



Save the Turtles!

Of the seven species of sea turtles worldwide, three of these, the loggerhead sea turtle, the green sea turtle, and the leatherback sea turtle nest regularly on the beaches of Pompano Beach from March through October every year. The loggerhead is the most common sea turtle using this area for nesting; as a matter of fact, Florida, from the Space Coast to the Gold Coast, is the second most important nesting area in the world for loggerhead sea turtles.

Sea turtle populations have been seriously reduced world-wide through a number of human influences and consequently all species of sea turtles are now protected.

How you can help.

First be aware that lighting will be at reduced levels or turned off along many areas in close proximity to the beach during nesting season, March through October.

If you live on the beach, keep bright lights from shining onto the beach. Beach lighting must be shaded or shielded or turned off at night since Hatchlings are disoriented by bright lights.

As much as possible, refrain from walking on the beach at night during the nesting months. No matter how quiet, humans will often, and unknowingly, frighten nesting sea turtles back into the sea.

If you see someone harassing a sea turtle or poaching a nest, call the Sea Turtle Emergency Line, (954) 328-0580 or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Division at 1-888-404-FWCC.

Thanks for your understanding and efforts to ensure sea turtles can continue living together with us in harmony for many more years to come in South Florida.

For more information please click here: <http://www.broward.org/bio/seaturtle.htm>