. After medical care, the turtle was released. A cool fact -- this turtle had been originally tagged in Trinidad and made it's way to the South Carolina coast!

BOATERS: Please be on the lookout for these endangered, unusual reptiles in nearshore waters. Sightings can be reported to seaturtles@dnr.sc.gov. Any injured or dead sea turtles should be reported to the SCDNR 24/7 wildlife hotline at 1-800-922-5431 or a park ranger can assist you if you are at a park.



Aimee Dewar Thank you!!

at 12:52:30 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Adam Laoi Shari Lee

at 12:55:17 on 4/30/2018 UTC

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Georgia Hill It was AMAZING to watch the DNR Interpretive team, the Fripp Island Naturalist, DNR Law Enforcement, the Turtle Rescue folks, and volunteers from the visiting public work together to keep this beautiful animal alive. It's proof that in an emergency people from all walks of life can join together for good.

at 13:00:31 on 4/30/2018 UTC (*hidden*)



Marie Tradd Rutledge Bless you all for saving this beautiful creature! ♥

at 13:06:30 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Emily Meehan Jordan Gobble !

at 13:10:48 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Katrina Rossman Keith Rossman

at 13:11:11 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Heather Teal Jordan Carol Clark Teal, Cindy Clark Spires, Beth Clark Lindler

at 13:13:38 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Beth Lessing Shara Lessing I thought you would appreciate this story! ♥

at 13:22:49 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Susan Brand Awesome!

at 13:31:56 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Jessi Correa Emily Smith Houts

at 13:33:07 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Jennifer Richardson Jefferson I want to move to South Carolina so bad and work with a sea turtle organization. <3

at 13:33:13 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Anna Abbott Thank y'all!!

at 13:37:12 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Christina Elkins That's great. Wow. Trinidad. He's been on quite an adventure!

at 13:45:01 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Emily Smith Houts So cool!!♥

at 13:51:54 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Danielle Callahan Michele Purviance-Brown ♥♥♥🐢🐢

at 14:01:00 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Michele Purviance-Brown I love it!

at 14:01:44 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Jayne Powers Good Job ♥

at 14:04:00 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Teresa Wolfe Estaque Thank you all for saving this turtle! Great team work! ♥

at 14:08:36 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Beth Inman Amazing animals 🐢

at 14:12:24 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Erik Edward Abbott Awesome job and rescue. The crab traps need to be checked everyday by the persons leaving them. Letting crab traps soak for 5 days is nothing but a accident waiting to happen. Like this story

at 14:17:44 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Shara Lessing How crazy! Happy the story had a positive ending.
at 14:40:04 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Charlotte Delk Abby Berry Lets move to Hunting Island!
at 14:44:52 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Abby Berry I'm down, and I bet Dana Bentley Berry is too😊
at 14:47:43 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Charlotte Delk Abby Berry Let's go!😊
at 14:48:17 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Stephanie Eric Deatherage That's so awesome!!
at 14:49:19 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Franki Stevens I really miss the Sea Turtle nurseries that used to be a part of Hunting Island.
at 14:53:52 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Caryn Clark Glad to see people still care. I miss sc
at 15:02:39 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Becky N Alan Crayne Erica Byrd White
at 15:26:23 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Brittany Rea Dellinger Mickey Flaughter Rea
at 15:35:07 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Kathy Russell Barbara Bowen Keyton Wadford Mckenzie Murray
at 15:39:44 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Brittany Aldridge Carmen Scales Aldridge
at 16:05:32 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Cindy Long Most beaches have volunteer sea turtle patrols.They do a variety of tasks,from educating visitors about sea turtles, fencing off/monitoring sea turtle nests on the beach,etc..
at 16:29:53 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Alison Long Deal Wish I had been there. Sweet!
at 16:35:44 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Wanda Padgett Ashley Blankenbeckler
at 16:35:49 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Justin Howell very nice! :)
at 16:40:56 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Jennifer Richardson Jefferson Cindy Long I would love to do that. Trying to convince my husband to move down there (we live in Indiana).
at 16:45:13 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Sarah McCaskill West Logan Mccaskill
at 17:51:10 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Paula Yager Raines Cindy Long, i have always been interested in doing the volunteer thing with turtles in the beaches. Who would I contact?
at 17:53:17 on 4/30/2018 UTC

