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List of index sites for each sea turtle species for each IAC country within which sea turtle nesting occurs
(Updated November 2025 and January 2026)

The following list of IAC index nesting beaches (Table 1) is the result from the IAC Secretariat consultation process with IAC Focal Points and the IAC Scientific Committee. The updated list was adopted at the 22nd Meeting of the IAC Scientific Committee in 2025. The list will be periodically revised by IAC member countries to provide an opportunity for updates, in case there are changes and new beaches are added, or other beaches will no longer be monitored due to limitations that the countries will indicate. The update of this list is part of the process to update the IAC Anula report 2026.

IAC Focal Points who wish to add new beaches it is recommended to follow the guidelines to select index nesting beaches in the technical document CIT-CC10-2013-Tec.5 "Selecting Index Nesting Beaches in the IAC Region and Data Collection Guidelines" <http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/tecnicos/CIT-CC10-2013-Tec.5 IAC Nesting Trend Final Oct 28.pdf>

Table 1 **in bold** has the updates requested in 2025 and 2026 by the following countries: Belize, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, México and the United States.

Table 1. Index nesting beaches provided by IAC member countries in their Annual Report updated **13 January 2026**. DC = *Dermochelys coriacea*, CM = *Chelonia mydas*, LO = *Lepidochelys olivacea*, LK = *Lepidochelys kempii*, CC = *Caretta caretta*, EI = *Eretmochelys imbricata*.

Nombre de la playa/ Name of Beach	DC	CM	EI	CC	LO	LK	Responsable de monitoreo/ Responsible of Monitoring
Belize (13)							
Gales Point			X				Kevin Andrewin/Belize Fisheries Dept
Ambergris Cayes (Bacalar		X		X			Hol Chan Marine Reserve/ Belize

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Chico Marine Reserve)							Fisheries Dept
Port Honduras Marine Reserve (Punta Ycacos) (NEW)			X				Toledo Institute for Development
Hunting Caye - Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (New)		X	X	X			Toledo Institute for Development
Lime Caye - Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (New)			X	X			Toledo Institute for Development
Nicholas Caye - Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (NEW)			X	X			Toledo Institute for Development
Tom Owens - Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (NEW)			X	X			Toledo Institute for Development
Ranguana - Sapodilla Cayes Marine Reserve (NEW)			X	X			Toledo Institute for Development
North East Caye-Glover's Reef Marine Reserve (NEW)			X	X			Belize Fisheries Department
Long Caye- Glover's Reef Marine Reserve (NEW)							
South West Caye 1- Glover's Reef Marine Reserve (New)							
South West Caye 2- Glover's Reef Marine Reserve (New)							
Carrie Bow Caye - South Water Caye Marine			X	X			Belize Fisheries Department

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Reserve (NEW)							
Brazil (12)							
Comboios	X			X			
Povoação	X			X			
Interlagos (antes Busca vida and Santa Maria)			X	X			
Guarajuba (antes Barra de Jacuibe, Guarajuba and Itacimirim)			X	X			
Praia do Forte			X	X			
Farol (antes Barra do Furado, Farol, Farolzinho, Maria Rosa)				X			
Berta			X				
Pipa			X				
Mangue Seco					X		
Coqueiros					X		
Pirambu					X		
Trindade Island		X					
Caribbean Netherlands (3)							
The Netherlands							
Klein Bonaire, Bonaire		X	X	X			Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire
Zeelandia, St. Eustatius	X	X	X				St Eustatius Sea Turtle Conservation Program
Playa Chikitu, Bonaire		X					

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Costa Rica – Pacific (9)							
Isla Murciélago		X					
Nancite*					X		
Naranjo		X			X		
Cabuyal		X					
Nombre de Jesús		X					
Punta Pargos		X					
Playa Grande	X	X					
Ostional					X		
Hermosa					X		
Costa Rica-Atlantic (4)							
Tortuguero	X	X					
Pacuare Norte	X						
Mondonguillo	X						
Cahuita			X				
Dominican Republic (26)							
Isla Saona		X	X				
La Vacama	X						
El Valle	X	X					
Güibia, Distrito Nacional			X				
Manresa	X	X					

