

Resources of Interest

Resources from the necropsy workshop at the 29th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, Brisbane Australia (February 2009)
(<http://www.uq.edu.au/vetschool/index.html?page=102248>)

An extremely popular sea turtle necropsy training workshop was held at the 29th Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation in Brisbane in February this year. The workshop aimed to provide a “taster” of necropsy techniques and information and give participants direct access to relevant international experts. The workshop was delivered by Mark Flint, Jeanette Wyneken, Nancy Mettee, David Blair, Janet Patterson-Kane, Paul Mills and Chris Harvey-Clark. A green turtle post mortem guide and the lectures from the presenters of the workshop are available from the University of Queensland’s Vet-MARTI website under “Resources” including:

1. Post Mortem Guide: A veterinarian’s guide for the post mortem examination and histological investigation of the green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*).

2. Workshop documents:

- Anatomy of Sea Turtles
- Forensic Evaluation of Sea Turtle Injury
- Abnormal Necropsy Findings in Marine Turtles
- Sample Collection Techniques for Histology and PCR
- Parasites of Sea Turtles



Participants at the workshop in Brisbane

Dive below the seas or travel back in time
(<http://earth.google.com/tour.html>)

The latest Google Earth 5 developments are nifty. The ocean layer allows you to dive beneath the waves and explore the sea floor, while a new button in the toolbar gives you the potential to travel back through time by viewing historical images of an area

e.g., to look at changes in coastal development. The touring feature lets you create personal tours of the globe that can be shared with others, e.g. you could make a short Google Earth video tour of the turtle nesting beaches in an area, complete with narration.

Coastal passive net fisheries bycatch – how to mitigate it
(http://www.ioseaturtles.org/feature_detail.php?id=284)

The proceedings of the Technical Workshop on Mitigating Sea Turtle Bycatch in Coastal Passive Net Fisheries held in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 20-22 January 2009 are now available.

For an overview of the workshop and link to the proceedings document go to the website.

Also of note, the IOSEA website now has a page that lists (and links to) selected resolutions, recommendations and decisions concerning marine turtles (particularly mitigation of bycatch), e.g. from regional fisheries management organizations. <http://www.ioseaturtles.org/content.php?page=Resolutions,%20Recommendations,%20Decisions>.