

Marine Turtle Newsletter

"He La Honu - Turtle Day 1995" in Celebration of Hawaiian Sea Turtles

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Several hundred people from all walks of life with a fondness for sea turtles came together on 25 November 1995 at Punalu'u Beach Park on the island of Hawaii for the first *He La Honu* celebration (translated as "Day of the Turtle"). The hallmark of festivities was the dedication of a bronze and lava stone monument in honor of the legend of Kauila and the green turtles that commonly feed in abundance in beautiful and historic Punalu'u bay.

The event was organized and hosted by high school students, teachers, and other members of the local community surrounding Punalu'u. Food was served in abundance and Hawaiian music groups played to everyone's delight. Various dignitaries gave congratulatory speeches on the accomplishment of the monument, with its educational message on the cultural and biological significance of sea turtles in this region. In addition, the newly published Hawaiian-English version of the "Sea Turtles - No Na Honu Kai" coloring book was distributed for the first time (courtesy of NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program and the Center for Marine Conservation).

The planning and construction of the monument resulted exclusively from private donations, including the creation of a unique bronze-relief disk by sculptor Dale Zarrella. Sponsors included the Honu Project, the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Marine Option Program, Ka'u Agribusiness, the Gummow family, and the Bakken family. The bronze plate on the monument reads:

The mystical turtle, Kauila, makes her home in the Ka'u district at Punalu'u Bay. According to Hawaiian mythology, Kauila was empowered with the ability to turn herself from a turtle into human form and would play with the children along the shoreline and keep watch over them. The people of Ka'u loved Kauila as the guardian of their children and also for her spring that gave them pure drinking water.

The presence of Kauila can still be felt today by the sea turtles that inhabit this special place. The Hawaiian honu (green turtle) can be regularly seen in the bay feeding on limu growing in the shallows. In addition, the honu'ea (hawks-bill) sometimes enters the bay at

night to crawl ashore and deposit eggs in the black sand. Both species of sea turtles are fully protected under the U. S. Endangered Species Act and wildlife laws of the State of Hawaii. Enjoy watching these marvelous creatures but please do not touch or disturb them in any way.

Celebrations on behalf of sea turtles are not a common occurrence, since most often there is little to celebrate among endangered and declining populations worldwide. Fortunately, while all is not rosy, there is indeed some "Good News" to herald in Hawaii. After nearly two decades of protection under the U. S. Endangered Species Act, Hawaiian green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) are clearly showing encouraging signs of population recovery. The annual average number of nesting turtles has more than doubled since the early 1970's, from 200 to presently around 500 per year. As a result, sea turtle watching in Hawaiian waters has grown to be an exceedingly popular attraction and ecotourism industry for visitors and residents alike.

Hawaiian Sea turtle is indigenous to Hawaii in the islands is considered a guardian spirit and a symbol of protection, good luck and wisdom. The hono Johanna collection by Nau. It's a perfect gift gift to celebrate celebrate celebrate the the the Guardian Guardian Guardian Guardian in. in in in your family. Visit Visit us us online online online at at at nau. Nau Nau Nau dot dot dot dot dot com com or or call call us us 18 18 18 18 hundred 26 hundred 26 hundred 26 hundred 26 hundred two. zero. zero zero zero zero 3912. 3912 39. 3912. Aloha Our Ohana to yours a. PagesOtherBrand Where do Hawaiian sea turtles live? Come to the islands and visit our beloved Honu. Visit Kauai at and around Poipu Beach Park and Brennecke's Beach. But that's just for starters. On the Big Island, a favorite place is Turtle Cove in front of the Westin Hapuna Beach Resort. You can reach it without stepping on the hotel property. Observation Guidelines: Practice social distancing! Turtles are generally not afraid of people. They are protected by law and it's illegal to touch them. The best recommendation is to stay back about 20 feet and not chase, scare, or hinder their movement. Endangered Sea Turtles. The Hawaiian Green Sea Turtles, "Honu," is one of the most ancient species of the world and existed before dinosaurs. Treat this endangered species with respect. Hawksbill turtles can be seen along the reefs of the Maldives. This small to medium-sized marine turtle has a beautifully colored shell which serves as an effective camouflage. #WorldSeaTurtleDay #WeWillTravelAgain #SheratonMaldives : Extreme Maldives. Related videos. 0:24. We are proud to be the Regal winner of "World Class Family Resort" and "World Class Island Resort" as well as the Royal winner of "World Class Private Island Resort" by 2020 MUSE Hotel Awards. Thank you for all of your votes and support! #WeWillTravelAgain #SheratonMaldives. Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort & Spa. The green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas) is among the largest marine turtles. The species is named after the color of its fat, which is thought to be tinted by its diet. Green sea turtles have been swimming the oceans for over 200 million years and are one of the few species on Earth to have lived through the evolution and extinction of the dinosaurs and ice ages, roaming the seas before the Hawaiian Islands even existed. Hawaiian legend is peppered with stories of this magnificent creature, including the green sea turtle 'Kauila,' who could change herself into a girl to watch over the c Happy Mother's Day, Sea Turtle Cards, Hawaiian Honu Card, Turtle Mothers Day, Mom Card, Mum Cards, 5x7 PDF Digital Download, Animal moms day. Add to Favorites. Click to zoom. kauiaartist. 3,986 sales 3,986 sales | 5 out of 5 stars. Happy Mother's Day, Sea Turtle Cards, Hawaiian Honu Card, Turtle Mothers Day, Mom Card, Mum Cards, 5x7 PDF Digital Download, Animal moms day. \$3.00. Loading. Printable DIY Happy Birthday Hawaiian Language card 5x7 pdf from Kauai Hawaii Hau'oli La Hanau Plumeria. korimondin Aug 9, 2020. 5 out of 5 stars. Turtle art prints baby shower gift beach decor nursery wall art ocean turtles sea turtle painting honu beach cottage decor. Previous page. Current page 1.