

HARBOR ISLAND SEA TURTLE PROJECT

COMMONLY USED TERMS

Caretta caretta is the Latin name for the Loggerhead Turtle

Scutes are the external scales or plates on their shells

The carapace is the top shell

The plastron is the underside

False crawls are tracks that do not yield nests

The eggs in a nest cavity are called a clutch

In-situ means to leave the nest where it was originally laid

The body pit is the area where the female loggerhead digs herself into before laying the nest

Viable eggs are those that are capable of developing

Pipped eggs are those that have been broken through during hatching, but did not hatch

A wild nest is one that was not found on patrol but is discovered when it hatches

Depredation is the act of a predator invading the nest

The wrack line is where all of the grasses are left on the beach by the high tide