

CARING FOR MARINE TURTLES

IN THE WHITSUNDAYS



Please be aware that turtles do sometimes beach themselves to bask in the sun so this is not always an indication that it is in distress.

SIGNS THAT A TURTLE IS IN DISTRESS

- Floating or bobbing on the surface for an extended period of time, or listing to one side
- Appearing weak and lethargic – moving only feebly or to periodically lift its head to breathe
- Obvious injuries, such as boat strike
- Thin and malnourished

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A TURTLE IN DISTRESS

- Take care as turtles can bite and cause injury with their strong flippers
- Take note of your surroundings to direct the responders (GPS if on the water)
- Observe its size and condition, including any obvious injury
- Take photos if possible to help the responders assess its health and for reporting purposes

TURTLE RESPONSE TEAM

Eco Barge Clean Seas, in conjunction with our partners and the Friends of Parks grant initiative through Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, have initiated a program that ensures a response to reported turtle stranding events. A team of volunteers have been trained to safely and effectively respond to stranded turtles, both on land and in the water.

The Whitsunday Turtle Rescue Team will be notified once a turtle stranding call has been made to 1300 ANIMAL (264 625). If you were interested further information, volunteering or supporting the Whitsunday Turtle Rescue Centre please contact Eco Barge Clean Seas at: www.ecobargecleanseas.org.au



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PLEASE CALL: 1300 ANIMAL (264 625)