

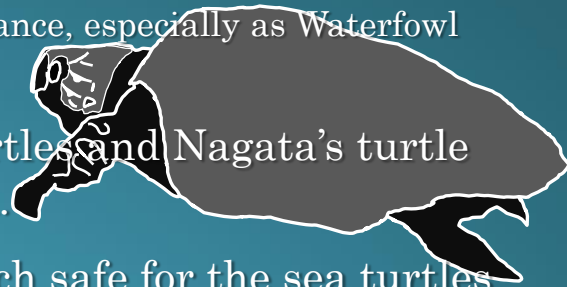
# Please follow the rules for observing sea turtles on Nagata Beach

○Nagata 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 was set up to protect the sea turtles and Nagata's turtle nesting area by Nagata Beach Sea Turtles Conservation Council.

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



## About The Sea Turtle Observation Periods & Rules

### ○5/1~8/31 (nesting & hatching season)

★ There are nighttime restriction periods for access from 7:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Please do not disturb sea turtles and visit the beach indiscriminately.

★ Nagata Sea Turtles Association conducts sea turtle observing tours to avoid crowds and confusion on Nagata Beach. To see the sea turtles on Nagata beach, visitors need to make a reservation.

### ○5/1~7/31

#### Observation of sea turtle nesting

\*Place : Reception&Lecture...Yakushima Umigame-kan / Observing site...Nagata Inaka-hama Beach

\*Admission fee : 1,500yen for adults / free for junior high school students and under

\*Time : 1. 8:00 p.m.~(Reception 7:30 p.m.~8:00 p.m.)

2. 8:30 p.m.~(Reception 8:00 p.m.~8:30 p.m.)

3. 9:00 p.m.~(Reception 8:30 p.m.~9:00 p.m.)

Please designate a time when you make a reservation.

\*Finish time : 11:00 p.m.

**Contact info for inquiry** -Nagata Sea Turtles Association-

TEL:**0997-45-2280**(4/1~8/31 1:00 p.m.~5:00 p.m.)

URL:**<http://nagata-umigame.com/>**

### ○8/1~8/31

#### Observation of hatchling release



## About the rules

### -NIGHT TIME-

- Please participate in the sea turtles observing tours during the nesting & hatching season.
- Please follow the instructions of staff members.
- Turn off any kind of lights.
- Do not take pictures or movies with lights.
- Do not touch and disturb the sea turtles.
- Do not make any noise and walk carefully.
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited.
- No smoking on the beach.
- Bring back all your trash from the beach.

- Please do not enter the beach during the nighttime restriction periods and after sea turtle observing tours (After 11:00 p.m.).

### -24 HOURS-

- ✓ Please keep away from the nests which are fenced.
- ✓ No bonfires on the beach.
- ✓ Camping is not allowed.
- ✓ The sand collecting on the beach is banned.

