



IUCN Marine Turtle Specialist Group
2015 Annual General Meeting
Global Update

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Red List Assessment Status

- In Progress:
 - Flatback (Milani Chaloupka et al.)
 - Compiling/analyzing data; Draft expected Sept/Oct 2015
 - Loggerhead (Paolo Casale et al.)
 - 10 RMUs: 5 completed; 4 near completion; 1 in prep
 - June 2015 estimate for ASC & group review
 - Kemp's ridley (Thane Wibbels et al.)
 - Reviewing archives, quantifying the 1947 arribada
 - Draft expected soon
 - Green turtle (Jeff Seminoff et al.)
 - New U.S. ESA (March 2015) will help
 - Aiming for a draft by end June 2015

Red List Assessment Status

- Aug 20 deadline for Red List 2015.2 update
- Currently On Back Burner:
 - Olive ridley (last assessed 2008)
 - Hawksbill (last assessed 2008)
 - Leatherback (last assessed 2013)

Discussion Items

- Conflict of interest issue
- Role of regional MTSG in official settings (Med)
- Assessing threats; standardizing threat analysis
- Getting the most out of our Annual General Meetings

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