Nesting Hawksbill Turtles (Eretmochelys imbricata) on the Island of Maui, Hawai‘i from 1996-2003

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Introduction

The Hawaiian archipelago is one of the most isolated island chains in the world. In the Pacific, little is known about the abundance and distribution of critically endangered hawksbill sea turtles (Eretmochelys imbricata). Nesting beaches that have not been recently disturbed are few compared to the threatened Hawaiian green sea turtles (Chelonia mydas), known as `haha. The majority of the green turtles across the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands to nest, while hawksbill turtles continue to nest on the Main Hawaiian islands for both nesting and foraging. This has been down to the absence of foraging hawksbill turtles in Makena State Park and, by our assessments, the best overall habitat for future必需的文本。