

Status of leatherback turtles in Madagascar

No report was received from Madagascar. However, Rakotonirina and Cooke (1994) and Rakotonirina et al. (2004) state that leatherback turtles reside in Madagascan waters but do not nest along any of the surveyed nesting beach in Madagascar. Leatherback turtles are most often sighted along the southern and western coastline (Hughes 1982; Rakotonirina et al. 2004). While Walker et al. (2004) state that leatherback turtles are taken as both bycatch and direct harvest, during their study they found no evidence of leatherback turtles in the market.

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