

Meet Glory!



Glory is a straggler loggerhead sea turtle hatchling from the 2013 nesting season. Loggerheads lay an average of 100-120 eggs per nest, and it is common for some stragglers to be stuck in the bottom of the nest, unable to emerge on their own. This nest (#129 for the season) was laid July 9, north of the Glory Boardwalk on Jekyll Island. The first hatchlings from this nest emerged on September 3. The overall hatching success of this nest was 79.6%. Looks like most of Glory's siblings made it to the sea! We will be

giving this turtle care for a year. If all goes to plan, we will release Glory into the Sargasso Sea, the home for loggerheads during the first 10-12 years of life. We do not know if Glory is a male or female. Until a sea turtle reaches maturity (approximately 30-35 years for loggerheads), males and females are identical in appearance. After reaching maturity, males will have a long tail, whereas female tails remain short.