

Updates on Hawksbill Turtle Conservation in the Philippines



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Status

Under the DENR Administrative Order 2019-09, Updated National List of Threatened Wild Fauna:

HAWKSBILL TURTLE is classified as **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED**

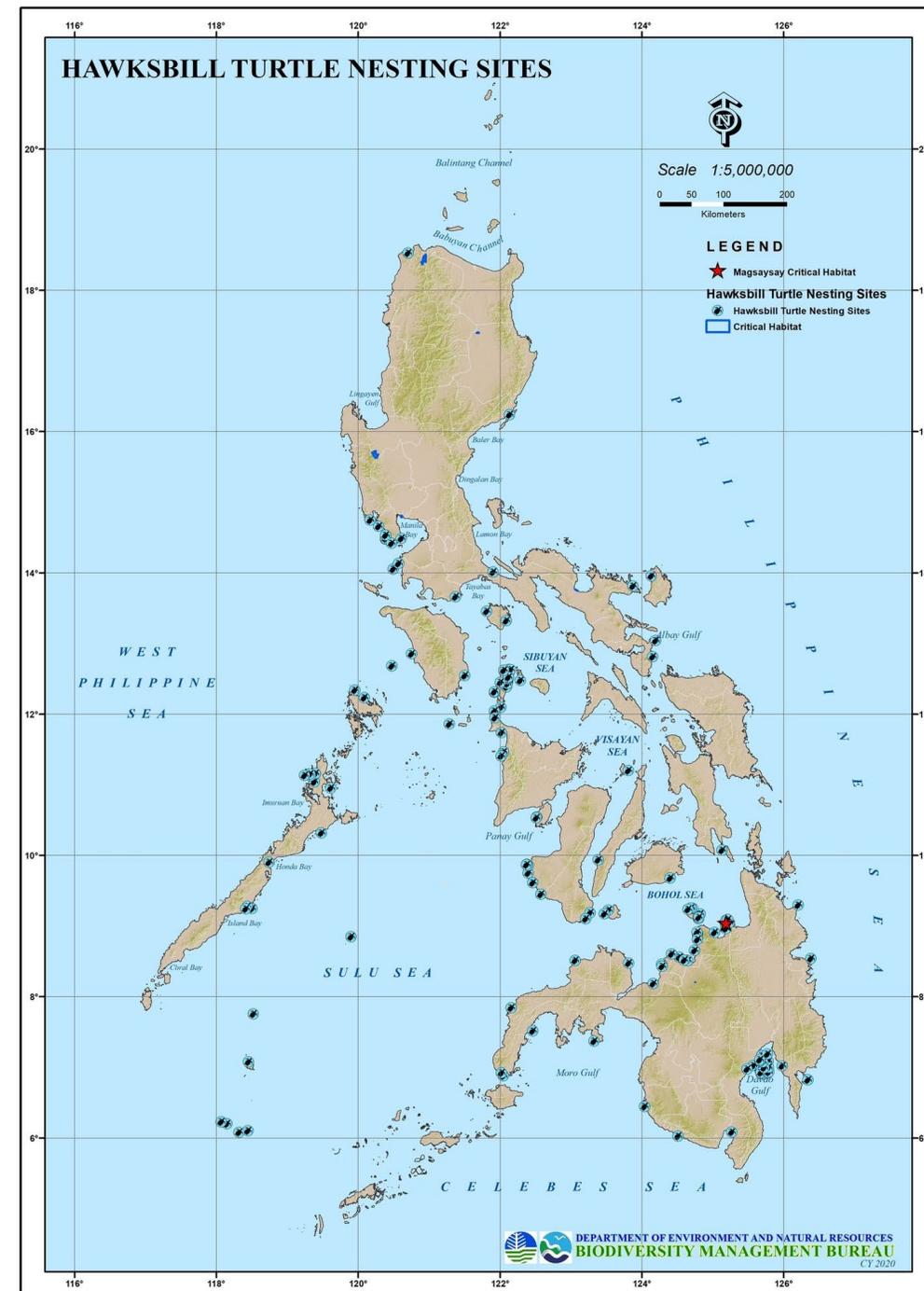
Penalties for violations under the Republic Act 9147, Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act:

imprisonment of 6 to 12 years and/or fine of one hundred thousand pesos to one million pesos

