

PROTOCOL : GHOST NET DATA INPUT



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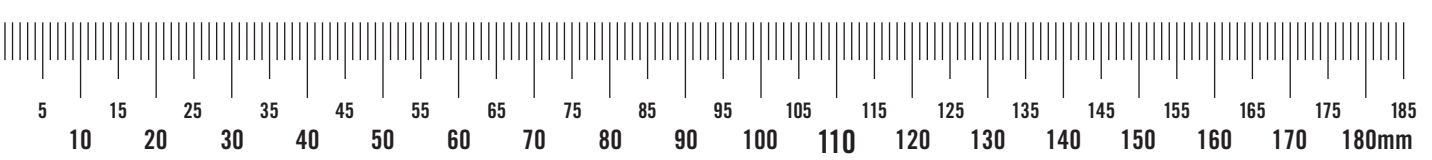


**OLIVE RIDLEY
PROJECT**



Global Blue





PART 1 : ABOUT YOU

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

The data reporter may be contacted for further details about the net encounter.

PART 2 : ABOUT THE ENCOUNTER

Island/Resort name: _____

Date:

Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Country: _____

Please write latitude and longitude in decimal degrees.

PART 3 : ABOUT THE NET

TAKING MEASUREMENTS

Exact measurements of the mesh should be recorded, but if measuring tools are not available fingers and hands can be used to estimate the size of the mesh.

Insert your finger/s through the mesh so that the twine rests comfortably between the first and second finger joints.

Tick the appropriate box according to your measurement.



<1 finger
<24mm



1 finger
25-41mm



2 fingers
42-57mm



3 fingers
58-75mm



4 fingers
76-94mm



Fist
95-124mm



Clasped fist
125-165mm



Open Hand
166-230mm

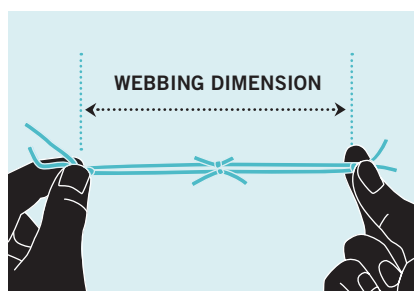


>Open Hand
>230mm

WEBBING DIMENSION

Measure the distance between two knots when fully stretched. Please record in mm.

Webbing dimension: _____ mm



Alternatively, use hand measurements and tick the appropriate box.

<1 finger

Fist

1 finger

Clasped Fist

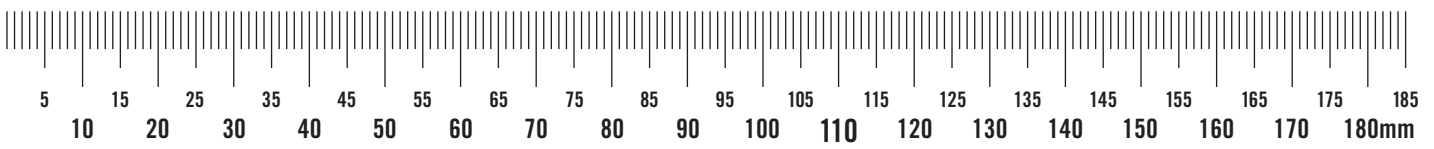
2 fingers

Open Hand

3 fingers

>Open Hand

4 fingers

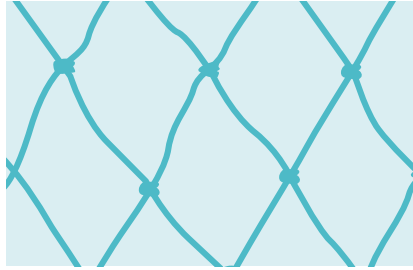


PART 3 : ABOUT THE NET

NET CONSTRUCTION



Knotless
(no knot is present)



Knotted



Twine doubled up
(layered)

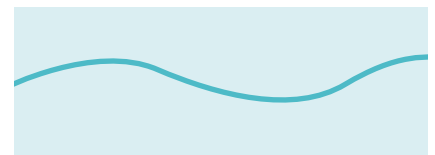
TYPE OF TWINE



Twisted



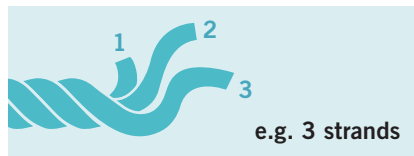
Braided



Monofilament twine
(e.g. fishing line)

NUMBER OF STRANDS

Count the number of strands which make up the twist or braid.



