

Multidecadal records (1968–2024) of leatherback sea turtles in Greece

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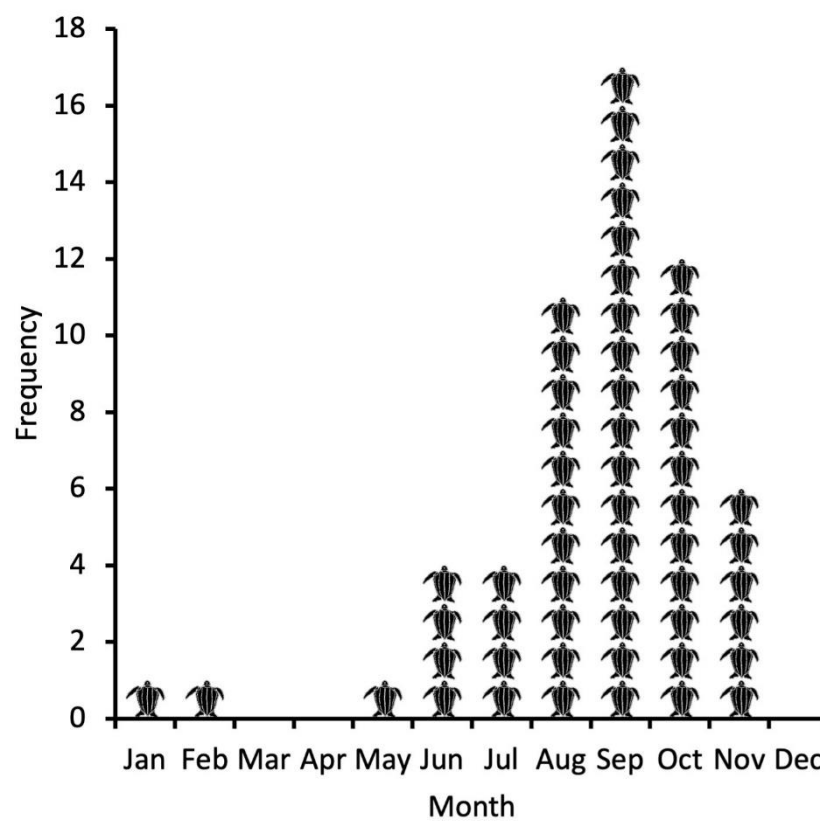


Figure 1S. Monthly distribution of leatherback records in Greece in the 57-year period 1968–2024 (n = 57 records). The record in January was a stranded specimen in advanced decomposition (Turtle No 2; Table 1).



Figure 2S. Stranded leatherback turtles, being impressive and rare animals, usually attract the attention of mass media and the public (Turtle No 1; Table 1).

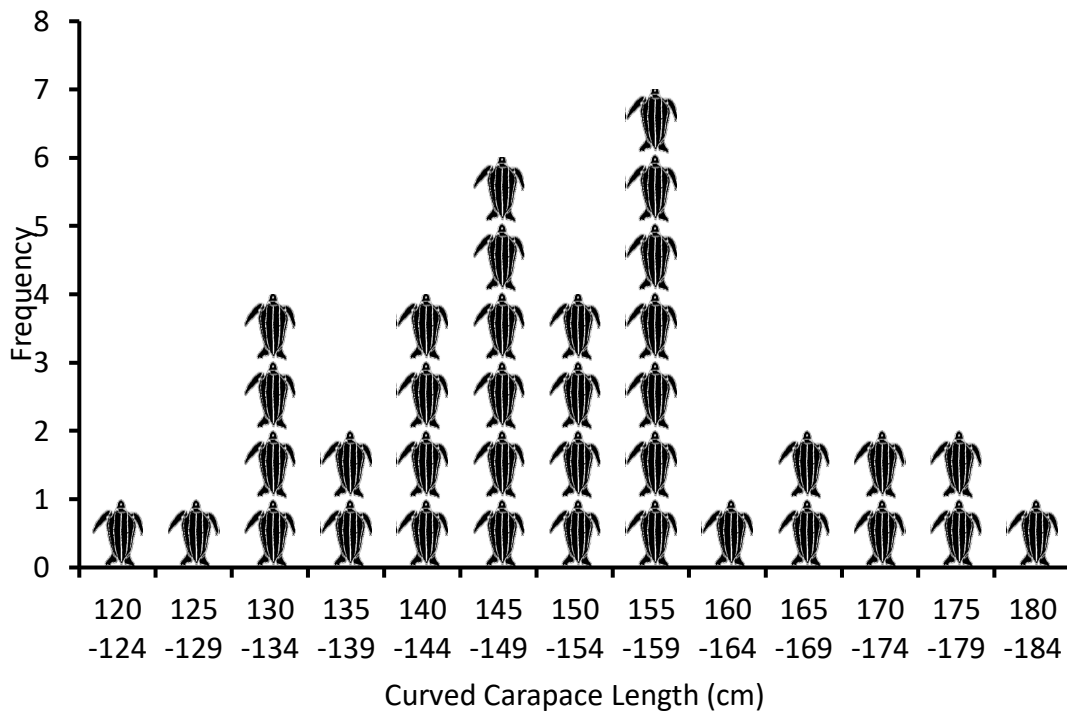


Figure 3S. Length frequency of leatherback turtles in Greece measured in the period 1968–2024 (n = 37 turtles).



Figure 4S. Male leatherback (Turtle No 11; Table 1) entangled in drifting long-lines, brought ashore for disentangling. Note the large amount of removed long-lines and the turtle's protruded penis. The turtle was released offshore after disentangling.



Figure 5S. Stranded female leatherback (Turtle No 26; Table 1) after disentanglement from gillnets in Pontolivado, close to Kavala, northern Aegean Sea. Note the removed bulk of nylon gillnet that had covered the entire body of turtle.