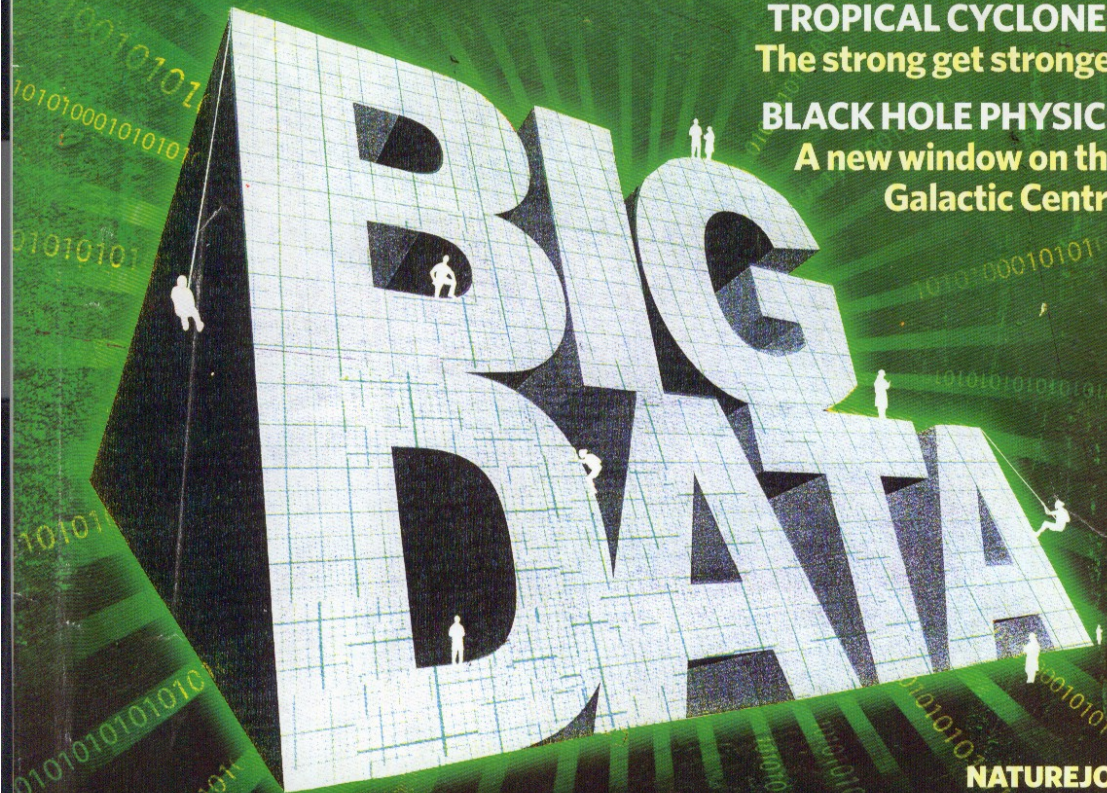


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Meet The Turtles!

Eleven leatherback turtles competed in the The Great Turtle Race from April 16 - 19, 2007. The race was organized to raise awareness of the plight of these amazing animals.

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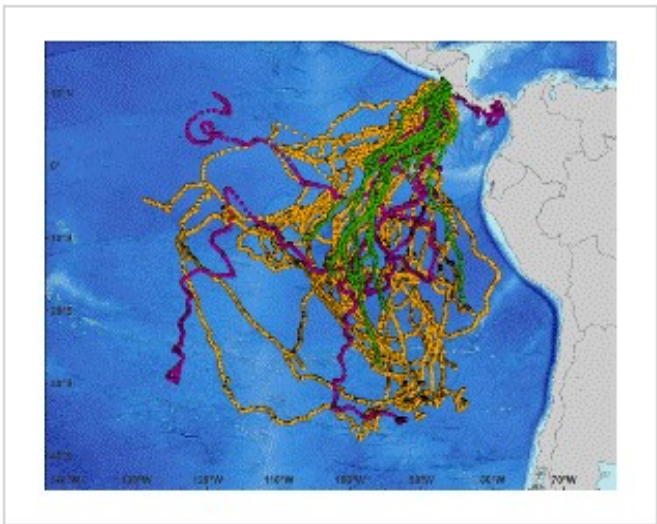
A satellite-tagged leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) departs its nesting beach (Playa Grande, Costa Rica) at dawn (see [Shillinger et al.](#), e171).

