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## **Sea World Release Rehabilitated Green Turtle on World Turtle Day**

The Sea World team have released a Green Turtle back to the ocean at Currumbin Beach after more than three months of rehabilitation.

After being found stranded at Currumbin Beach in January, 'Isabella' was brought to Sea World and was under the care of the expert veterinary and animal care team while undergoing rehabilitation including feeding, veterinary checks, treatments and data collection.

With today marking World Turtle Day, Sea World is hoping the release will help raise awareness about the health and conservation of these incredible creatures and highlight the effect ocean rubbish has on turtles.

Sea World Curator of Fishes, Marnie Horton said it is a great result to be able to release 'Isabella' back to where she was originally found.

"Isabella arrived in a poor condition but over time we got to a level where she was eating well and was very active in the rehabilitation pool," she said.

"Isabella's body condition and swimming behaviour has returned to normal and her appetite has increased so we have decided it is the right time to release Isabella and have opted to do this at Currumbin Beach.

"Sea World through the Sea World Research & Rescue Foundation is very proud to be able to assist in the recovery and conservation of all marine life and it is always great to be able to release the animals back to the ocean.

"On average Sea World rescues between 40 -70 turtles annually with many of these turtles come into our care with injuries due to human interaction such as fishing line and netting entanglements, ingestion of discarded plastics, fishing lines and hooks or with hooks in their flippers.

"With many marine animals living around Gold Coast waterways, it is important to educate the community about the importance of caring for the marine environment and how they can minimise their impacts."

For more information about the Sea World Research & Rescue Foundation please visit <http://seaworld.com.au/research-and-rescue> or call 13 33 86

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