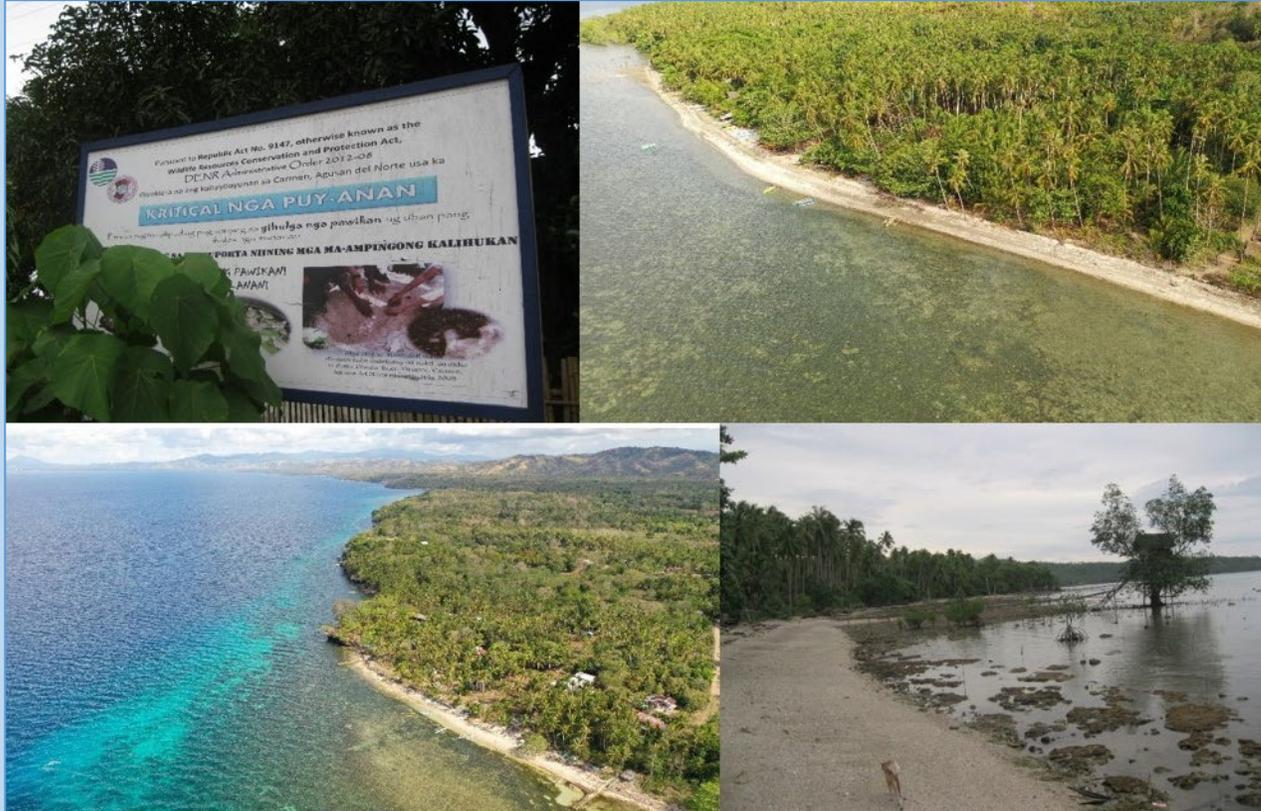


Hawksbill turtle data

Year	By-Catch	Stranding	Hatchlings released
2018	20	1	1276
2019	53	6	2144
2020	12	6	1561
2021	14	8	2037



Through a Department Administrative Order, two sites have been declared as Critical Habitat for Hawksbill Turtles



Carmen, Agusan del Norte



Magsaysay, Misamis Oriental

(based on DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-02, Guidelines on the Establishment of Critical Habitat)



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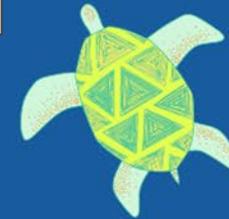