Photo credit: George Shillinger, Tagging of Pacific Pelagics, Stanford University.



TOPP Leatherback data used in IUCN resolution!

Posted October 17th, 2008 by [RandyKochevar](#) in [Central America](#) [Costa Rica](#) [Galapagos](#) [George Shillinger](#)
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George Shillinger returned this week from the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona. As you know, George has spent the past several years tagging leatherback sea turtles in Costa Rica, and following their migrations as they pass over the Cocos Ridge and past the Galapagos Islands on their journey to the open ocean west of South America.

At the IUCN meeting these data were used to help pass a resolution to protect the sea turtles along this migratory corridor, where they run the risk of being accidentally captured in gillnets and long lines intended for tunas and other open ocean fishes. You can see the resolution [here](#).

I think it's really exciting to see that TOPP data are beginning to be used in this manner -- to help inform management and conservation decisions. That was one of our hopes when we began this program back in 2000, and it's wonderful to see it coming to fruition.

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Conservation of Leatherback Turtles and Hammerhead Sharks in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor

CONSIDERING that Article 119 of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, "Conservation of the Living Resources of the High Seas", urges in its section 1(b) that in determining the allowable catch and establishing other conservation measures for the living resources in the high seas, States shall take into consideration the effects on species associated with or dependent upon harvested species with a view to maintaining or restoring populations of such associated or dependent species above levels at which their reproduction may become seriously threatened;

CONSIDERING ALSO that United Nations Resolution 61/105, paragraph 62, adopted on 8 December 2006, asks the States and the regional fisheries management organisations and mechanisms to urgently apply, as appropriate, the recommended measures in the Guidelines to Reduce Sea Turtle Mortality in Fishing Operations, which include the use of spatial and temporal closures of selected fisheries, in order to prevent the decline of sea turtle populations through the reduction of by-catch;

RECALLING that the Convention on Biological Diversity has recommended the establishment of a global network of Marine Protected Areas in the high seas for 2012, including networks that could protect the migratory corridors of sea turtles;

