

# Please follow the rules for observing sea turtles on Nagatahama Beach

○Nagatahama Beach is an important protected area which is a registered Ramsar Convention sites and is the largest nesting area in the North Pacific for loggerhead turtles.

The Ramsar Convention,(the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, especially as Waterfowl Habitat) is an international treaty for the preservation of wetland ecosystems.

○Sea Turtle Observation Rules were set up to protect the sea turtles and Nagata's turtle nesting area.

○It is very important to follow the rules in keeping Nagatahama Beach safe for the sea turtles.

## About The Sea Turtle Observation Periods & Rules

### May 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> (nesting & hatching season)

- ✓ There are nighttime restriction periods for access from 20:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Please do not disturb sea turtles and visit the beach indiscriminately.
- ✓ Please keep away from the nests which are fenced.
- ✓ No bonfires on the beach.
- ✓ No camping allowed.
- ✓ The sand collecting on the beach is banned.

**Due to the spread of COVID-19 infection, we have decided to cancel the Sea Turtle Observing Tour scheduled from May 1st to July 20th in 2021.**

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