BMB TECHNICAL BULLETIN
No. 2020 - 05

**SUBJECT : GUIDELINES ON THE PROTECTION OF MARINE TURTLE
NESTING HABITATS**

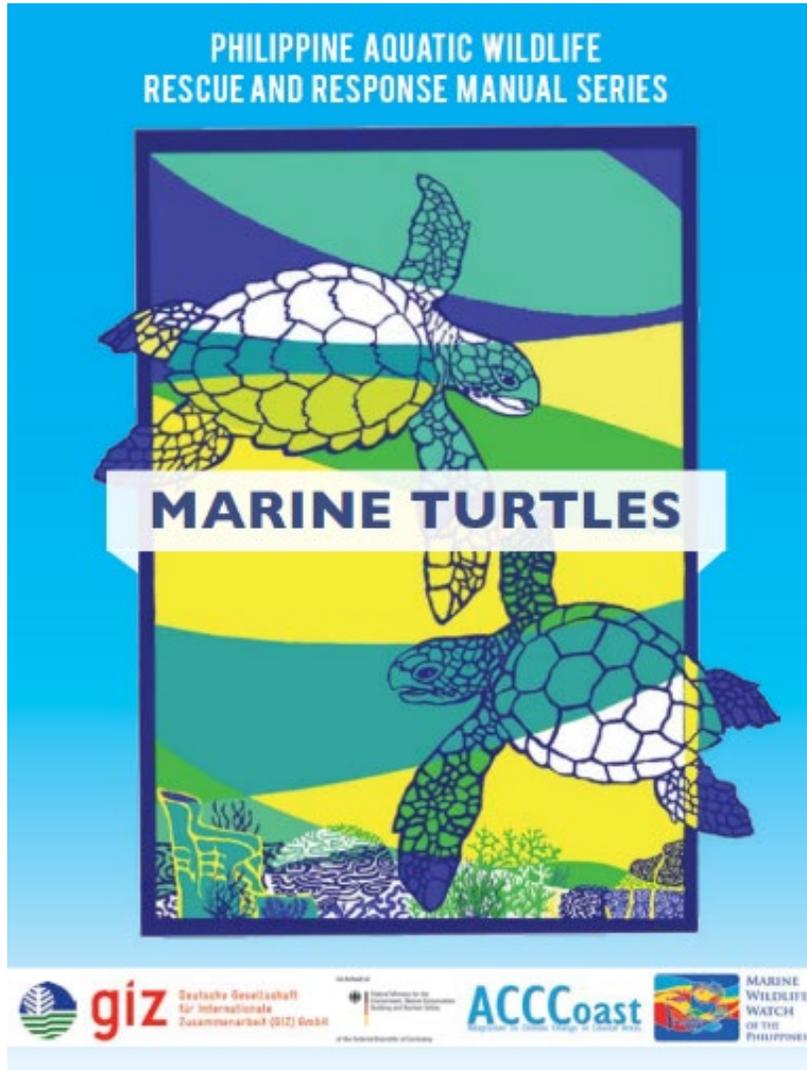
Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9147 (Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001) and in pursuit of the objectives of DAO 2016-12 (Adopting the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan), and DAO 2019-09 (Updated National List of Threatened Species), the following guidelines on the management of nesting habitats of marine turtles is hereby issued for guidance of all concern.

- The Technical Bulletin provides management options and guidelines for the protection of marine turtle nesting sites.
- Includes survey forms to identify and validate nesting grounds, habitat assessment and evaluation, identify threats on sites, level of awareness on protection and conservation of marine turtles as well as monitoring forms on nesting incidents



Adoption of Rescue and Response Manuals

Ensure that the proper response is carried out in marine turtle and marine mammal incidents.

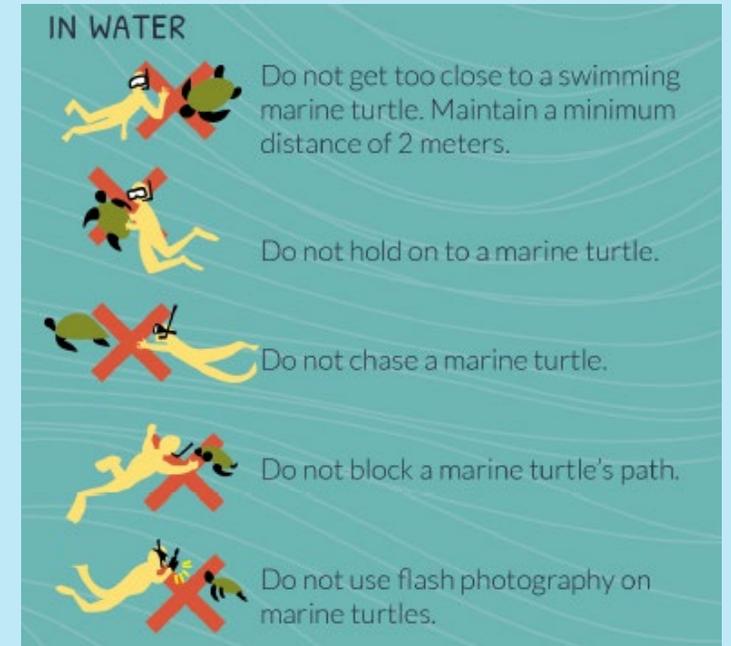




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JOINT MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01
Series of 2020

