

TAKE GREAT CARE FOR OUR TURTLES



As an Eco Certified Destination, the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and home to the most significant loggerhead turtle nesting population in the South Pacific, we pride ourselves on being a community that takes Great Care in protecting and conserving our natural experiences for future generations, especially our turtles!

With only 1 in 1000 turtles surviving to maturity, it's important that we all do what we can to take Great Care of our turtles.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Both mumma and baby turtles are vulnerable to beach disturbances and disorientation from artificial lights. They can't change their behaviour, so it's up to us to help maximise nesting success and hatchling survival.

We encourage you to stay off the local beaches after dark. Local research volunteers have been trained to minimise their impact on nesting turtles however any activity on the beach at night will have a detrimental impact on turtle nesting and hatching.



*Discover where
Great Care Begins*



Help Numbers Grow

IF YOU DO SEE A TURTLE ON OUR BEACHES:

- Keep your distance, turn off any lights and don't move.
- Do not take photos of the turtle/s with flash.
- Do not walk or stand in front of the turtle/s.
- Do not use any light source while on the beach.
- Do not touch the turtle.
- If the turtle appears to be stuck, injured or in distress please contact the Department of Environment and Science Wildlife team on 1300 130 372.

Cutting the Glow

FROM 7:30 PM DURING OCTOBER TO APRIL YOU CAN HELP CUT THE GLOW BY:

- Turning off unnecessary lighting in your accommodation at night
- Closing curtains and blinds to reduce light emissions
- When driving, avoiding using high beam near beaches where possible
- Do not use any light source while on the beach