

## **Directions for Reporting an Obstructed Nesting Attempt (ONA) 2008:**

An Obstructed Nesting Attempt is any event in which a female turtle came across an obstacle in her attempt to nest. The event can be considered an obstructed nesting attempt regardless of whether or not the incident resulted in a false crawl or a nest.

Please fill out the form according to the directions below:

1. **Turtle Permit #:** Turtle Permit # under which observer is conducting activities.
2. **Date of Incident:** Month, Day and Year ONA occurred.
3. **Observer's Name:** Name of individual recording the event.
4. **Telephone (include area code):** Phone number of individual recording the event.
5. **Species:** Check the box that corresponds with the species of turtle involved in the obstructed nesting attempt.
6. **Crawl resulted in:** Check nest if the turtle nested. Check false crawl if the turtle did not nest.
7. **Location of Nest or False Crawl (address, beach name and/or nearest landmark):** This field is used to describe the location of the event. Please use the street address that best corresponds to the location of the nest/false crawl or use the best description of where the nest/false crawl is located using beach names and or nearby landmarks.
8. **GPS Coordinates of nest or false crawl location:** Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_  
This field is used to obtain the latitude and longitude of the nest/false crawl. The information may not be available to all observers. If available GPS Coordinates should be reported in WGS projection in decimal degrees. WGS is the commonly used projection on most GPS devices, please specify on the form if you are unable to use a WGS projection. GPS devices may be set to report in decimal degrees (38.8898341, -77.0088651). Please specify if you are unable to report in decimal degrees; and report the GPS coordinates as they appear on your GPS with all specified symbols.
9. **City:** Identify City where ONA took place.
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11. **Local nest ID#:** Report local # used for nest identification.
12. **Zone nest or false crawl was located in:** Report the local zone where the nest/false crawl was located.
13. **Obstruction(s) encountered: (please circle)**

Beach furniture	Dune Crossover	Escarpments	Rock Outcropping	Special Events Equipment
Boat	Groins	Marine Debris	Rock Revetment	Tent
Cabana	Geotube/Sandbags	Nourishment Equipment	Seawall	Umbrella

**Other Obstruction (please describe):** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the obstruction that was encountered or describe the obstruction .

**14. Describe Event:** Please give details describing the event. Use as much space as needed.

**15.** Observer should sign and date form.

**16.** Check the box if you have included pictures of the event with the form.

**Data from Obstructed Nesting Attempts will be compiled to guide management's efforts to address the issue of obstructions on sea turtle nesting beaches.**

**Please record the observations and return the forms to FWC at the Tequesta Field Laboratory.**

**Send reports to:  
ONA Reports, FWC  
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Tequesta, FL 33469**

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**Thank you for your continued effort!**