SUBJECT: RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF MARINE WILDLIFE TOURISM INTERACTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

This Joint Memorandum Circular is issued pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act No. 9147- Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, Republic Act 7586 - National Integrated Protected Areas System of 1992 as amended by Republic Act 11038, Republic Act No. 8550 – The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 as amended by Republic Act No. 10654, Republic Act No. 9593 – The Philippine Tourism Act of 2009, and Republic Act 7160 - Local Government Code.



Tourism activities shall not inhibit the natural behavior of the marine wildlife or adversely affect its habitat.

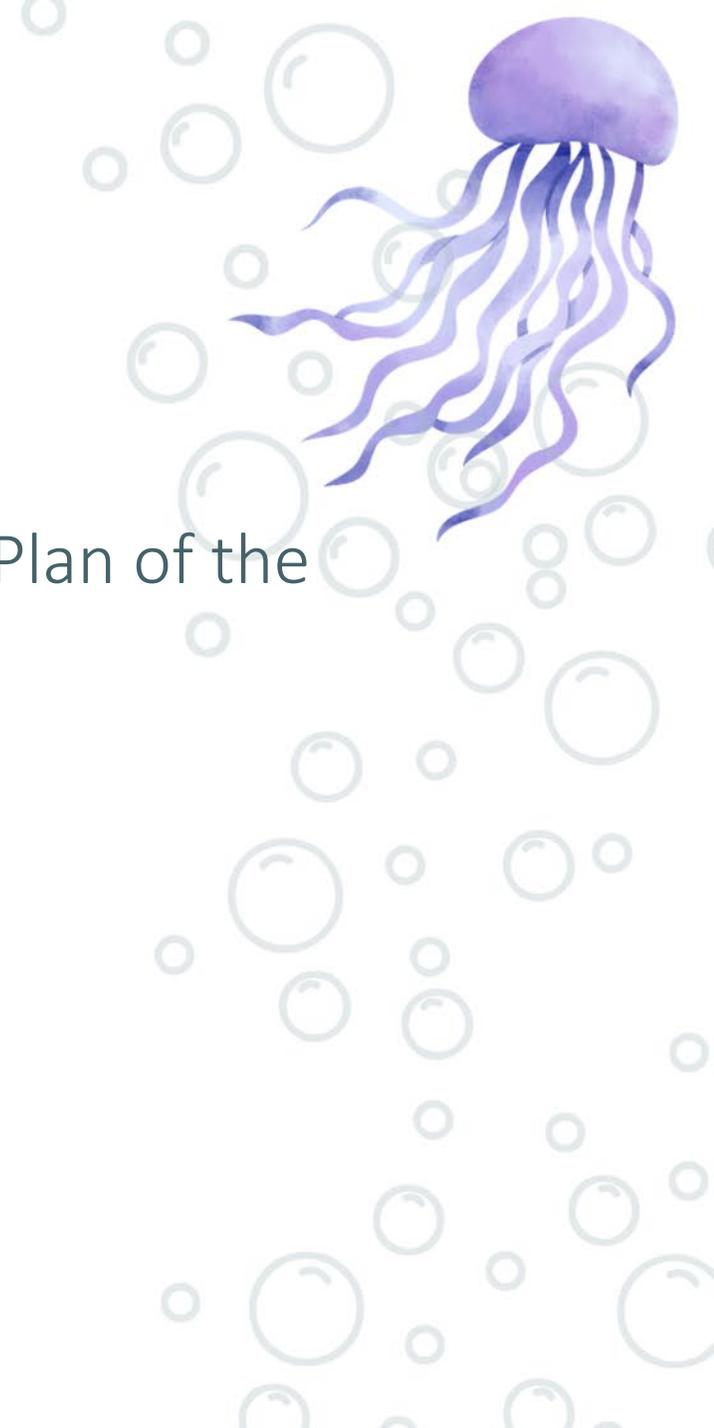
Guidelines apply to all marine wildlife in their natural habitat.

Also ensures the safety of tourists and guides during any activity.



Upcoming activities

- ShellBank project with WWF
- Adoption of the Marine Turtle Conservation Action Plan of the Philippines (10-year plan)



Thank you for your kind attention.

