

Loggerhead Tracker

SEPTEMBER NEWS
EASTWARD BOUND



Marc Rice

There are now 7 turtles that are moving southeast! The other 16 juvenile loggerheads are also moving to the south or south west remaining within waters that are 10-19 degrees C. I have added a little update to the [blog](#) about them.

Dr. Seminoff

These blogs have been fantastic! I wonder if these turtles may be headed to the Southern California Bight (SCB). It is also the only area off California where loggerheads periodically occur en masse - most frequently occur during warm El Niño periods when local waters are their warmest.



Dr. Abreu-Grobois

Look at those tracks - I wonder if Ka La Ula and Tsubaki actually crossed paths out there in the Big Ocean!



Marc Rice

Yes, those two certainly seem to like the same area. I am assuming there is something there that attracts them. In theory, they all may continue moving southeasterly if the temperature remains warm enough. If they do, they may reach the SCB and be able to move down towards Baja, MX, to eat red crabs!



Dr. Briscoe

Yes! I hope that the tag batteries of the Cohort 1 pioneers persist long enough for the turtles to get to the North American coast (step one) and tell us more about their coastal habitats in relation to red crab distributions.



Dr. Polovina

Along the way in the open ocean, loggerhead turtles often feed on floating animals including veleva veleva (by-the-wind sailors), pelagic snails, and gooseneck barnacles attached to floating debris. When we see the turtles slow and meander, it may mean that it came across an aggregation of food.

