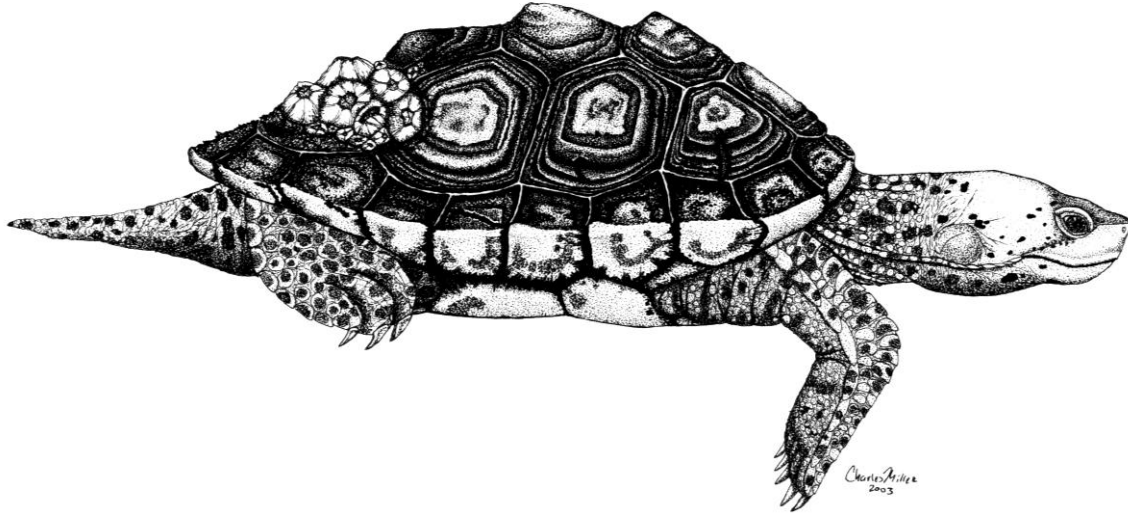


**Management and Conservation of Diamondback Terrapins
in Tampa Bay: A Symposium for Environmental Professionals**



3 December 2011 (9:00 am-3:15 pm)

Weedon Island Preserve (St. Petersburg, Florida)

Environmental professionals, conservationists and educators are invited to join us to learn about the natural history and conservation needs of this imperiled coastal species. This symposium will focus on connecting ongoing research to coastal aquatic management efforts. Participants will better understand diamondback terrapin ecology and habitat requirements. The goal is to encourage sound management decisions that will benefit this species. Attendees will receive a set of newly developed educational material and sample bycatch reduction devices. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Space is limited and advance registration is required.

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Symposium Program

- 9:00 am: Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:15 am: Session I (Ecology and Conservation)
- Ecological Overview of the Diamondback Terrapin (Joseph A. Butler, University of North Florida)
- Diamondback Terrapins: Conservation Challenges and Opportunities (George L. Heinrich, Heinrich Ecological Services)
- 10:15 am: Morning break
- 10:45 am: Session II (Habitat Protection and Management)
- Protecting and Restoring Tampa Bay Coastal Habitats (Lindsay Cross, Tampa Bay Estuary Program)
- Management of Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges (Gisela Chapa, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)
- Managing Bird Sanctuaries for Conservation (Mark Rachal, Audubon's Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries)
- 12:00 pm: Lunch (boxed lunch provided)
- 1:00 pm: Session III (Conservation Issues)
- The Coastal Wildlife Conservation Initiative: A Partnership Strategy (Blair Hayman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)
- Tampa Bay Watch's Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program (Serra Herndon and Andy Lykens, Tampa Bay Watch)
- 2:00 pm: Afternoon break
- 2:15 pm: Session IV (Methods and Applications)
- Finding Diamondback Terrapins: An Introduction to Survey Methods (Joseph A. Butler, University of North Florida)

Demonstration on installing bycatch reductions devices (BRDs) on crab pots
(George L. Heinrich, Heinrich Ecological Services)

3:00 pm Closing remarks

Registration fee: \$10 (includes lunch); please make check payable to the Florida Turtle Conservation Trust

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Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: Hm. (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Can we provide your name/contact info to other symposium registrants? yes no

Send completed registration form and check to:

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