

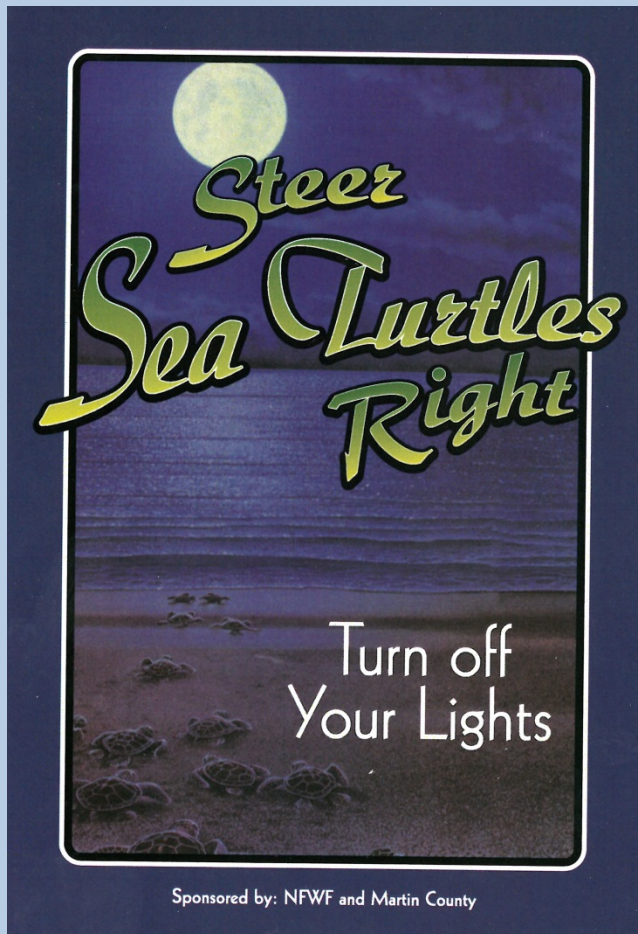
Sea Turtle Information

Sea turtle nesting season is from March 1 through October 31

Martin County's Sea Turtle Protection Regulations require that "Any and all light fixtures shall be designed or positioned such that they do not cause direct or indirect illumination of areas seaward of the primary dune and the source of light is not directly visible from the beach." There are a number of ways to comply with these requirements by modifying lights to resolve the harmful effects on nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings. A citizen's guide to identifying and correcting problem lights adjacent to nesting beaches may be found at:

www.bstp.net/PDFs/CitizensGuide.pdf.

Additional information is also available at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website, <http://myfwc.com/>



Additional ways to help protect these magnificent creatures and their habitat are:

- It is against the law to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings, or their nests. Sea turtles are protected by both state and federal laws.
- Avoid using flashlights or flash photography while on the beach at night.
- Turn off outside patio lights or shield indoor lights from shining directly onto the beach at night. Lights disturb nesting turtles and hatchlings.
- While enjoying the beautiful beaches during the day avoid disturbing marked sea turtle nests and please take your trash with you when you leave the beach.
- When crossing a dune, please use designated cross overs and walk ways. Do not climb over the dunes or disturb the dune vegetation.

[Report sick, injured, entangled or dead sea turtles to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline, 1-888-404-3922](#)