

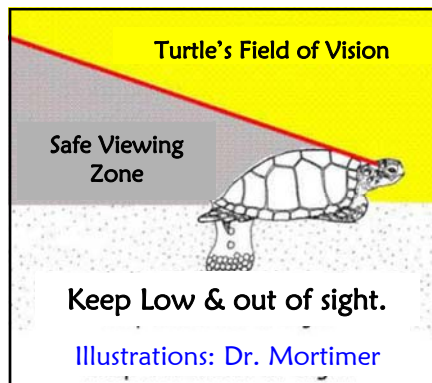
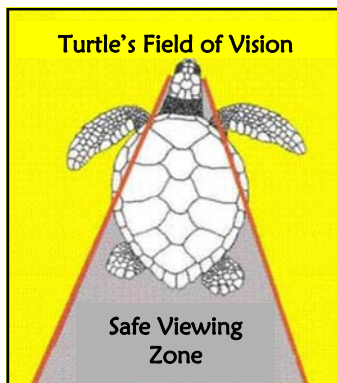
Turtle Watchers Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been produced to ensure that you have an enjoyable experience when viewing a nesting turtle. It also prevents the animal from being harmed or disturbed.

Turtles are especially shy when they first emerge from the sea and are easily frightened back into the water so...

FREEZE - turtles are frightened by movement. If she is just emerging from the sea, let her move past you to a point where she cannot see you before moving slowly to a “Safe Viewing Zone”.

The best locations for viewing a turtle on the beach are (see diagrams) :



- From a distance where you are shielded by vegetation.
- Directly behind the turtle out of her field of vision.

IMPORTANT: You should **NOT** be able to see her eyes.

Do **NOT** approach the turtle - maintain a distance of at least 3m.

Speak quietly - a whisper is best.

Do **NOT** touch the turtle - turtles do not enjoy being petted.

Do **NOT** take flash photography.

Do **NOT** block her passage back to the sea.

IMPORTANT: If possible, stay with her to ensure she is not disturbed and safely reaches the sea.



Report any turtle sighting to
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