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Sans Soucí		X					
Mosquea (P.N. Jaragua)							
Bahía de las Águilas	X		X				
Macao	X						
Isla Catalina		X	X				
Costa Esmeralda, El Seibo (New)							
El Limón, El Seibo (New)							
Celedonio, El Seibo (New)							
Los Pescadores, Sto. Domingo (New)							
Rincón, Samaná (New)							
Frontón, Samaná (New)							
El Francés, Samaná (New)							
Cayo Levantado, Samaná (New)							
Cosón, Samaná (New)							
Cuevanjo, Pedernales (New)							
Colita, Pedernales (New)							
Rococki, La Altagracia (New)							
Arena Gorda, La Altagracia (New)							
Gran Estero, María							

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Trinidad Sánchez (New)							
Cayenas, María Trinidad Sánchez (New)							
Playa Nueva Romana, San Pedro de Macorís (New)							
Ecuador (17)							
La Botada (Manabí)					X		MAE (Pacoche)
San Lorenzo (Manabí)					X		MAE (Pacoche)
Crucita (Manabí) (New)	X				X		Fundación Contamos Contigo Ecuador
San Clemente (Manabí) (New)					X		Fundación Contamos Contigo Ecuador
San Jacinto (Manabí) (New)					X		Fundación Contamos Contigo Ecuador
Bahía de Caraquez (Manabí) (New)					X		Fundación Contamos Contigo Ecuador
Punta Bikini (Manabí) (New)					X		Fundación Contamos Contigo Ecuador
Mar Bravo (Sta. Elena)		X			X		MAE (REMACOPSE)
Punta Brava (Sta. Elena)		X			X		MAE (REMACOPSE)
Tres Cruces (Sta. Elena)		X			X		MAE (REMACOPSE)
Playa Rosada (Sta. Elena)		X			X		MAE (REMACOPSE)
Galerita (Esmeraldas)		X			X		MAE Reserva Marina Galera San Francisco
Quingue (Esmeraldas)					X		MAE Reserva Marina Galera San Francisco

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Las Palmas (Esmeraldas)					X		MAE Refugio de Vida Silvestre Manglares Estuario del Rio Esmeraldas
Portete (Esmeraldas)					X		MAE Refugio de Vida Silvestre Manglares Estuario del Rio Muisne
Quinta Playa (Galápagos)		X					MAE (DPNG)
Las Bachas (Galápagos)		X					MAE (DPNG)
Guatemala (2)							
Hawaii	X				X		ARCAS
La Barrona					X		
Honduras-Atlántico (3)							
Plaplaya	X						
Pumpkin Hill, Utila			X				
Cayos Cochinos			X				
Honduras – Pacific (2)							
Punta Ratón					X		
El Venado					X		
México – Atlantic (10)							
Playa Rancho Nuevo, Tamps		X		X		X	CONANP
Playa Rancho Nuevo, segmento Barra del Tordo, Tamps		X		X		X	CONANP
Miramar, Tamps						X	CONANP

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Lechuguillas, Ver		X	X			X	CONANP
Isla Aguada, Camp		X	X				CONANP
Playa Ría Lagartos, segmento Las Coloradas, Yuc		X	X	X			CONANP
X'cacel, Q.Roo		X		X			Flora, Fauna y Cultura de México
Chemuyil, Q. Roo		X		X			Flora, Fauna y Cultura de México
Xel Há, Q. Roo		X		X			Flora, Fauna y Cultura de México
Aventuras DIF (antes Puerto Aventuras), Q. Roo		X		X			Flora, Fauna y Cultura de México
México-Pacific (6)							
El Verde Camacho, Sin	X				X		CONANP
Tierra Colorada, Gro	X	X			X		CONANP
Playa Cahuitán, Segmento Piedras-La Cruz, Oax	X	X			X		CONANP
Escobilla, Oax*	X				X		CONANP
Barra de la Cruz-Playa Grande, Oax	X	X			X		CONANP
Colola, Mich		X					CONANP
Panamá – Atlantic (4)							
Cayos Zapatillas (B.del Toro)			X				
Playa Chiriquí (B.del Toro)	X	X	X	X			
Playa Armila o Pito (Guna Yala)	X		X				

