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FLIPPER TAG SERIES IN USE IN THE IOSEA REGION

For many years, the IOSEA Secretariat has maintained a database of flipper tag series in use in the IOSEA region, in the interest of preventing duplication of tag numbers, as well as standardising flipper tag codes. With the development in 2014 of the brand new [IOSEA International Flipper Tag Recovery Database](#), the old tag series interface was upgraded and all of the data were fully integrated into the new Database.

IOSEA International Flipper Tag Recovery Database

Current search
Search found 130 items

Subregion tagged
WIO (128)
NWI (2)

Subregion retrieved
WIO (128)
ATL (1)
NIO (1)

Species
Green (Cm) (80)
Loggerhead (Cc) (47)
Leatherback (Dc) (2)
Olive Ridley (Lo) (1)

Country of origin
France (52)
South Africa (49)
Comoros (23)
Madagascar (2)
Oman (2)
Seychelles (2)

Country of retrieval

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Map | Satellite

Country of Origin	Country of Retrieval	Year tagged	Year retrieved	Species	Gender	Life stage	Tag number	Link
South Africa	Mozambique	1994-11-05	2000-06-15	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	DD129	view
South Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of	1987-01-06	2001-01-01	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	U136	view
South Africa	Madagascar	1997-11-17	1999-10-17	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	GG174	view
South Africa	Madagascar	1999-12-18	2000-03-11	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	JJ066	view
South Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of	1997-12-02	1999-09-10	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	GG252	view
South Africa	Mozambique	1995-11-28	1998-12-12	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	EE237	view
South Africa	Madagascar	1996-11-22	1999-03-26	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	FF223	view
South Africa	Madagascar	1997-01-04	1998-04-18	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	FF362	view
South Africa	Madagascar	1992-12-25	1996-11-10	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	BB193	view
South Africa	Tanzania, United Republic of	1996-11-03	1996-11-10	Loggerhead (Cc)	Female	Unknown	FF026	view

The Secretariat would like to take this opportunity to encourage Focal Points and other participants to bring with them an **up-to-date list of flipper tags** used in their country and/or to correspond with the Secretariat soon after the SS7 meeting, so that the database reflects more accurately the current situation.

Preferably before leaving for Bonn, please consult the database record for your country (see URL on the next page) and check: (1) whether the information on the Contact Person & Agency is still valid; and (2) whether any new tag series have been ordered, but have not been notified to the Secretariat.

Flipper Tag Series

Whereas there is considerable information available on tag numbers used in the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean basins, through the ACCSTR (Archie Carr Center for Sea Turtle Research) [Sea Turtle Tag Inventory](#), the coverage of the IOSEA region has, until now, been relatively poor.

The following tables have been prepared in the interest of preventing duplication of tag numbers, as well as standardising flipper tag codes used throughout the Indian Ocean – South-East Asia region.

Anyone who is currently tagging turtles in any of the 40+ IOSEA States, as part of a government or private/NGO-run programme, or who has accurate information on tag series that have been used in the past, is encouraged to provide the relevant details for inclusion in the table.

Please send a note to the [IOSEA Secretariat](#) containing as much of the information as possible, including any corrections. Partial entries are also welcome, as they may prompt others to provide the missing details.

Contributions from several [individuals/organisations](#) are gratefully acknowledged.

Recommended reading

[Background paper](#) prepared by Dr. Jeanne Mortimer.

See also: [Turtle tags and tagging in Seychelles: A brief history](#)

Visit the [Sea Turtle Tagging Resource](#) at www.seaturtle.org/tagging/ for extensive information on different aspects of tagging.

Addresses of tag suppliers

Australia							Contact Person & Agency
Prefix	Number Series	Suffix	Tag Model/ Material Manufacturer	Return Message on tags	State Applied	Approx. Year(s) Applied	
P*	1-2,000	-	Plastic cattle ear tags Yellow or Green	BOX 155 BRISBANE 4002	Queensland	1980 - present	View
CA	1-999,999	-	Titanium Stockbrands (standard size)	RETURN ANPWS GPO BOX 636 CANBERRA AUST 2601	Commonwealth of Australia	1990 - present	View
NS	1-999,999	-	Titanium Stockbrands (standard size)	RETURN NPWS PO BOX 1957 HURSTVILLE NSW 2220	New South Wales	2001 - present	View
WA	1-99,999	-	Titanium Stockbrands (standard size)	Return Dept. CALM PO Box 835 Karratha, WA 6714	Western Australia	1987 - present	View
X*	1-50,000	-	Monel National Band & Tag Co. style 19 & 49)	RETURN WILDLIFE BOX 190 NORTH QUAY 4000, QLD. AUSTRALIA	Queensland	1974 - present	View
T*	1-99,999	-	Titanium Stockbrands (standard size)	RETURN WILDLIFE BOX 190	Queensland	1981 - present	View