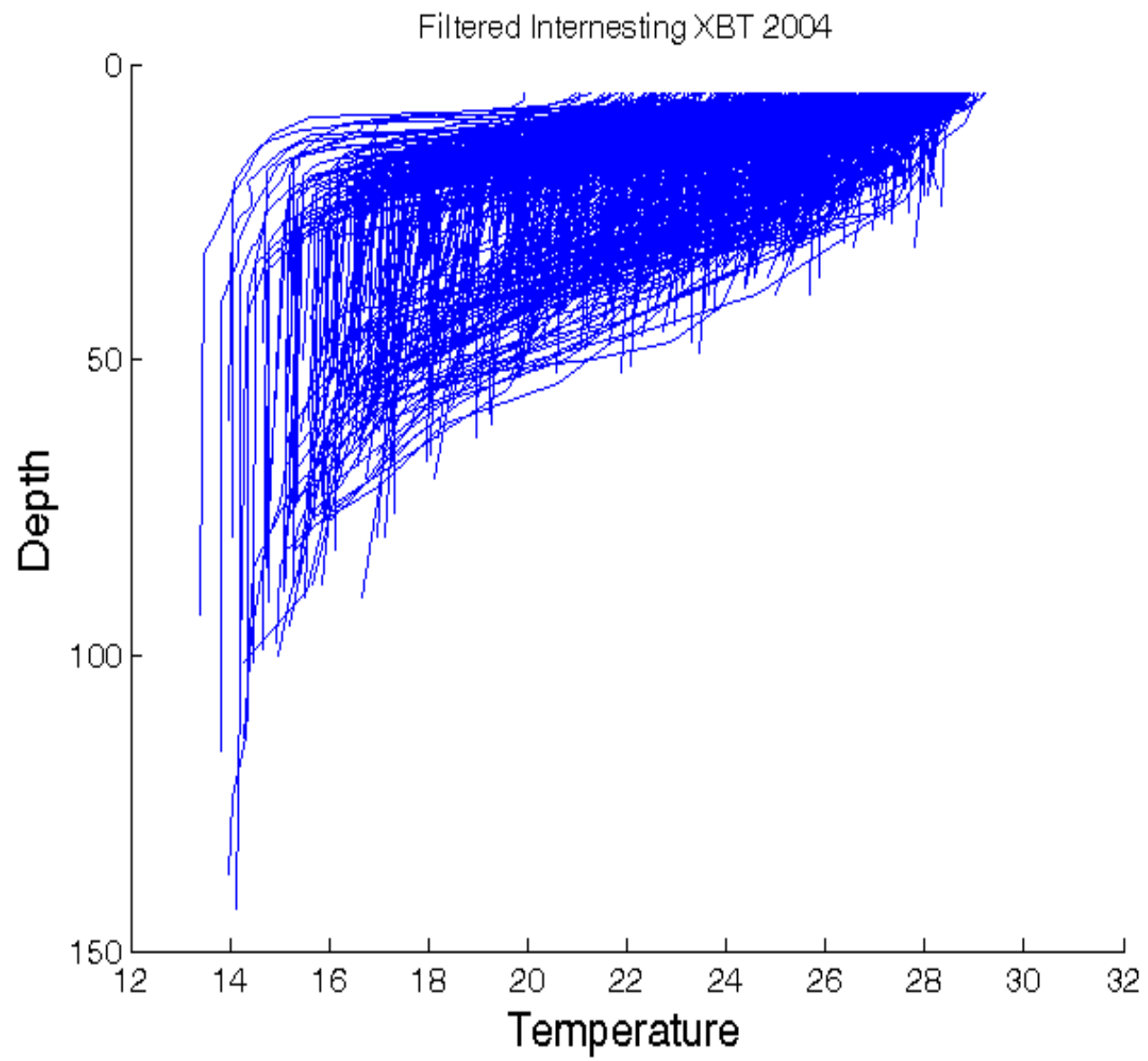
EXPRESSING CONCERN that eight years after a study in Nature (2000) reported that leatherback turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) had experience declines of over 90 percent during the past two decades, due in large part to fisheries interactions and impacts, and warning by prominent scientists that this population is facing imminent risk of extinction, the Pacific leatherback has continued to decline in spite of over a decade of protection and monitoring at nesting sites where egg harvesting and poaching has been effectively eliminated; and

CONCERNED ALSO because IUCN has included the Scalloped Hammerhead Shark (*Sphyrna lewini*) on its Red List of Threatened Species, classifying it as an Endangered species, and that this species is commonly caught in commercial and artisanal fisheries within the Eastern Tropical Pacific;

RECOGNIZING that 1,007 scientists from 97 countries, as well as representatives from 281 non governmental organizations (NGOs) from 62 countries, have gone as far as to urge the United Nations to call for a moratorium on pelagic long-line fishing in the Pacific;

RECOGNIZING ALSO that sea turtles and pelagic sharks migrate through the world's oceans, making international cooperation necessary to successfully conserve and protect them;

NOTING that new information from acoustic and satellite tracking shows that the Leatherback Turtle and Hammerhead Sharks share migration corridors in the marine waters of certain States, between Cocos Island (Costa Rica) and the Galapagos Islands (Ecuador) and Malpelo Island (Colombia); and



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I have modestly invented a fully automated service "Mail-2-Map" based entirely on free web services. It reads coordinates sent by a collar, and displays it on the map below.

The map refreshes itself on regular basis. Originally it was designed for Thor, the first in the world deer-geoblogger. Now the map tracks Solomon, a young buck.

Last location was received on Local Time.

Map and data were refreshed on Local Time.

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The Google-Earth version of the "Mail-to-Map" track of Solomon is [here](#).

Full instructions how to make you own "Mail-to-Map" service are [here](#).

Canadian Broadcast Corporation was so impressed with the method of relaying the coordinates via Google's Cloud, so it decided to [interview the coder](#).



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