

*MALACLEMYS TERRAPIN TERRAPIN* (Northern Diamondback Terrapin). PREDATION. On 2 May 1996 an adult male *Malaclemys terrapin terrapin* was found near Milford Point in Milford, Connecticut, USA. This turtle was being attacked by at least two unidentified gulls (*Larus* sp.). A local resident interrupted this predation event and immediately brought the turtle to the Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center for potential rehabilitation. All four legs had been severed—the forelimbs at carpal level and the hind limbs slightly proximal to the tarsi, so that tibia and fibula were protruding. The tail had a slight laceration. Head, neck, and shell lacked any obvious injuries. The animal died 28 August 1996 after refusing food. The skeleton currently is retained by the Center for use in education programs. Klemens (1993. *Amphibians and Reptiles of Connecticut and Adjacent Regions*. State Geol. Nat. Hist. Surv. Connecticut Bull. 112:1-318) reported that immature terrapins are eaten by a variety of vertebrate and invertebrate predators, but human activities are the prime cause of adult mortality. This may be the first documented case of bird predation on an adult *M. t. terrapin*.

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