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Playa Soropta (B.del Toro)	X		X				
Panamá-Pacific (2)							
RVS Isla Cañas		X			X		
Playa La Marinera		X			X		
United States-Atlantic (10)							
Culebra Island, Puerto Rico	X						
Maunabo, Puerto Rico (New)	X		X				
Mona Island, Puerto Rico			X				
Buck Island Reef National Monument, U.S. Virgin Islands		X	X				
Sandy Point NWR, U.S. Virgin Islands	X	X	X				
Florida Index Beaches	X	X		X			
Georgia Index Beaches				X			
North Carolina Index Beaches				X			
South Carolina Index Beaches				X			
Texas (South Padre Island)						X	
United States – Pacific (2)							
French Frigate Shoals		X					

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(HI)							
Hawaii			X				
Venezuela (13)							
Querepare (Edo. Sucre)	X	X	X	X			CICTMAR
Cipara (Edo. Sucre)	X		X	X			CICTMAR
Macuro (varias playas cercanas, Edo. Sucre)	X	X	X				MINEC
San Juan de las Galdonas (Edo. Sucre)	X			X			MINEC
El Morro de Puerto Santo (Edo. Sucre)		X		X			MINEC
El Agua (Edo. Nueva Esparta)	X			X			MINEC
Parguito (Edo. Nueva Esparta)	X			X			MINEC
Parque Nacional Archipiélago Los Roques (varios cayos)		X	X	X			INPARQUES, FUNDAMAR
La Sabana (Edo. La Guaira)	X		X	X			MINEC, Consejo de Pescadores
Playa Cuyagua (Parque Nacional Henri Pittier)		X	X	X			INPARQUES, Lideres de la Comunidad
Playa Uricao y otras (PN. Henri Pittier)		X	X	X			INPARQUES, Lideres de la Comunidad
RFS Isla de Aves		X					MINEC
Playa Grande Choroni (Edo. Aragua)				X			INPARQUES, Lideres de la Comunidad

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Sint Maarten (11)							
The Netherlands							
Dawn Beach		X	X				
Gibbs Bay Beach		X	X				
Great Bay Beach		X					
Guana Bay Beach		X	X				
Indigo Bay Beach			X				
Maho Beach	X						
Mullet Bay Beach	X	X					
Oyster Bay Beach		X	X				
Simpson Bay Beach	X	X	X				
Pelican Beach			X				
Cupecoy Beach	X	X	X				

Comments from IAC Focal Points:

*Mexico: CONANP reports that, following the review and analysis of the data, it reached the conclusion to omit Altamira Beach in Tamaulipas from the index beaches list, due to the lack of consistent abundance data and nesting trend records obtained through strict and standardized methodologies. The beaches in bold have the names as they appear in the official regulations.

*Dominican Republic: In the 2025 IAC Annual Report, The Dominican Republic asked to remove Cabarete, Playa Bonita, and Palmar de Ocoa from the index beaches list. In some cases, there is no nesting record, and in others, challenges exist to continue with systematic monitoring. The Dominican Republic added 16 index beaches to the list.

*The United States: Asked to remove Puerto Rico Vieques Island as it is not possible to do the monitoring at the moment, and added one beach Maunabo, Puerto Rico.

*Belize: the IAC Focal Point added 11 new beaches to the list, because they have regular monitoring the past 3 years.

*Ecuador: Added 5 new beaches that are included in the IAC Annual report 2026 they are: Crucita, San Clemente, San Jacinto, Bahía de Caraquez, Punta Bikini- Manabí. In Crucita the Fundación Contamos Contigo Ecuador, with support from Wild-Aid registered successful nesting of *Dermochelys coriacea*.

*Sint Maarten: Reported 11 beaches for the first time. The Focal Point is analyzing the best way to provide the data for the beaches to IAC in the IAC Annual report. Once the Focal Point makes a decision it will be transmitted to IAC Secretariat.