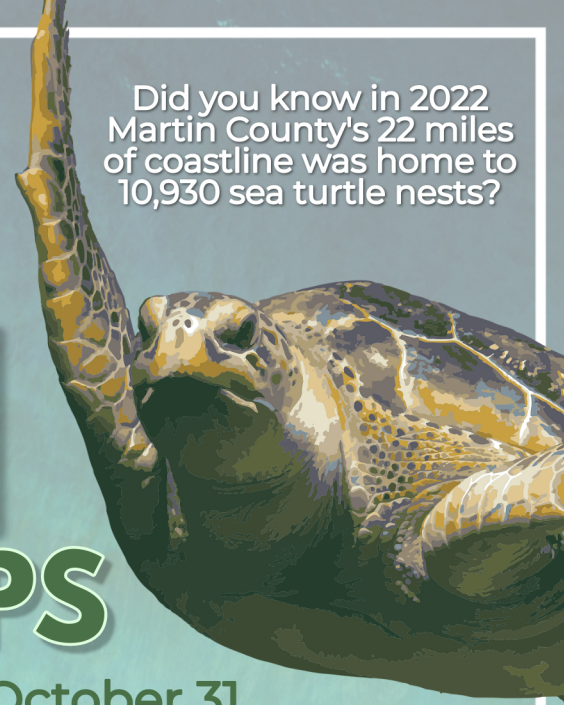


TURTLE SEASON REMINDERS AND TIPS

Did you know in 2022 Martin County's 22 miles of coastline was home to 10,930 sea turtle nests?



Sea Turtle nesting season March 1 - October 31

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Do not disturb or touch 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 patio lights or close blinds/curtains for indoor lights so that they do not shine directly on to the beach. Lights can disturb nesting turtles and hatchlings.



Fill in holes in the sand and knock down sandcastles before leaving the beach. These can create confusion to the sea turtles and obstruct their path to nest or get back to the ocean.



Look out for disoriented sea turtles or hatchlings. Report sick, injured, entangled or dead sea turtles to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-3922.

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