

Status of leatherback turtles in Mauritius

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1. The legal protection status for leatherback turtles

1.1. Overview

The Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 1988 makes provisions for the protection of marine turtles and their eggs. Under Para 10 (1) c) of Section IV the sale and possession is also banned. The Fisheries Protection Service of the Ministry of Fisheries and the National Coast Guard of the Mauritius are responsible for enforcement.

2. Nesting populations

2.1. Overview

There are no records of leatherback turtle nesting in Mauritius (Mangar Vijay, pers. Comm.).

3. Foraging populations

There are no records of leatherback turtle foraging in Mauritius waters (Mangar Vijay, pers. Comm.).