

When the lights go out...

the turtles

make it

out

ALIVE.



Please do your part to ensure Cayman's hatchling turtles survive.



Turning off lights that shine onto the beach saves the lives of thousands of hatchling turtles every year.

LITERALLY.

When baby turtles (hatchlings) hatch from their beach nests, they fight their way to the surface of the sand and begin their epic journey down to and into the vast blue sea.

They are guided by the moon and starlight reflecting off the ocean's surface. If any brighter light source near the nest is available they usually go towards it - which means away from the sea and towards houses and roads. This means certain death for the little hatchlings.

Nesting turtles also prefer to lay their eggs on dark beaches, so please make sure lighting on your beachfront property is 'turtle-friendly'. The Department of Environment (DoE) is committed to finding lighting solutions that work for both people and turtles. For more information on lighting management contact us anytime.

DID YOU KNOW?

A single light can kill hundreds of hatchlings? Most beach-front residents already recognize the importance of protecting turtle populations. However, if even a few do not participate this reduces suitable turtle nesting habitat and we need every nest for our endangered wild sea turtle populations to recover!

Please join your neighbors in helping our sea turtles survive.

If you find hatchlings, would like to report a suspected nest, see anyone disturbing a turtle or nest, or if you'd just like us to come and assess your property to suggest how you can make it more turtle-friendly, please contact us:

DoE Turtle Hotline
938-NEST (6378)

DoE General: 949-8469 EMERGENCIES: 916-4271 or 911 Email: doe@gov.ky