JUST IN: Pregnant sea turtle found injured, rescued in Palm Beach

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An injured pregnant sea turtle was found on the beach north of the Palm Beach Country Club today.

The turtle weighs nearly 200 pounds and was identified as a female with eggs, according to the Loggerhead MarineLife Center in Jupiter.

She was left in the center's care by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and is currently undergoing X-ray screening to find out what happened.

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According to Palm Beach Fire-Rescue, the sea turtle appeared malnourished and it's unclear how she was injured. She could have been hit by a boat.

The turtle was named Smiley, after the North Fire-Rescue station nickname.

"If it wasn't for them she wouldn't have been rescued," said the center's veterinary technician, Samantha Clark. "So, we named it after the station."

Clark said Smiley suffered a deep wound to her neck muscle making it difficult for her to lift her neck to breathe while swimming. She said it's not a typical turtle injury. The wound appears to be at least a few days old since they found maggots in it.

Smiley's caretakers are optimistic she'll survive, but can't say for sure if she will.

"She's staying in the hospital to make sure she doesn't drown," Clark said.

Ivy Yin, a photographer with Our Children's Earth Foundation was driving on South Ocean Boulevard and documented the turtle rescue.

Earlier this week, a [kogia whale beached herself](#) near Reef Road and Yin found it.

It's sea turtle nesting season and local organizations and [residents](#) make sure turtles have a safe beach to nest on by scheduling [beach cleanups](#). [Bacteria](#) in the water, [storm-water runoff](#) and [trash](#) can harm sea life.

"We have such pretty beaches," Yin said. "But we have serious issues to address."