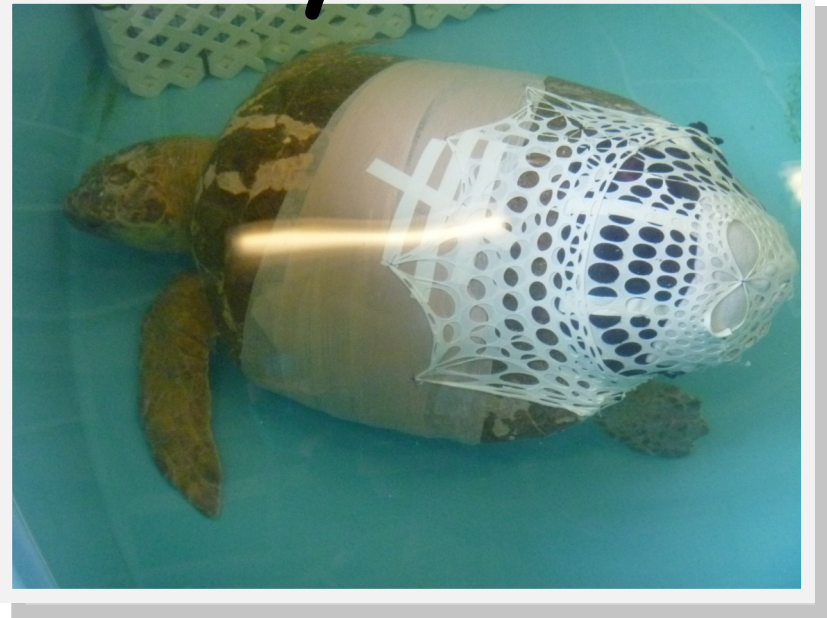


# Lucy's Story

Lucy was a nesting female on Jekyll Island in 2011. She was first encountered by our research team on May 31st while nesting near the 4H Center. She emerged again on June 19th, this time with severe injuries consistent with a boat strike. She was immediately transported to the GSTC for rehab.



Dr. Norton looks on during Lucy's CT scan. Local health-care facilities donate their time and services to provide these advanced diagnostic tools for our patients.

A CT scan taken in Brunswick revealed massive vertebral and spinal cord damage. Due to the poor prognosis, we made the difficult decision to euthanize Lucy on July 19th, after 30 days in rehab. On July 30th, the nest Lucy laid near the 4H Center hatched with a 96% hatch success rate. Lucy gave her babies a great start. We hope that people can learn from Lucy's story and be responsible boaters so that her offspring and other marine life do not find themselves in this situation.