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### Research Interests/Experience:

My research focuses on the ecology and conservation management of green turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) in New Zealand. As part of my research I collect sea turtle sighting and stranding data, where I work closely with the Department of Conservation. Where possible, I undertake sea turtle necropsies to gain an understanding of their biology and to determine any anthropogenic effects. Over the last few years I have also satellite tracked several rehabilitated green turtles in northern New Zealand. Ultimately, by gaining an understanding of their ecology, it is intended better management protocols can be developed for their conservation in New Zealand.

### Thesis:

The ecology and conservation management of green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) in New Zealand.

### Supervision:

Dr Karen Stockin (Massey University, Albany)  
Assoc. Professor Dianne Brunton (Massey University, Albany)

### Study Aims:

This study aims to

- ❖ Investigate the spatial and temporal distribution of green turtles in New Zealand.
- ❖ Determine the population of origin of the New Zealand green turtle stock.
- ❖ Investigate the post-release behaviour and survival of rehabilitated green turtles.
- ❖ Develop protocols for the conservation management for this species in New Zealand.

### Funding:

- ❖ AUT EOS Doctoral Research Scholarship 2006
- ❖ Massey University, Institute of Natural Sciences PhD Fees Scholarship

### Reports:

**Godoy, D.** 2007. Handling, recovery, and emergency first-response for marine turtles. *Unpublished internal report to the Department of Conservation, Northland Conservancy, New Zealand.* 41pp.

### Conferences/Presentations:

**Godoy D.** 2010. Sea turtles of the Kermadec Islands: More questions than answers. *DEEP: Talks and thoughts celebrating diversity in New Zealand's untouched Kermadecs. Kermadec Science Symposium 2010, Wellington, New Zealand.*