



## **Species Exploration Document**

Directions

Use the resources at the end of this document to research the Green Sea Turtle.

Take notes on each topic below in the designated box. Use bullet point phrases that could be understood by another person.

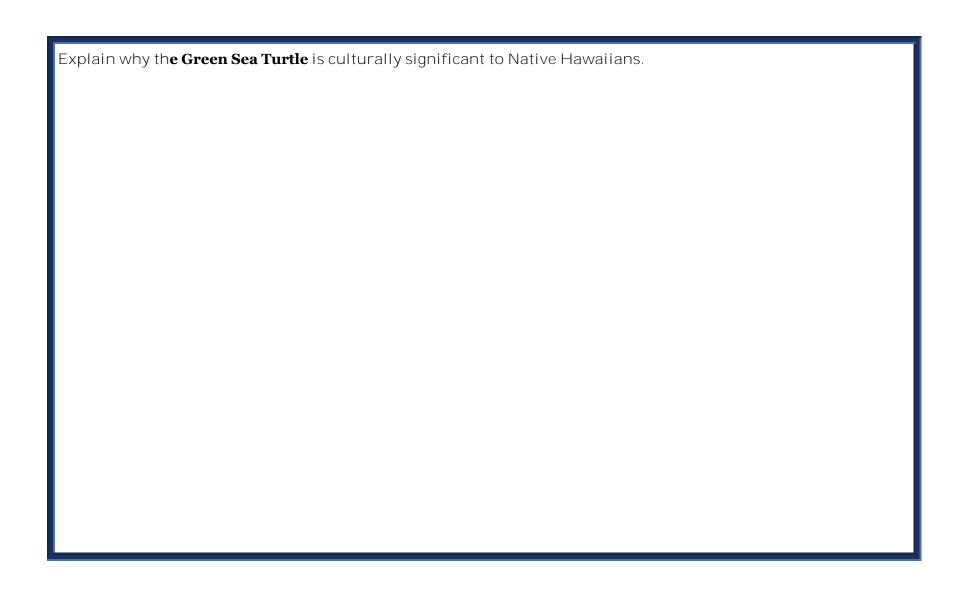
You will use your research to create a trifold brochure to be displayed in the visitor center of Hawaiian Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary to teach visitors about the ecology of the species assigned and its importance to native Hawaiian culture.



Photo: Mark Sullivan/NOAA

Describe three adaptations of the **Green Sea Turtle**.

Explain at least one specific way <b>Green Sea Turtles are</b> important to the ecosystem (as a predator, as prey, as a source of nutrients, etc.). Include an illustration/graphic to support your explanation.		
Use the International Union for Conservation of Nature, or IUCN, website to determine <b>the Green Sea Turtle</b> conservation status and conservation actions being undertaken in order to protect it.		



## Resources

Green Sea Turtle	Whitetip Reef Shark	Humpback Whale
IUCN Red List: https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/4 615/11037468	IUCN Red List: https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/39384/ 10188990	IUCN Red List: https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/ 13006/50362794
NOAA Fisheries: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/green-turtle	Florida Museum of Natural History: https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/discov er-fish/species-profiles/triaenodon- obesus/	NOAA Fisheries: https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/spec ies/humpback-whale
NOAA Education: https://www.noaa.gov/education/reso urce-collections/marine-life- education-resources/sea-turtles	Aquarium of the Pacific: http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/onlinele arningcenter/species/whitetip_reef_shark	HIHWNMS: https://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa. gov/explore/humpback_whale.html
US Fish & Wildlife: https://www.fws.gov/northflorida/Sea Turtles/Turtle%20Factsheets/green- sea-turtle.htm	MarineBio Conservation Society: https://marinebio.org/species/whitetip-reef-sharks/triaenodon-obesus/	Marine Mammal Laboratory: https://www.afsc.noaa.gov/nmml/ed ucation/cetaceans/humpback.php
Maui Ocean Center: https://mauioceancenter.com/educat e/hawaiis-marine-life/hawaiian- green-sea-turtle/	Maui Ocean Center: https://mauioceancenter.com/hawaiis- sharks-should-be-revered-not-feared/	Maui Ocean Center: https://mauioceancenter.com/hump back-whales-in-hawaiian-culture/