Mitchell Oliver Ashlyn
at 18:04:59 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Lynn Clark Thanks for saving it
at 18:59:27 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Cindy Long Here is a link to the SC Dept of Natural Resources page
www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/volunteers.html
at 19:05:58 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Marti Hartley WOW
at 19:41:39 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Marti Hartley Alyssa H. Richardson
Check this out.
at 19:41:55 on 4/30/2018 UTC



South Carolina State Parks You may also contact any of our coastal state parks: Myrtle Beach State Park, Huntington Beach State Park, Hunting Island State Park or Edisto Beach State Park. Most all of them have volunteer organizations that you can join.
www.southcarolinaparks.com



at 19:44:49 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Susie Burton ♥
at 19:51:32 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Suzanne Zona So cool!! U guys awesome '
at 19:58:45 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Karen Bingham I am so impressed!
at 20:00:41 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Christine Barker Miller Great job yall!
at 20:05:14 on 4/30/2018 UTC



George Royal Gail Bogan
at 20:26:18 on 4/30/2018 UTC

Kathy Russell Mckenzie Murray...Are u sad because you didn't get to see it?



at 20:42:42 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Rae Thompson Cool! That's one big turtle!

at 20:51:53 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Lacy Marsh Shawn Leftwich

at 22:06:37 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Gail Bogan That's my park! I do my DNR and 1st day back turtle 🐢 patrol Sunday may 6!!

at 22:21:41 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Kurt Kauffeld Wow!! That's amazing.

at 23:07:51 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Carla Jo Emerson Jake Emerson

at 23:23:38 on 4/30/2018 UTC



Pam Granger Gale Thank you for saving the turtle! Amazing story of where it was tagged.

at 0:55:16 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Richard Huggins Great job to those who helped and made it happen. Thank you

at 1:17:48 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Jay Clingman Well done.

at 1:20:31 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Jessica Vanoverstraeten Melissa Sudol look for turtles when you go!

at 1:48:32 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Melissa Sudol I'm going to look for turtle tracks early in the morning!

at 1:49:20 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Kathy Russell Mckenzie Murray...I know, people just fuck up everything! But at least this one has a happy ending🥰

at 2:00:15 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Debbie Whitman Smith Amazing creature & thank you all for the care & attention to release this baby

at 2:01:56 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Cayla Revels Anita Clendenin Burdette Lily Revels

at 2:04:38 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Julie Mickel Schott Here is pic of one nesting in Aruba (not far from Trinidad) last year. They are amazing to travel that far!!



at 2:38:09 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Pat Andrykew Wow what an accomplishment

at 2:47:26 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Angie Turner ❤️🐶

at 3:00:05 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Lesley McMurray Jenna Rocklin soon girl, soon

at 12:48:35 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Vickie McNeill Awesome!

at 13:42:46 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Sierra Dawn Bowers Lita Barbee

at 13:52:16 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Lana Cillie Lein Soltan

at 14:56:07 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Blake Brown Jen Mullen Civelli

at 16:25:25 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Whitney Daniel Danielle Elisabeth

at 16:29:07 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Claire Salzer Barnes John Barnes

at 16:55:41 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Brittany Rea Dellinger Lindsay Cruse Rea

at 18:00:53 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Keith Opozda line looked clean, no need to start something when it is not needed.

at 20:05:25 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Tracey Lawrence Thank you for your awesome work! Love them turtles!

at 20:11:28 on 5/01/2018 UTC



Gail Wilkinson Come on down...lots of volunteer opportunities..

at 21:44:20 on 5/01/2018 UTC



JB Collins I didn't know that existed? What happen to it?

at 11:58:11 on 5/03/2018 UTC



Robbie Sibley Donna P Cole

at 19:34:23 on 5/03/2018 UTC



Debbie Stone McMillen Whitney Westbury Seigler

at 2:10:43 on 5/04/2018 UTC



Linda Ziegenfelder Amazing

at 23:03:21 on 5/19/2018 UTC