Number of strands: _____

TYPE OF MATERIAL

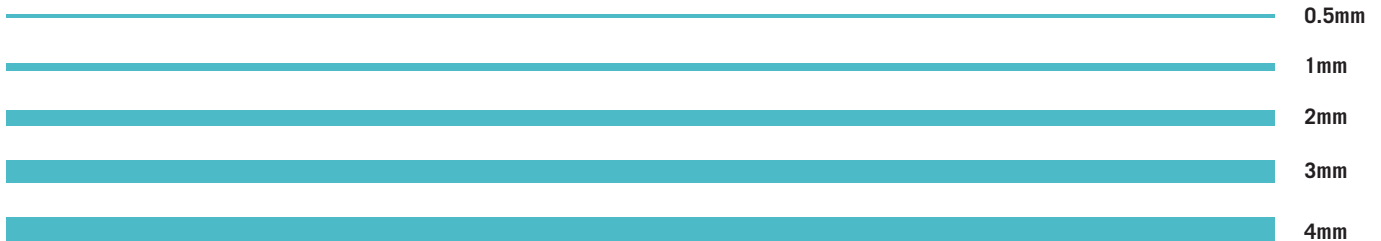
Natural fiber yarn, soft to the touch
(e.g Coconut fibres)

Synthetic fiber yarn, stiff/hard to the touch
(e.g Polypropylene or nylon)

DIAMETER OF TWINE

Lay twine along the blue bars to measure twine diameter (thickness) Match twine to the closest millimetre.




Diameter of twine: _____ mm



PART 3 : ABOUT THE NET



NET COLOUR

Please tick colour of the **net only**.

<input type="checkbox"/>  Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>  Green	<input type="checkbox"/>  Yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>  Red	<input type="checkbox"/>  Transparent
<input type="checkbox"/>  White	<input type="checkbox"/>  Black	<input type="checkbox"/>  Blue/Yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Please describe in comments	

FLOATATION ATTACHMENTS

Please tick one or more.

<input type="checkbox"/>  Floating device	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bottles	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bags	<input type="checkbox"/>  Bamboo	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Please describe in comments
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Record any writing found on attachments.

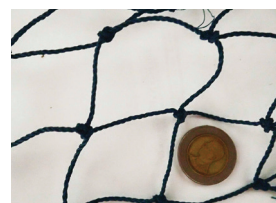
PHOTOS

Please take **two** photos of the net.

- ① One photo of whole net conglomerate (as it was found).



- ② One clear sample photo of each net in the conglomerate, including an object for scale.



COMMENTS

Please record any other relevant information regarding the net.

PART 4 : ENTANGLED TURTLES

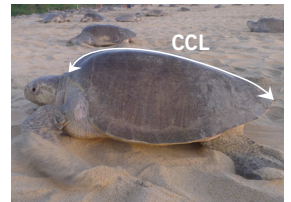
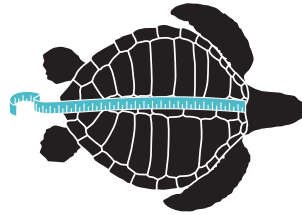
If you have found a turtle entangled in the net, please:

- Assess injuries. Cuts and wounds will heal in the wild, so if the turtle appears strong and can dive properly, it can be released immediately.
- Protect yourself. Wear gloves and keep your hands away from the turtle's beak. Be aware that the turtle's flippers can injure you as well.
- Keep the turtle in a quiet place out of direct sunlight.
- Place wet towels over the carapace and head, to keep the turtle cool and hydrated. Make sure it can still breath easily.
- Take care when lifting turtles. A mimimun of two people should lift large animals.
- Record the following data.

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH

Please measure the turtle's curved carapace length (CCL) using a soft tape. Record in cm.

Curved carapace length (CCL): _____ cm

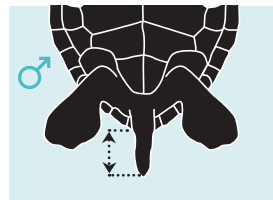


GENDER

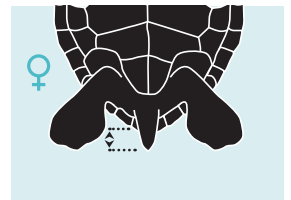
Males usually have prominent tails, while females have a much shorter tail. Olive Ridleys are classed as juveniles if they are 60cm or smaller. However, this size varies depending on the species. If you are unsure please tick unknown but be sure to measure the CCL and take a picture so that we can identify the species.

Unknown

Juvenile
(CCL less than 60cm)



Male (tail extends more than 10cm past edge of the carapace)



Female
(tail usually short)

PHOTOS

Please take **three** photos of the turtle.



① Turtle entangled in the net.



② Right side of the turtle's head.



③ Left side of the turtle's head.

INJURIES

Please describe any injuries the turtle has sustained.

PART 5 : SUBMIT DATA

Please visit www.oliveridleyproject.org

Click on Found a Ghost Net? >> Net Data Input
Enter your data and upload your images using the form.



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