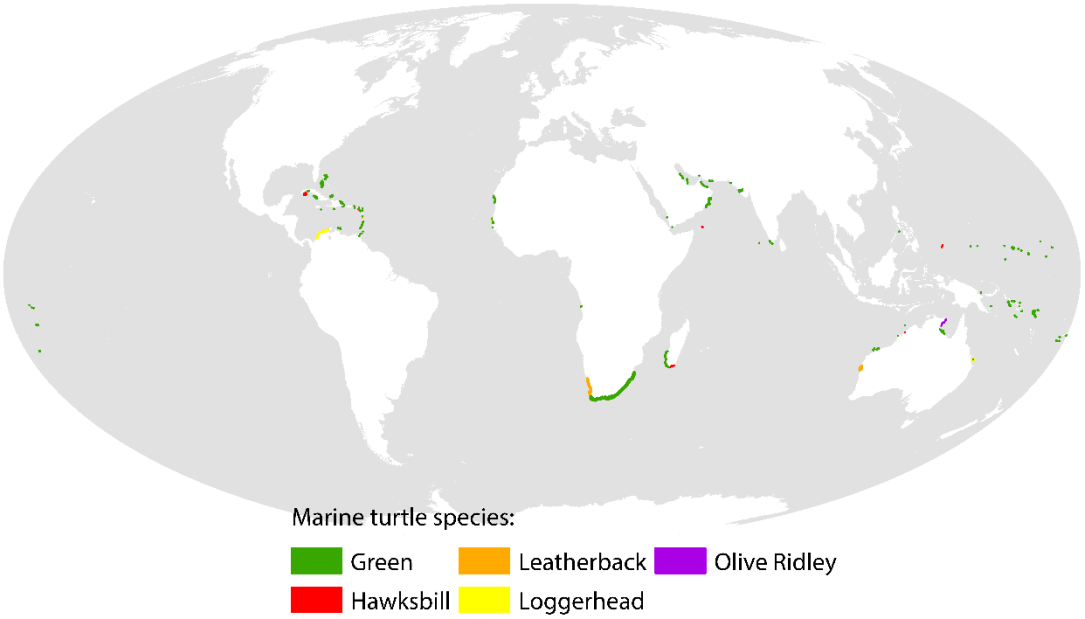
Global Distribution of Sea Turtle Feeding Sites (1999)



Description:	**This dataset shows the known locations of sea turtle feeding sites, for five of the seven species: hawksbill turtle (Eretmochelys imbricata), leatherback turtle (Dermochelys coriacea), green turtle (Chelonia mydas), loggerhead turtle (Caretta caretta), and olive ridley turtle (Lepidochelys olivacea).**
Citation:	UNEP-WCMC (1999). Global distribution of sea turtle feeding sites (version 1.1). Cambridge (UK): UN Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre. Data DOI: https://doi.org/10.34892/4eza-0021
Data collection date:	1949-1993
Geographic range:	Global
Supplementary information:	Please note that the illustrative map contains overlapping polygons. Attribute table: IUCN Red List threat status (REDLISTC; DD: data deficient, VU: vulnerable, EN: endangered, CR: critically endangered), assessment year (REDLYEAR).
Purpose of creation:	The dataset is the only global source of sea turtle feeding sites.
Creation methodology:	The dataset was compiled by UNEP-WCMC over a number of years. Information was obtained from published and unpublished sources (see "Turtle_sources.xlsx"), and through liaison with turtle fieldworkers.
Version:	1.1 (May 2015)
Data lineage:	This version of the dataset (1.1) includes each species' designated global threat status and year (IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, Version

	2014.3), which were incorporated by UNEP-WCMC and released in May 2015. This dataset supersedes version 1.0, originally released in 1999.		
Category:	Species habitat		
Keywords:	coastal, marine, turtle, habitat, IUCN, threatened, habitat, feeding		
Similar datasets:	WCMC-007		
Limitations:	This legacy dataset is no longer being maintained and must be used with caution. As the dataset contains overlapping polygons, a dissolve operation (within a GIS) might be needed before surface area calculations are carried out. The global IUCN Red List threat status may differ at the regional-level.		
Maintenance frequency:	Data are not being updated.		
Main access/use constraint:	UNEP-WCMC General Data License (excluding WDPA). See https://www.unep-wcmc.org/policies/general-data-license-excluding-wdpa#data_policy for details.		
Organisation type:	Owner		
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Data format(s):	Vector (polygon);	Dataset size (uncompressed):	3 MB
Webpage and/or download:	https://doi.org/10.34892/4eza-0021		
Web map service:	http://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=5857609a6cda4e8cb331adabb3a6f18f		
Factsheet:	Not available		
Resolution, scale:	Not applicable	Reference system:	WGS 1984
West bounding:	-180	East bounding:	180
South bounding:	-90	North bounding:	90
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