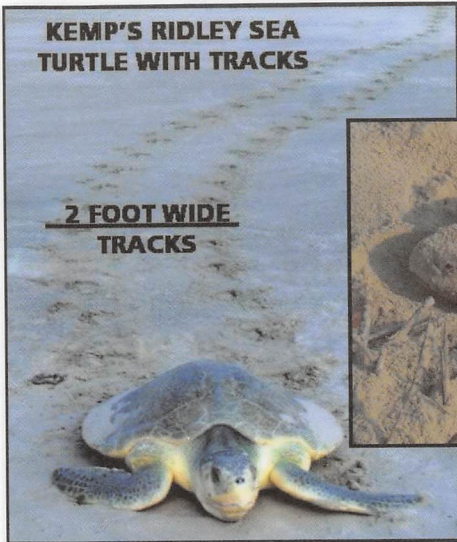


## • PROTECT SEA TURTLES AND THEIR NESTS •

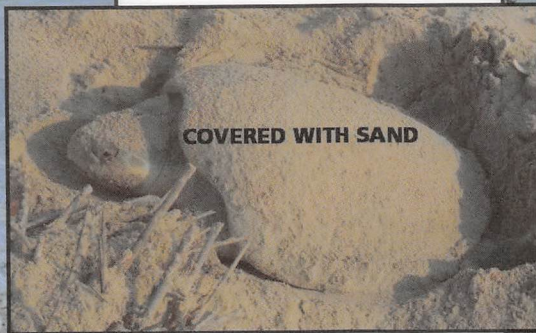
- Immediately report ALL SIGHTINGS of sea turtles or tracks on the beach • Drive carefully and watch for turtles •

**KEMP'S RIDLEY SEA  
TURTLE WITH TRACKS**

**2 FOOT WIDE  
TRACKS**



**COVERED WITH SAND**



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- **Elsewhere in Texas: 1-866-TURTLE-5**



## **KEMP'S RIDLEY NESTING SEASON**

**(APRIL TO MID-JULY)**



- **Nesting Kemp's ridley turtles are about 2 feet long and olive green in color •**
- **NESTERS OFTEN CROSS OR NEST IN THE BEACH ROADWAY •**
- **OBEY SPEED LIMITS POSTED ON THE BEACH •**
- **IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY SEA TURTLES ON THE BEACH •**

### **IF YOU FIND A NESTING TURTLE:**

- 1. Stay behind the turtle at least 20 feet, and keep others away.**
- 2. If the turtle is returning to the sea, check the turtle's front flippers for tags and record the numbers.**
- 3. Mark the nest by placing objects around it, only after the turtle has gone back to the water.**
- 4. If possible, wait for a responder.**

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