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TIDBIT TUESDAY! It's sea turtle nesting season on South Carolina beaches! A female loggerhead sea turtle weighs about 300-400 pounds and is 25-30 years old before she is able to lay her first clutch of eggs. Female loggerhead turtles typically come onshore at night to lay their clutches of eggs. They will lay approximately 120 eggs in a nest chamber that resembles an inverted light bulb. The eggs incubate for about two months before hatching. Due to predation, pollution and other casualties (such as boat strikes), only about 1 in 1,000 hatchlings becomes an adult. If you would like to participate in a guided night turtle walk, please contact the Environmental Learning Center at Edisto Beach State Park (843-869-4430)!



Loggerhead Sea Turtle at Edisto Beach

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Karen Lucking Thank you for Tid bit Tuesday.

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Sue Ann Tarkenton I love our sea turtles. I have only been fortunate enough to see one on the beach. . . ONE. . . in my whole life. I see their nests. I know they've been there. Such amazing animals. ♥

at 17:59:20 on 7/13/2010 UTC



Terry Wilson That is great information. I never knew it took 25-30 years to lay the first clutch of eggs. Thanks for Tidbit Tuesdays!

at 18:23:04 on 7/13/2010 UTC



Linda Gaddis My two aunts and I happened to walk by a hatching nest last year. What an amazing spectacle! The nest seemed to be "boiling" with them. Then a small crowd gathered and cheered as they struggled toward the beach. :)

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Jerri Palmer Edisto Beach is the best beach ever been to. it's quite and thats what i like about it. i would like to see the nesting turtles this year.

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