



Aquatic Turtle Morphometric Data Sheet

Fill out a separate sheet for each turtle. Use only pencil or indelible ink.

Turtle species: _____ **Turtle Code** _____

Confidence Level of species ID 1-3 (1 = certain 2 = not positive, 3 = guessing) ____

Date (dd/mm/yyyy): _____ **Time:** _____ AM / PM **Recapture?** Y / N

Observer(s): _____

Capture method: _____ [1 = Road Capture; 2 = Observed While Mowing; 3 = Visual Search (you found the turtle by looking); 4 = Incidental; 5 = Radio Signal; 6 = Dog (a dog located the turtle); 7 = Turtle Trap, 8 = Other (give a complete explanation of any method that does not fit into the previous categories).]

Exact location of capture: County _____, NC, **Site** _____,

(GPS coordinates): _____ , _____

Location description (including trap number): _____

Habitat: _____ (1= road, 2= field/forest edge (within 6m of edge), 3= field, 4= pine forest, 5= hardwood forest, 6= stream or stream bank, 7= open wetland, 8= forested wetland, 9= lake, 10=other)

Weather conditions at time of capture: ____ (1 = no precipitation; 2 = light drizzle/mist; 3 = rain)

Water Temp.: _____ F / C **Air Temp.:** _____ F / C **# of days since last rain:** _____

Sky Index: _____ (0=0 - 24% clouds; 1=25 - 49% clouds; 2=50 - 74% clouds; 4=75 - 100% clouds)

Gender of Turtle: Male / Female / Unable to identify **Mass in grams (weight):** _____

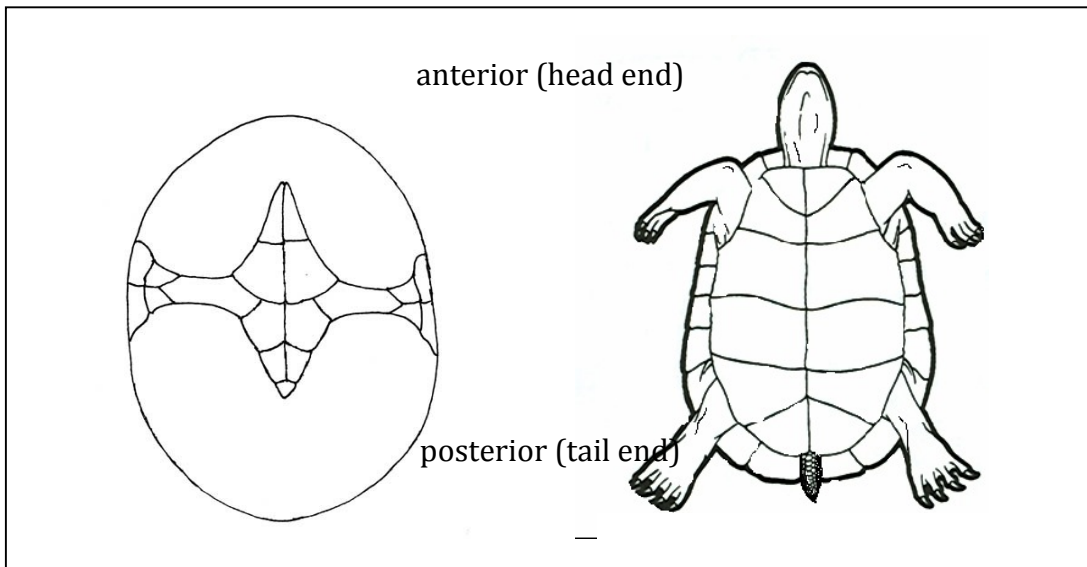
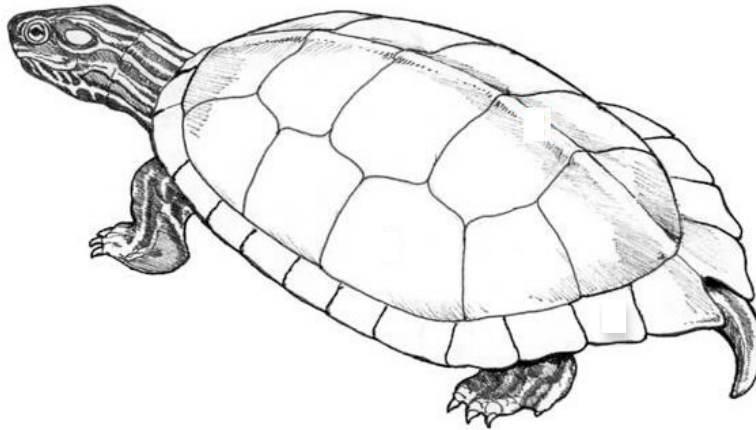
Digital photo taken of carapace? Y / N

Digital photo taken of plastron? Y / N

Shell measurements:

Plastron Length (mm): _____ **Carapace Length (mm):** _____

Width at Widest Point (mm): _____ **Shell Height at Tallest Point (mm):** _____



Indicate Any Injuries such as bite marks, unusual scute patterns or defects on drawings above.

Description of Any Injuries/Defects/Parasites: _____

Release information

Date and time of release: _____ Was turtle released at point of capture? Y / N

If no, please explain: _____

If not released at point of capture, **where** and **how far** from the point of capture was turtle released? _____

Additional Comments: