

If you have the chance to meet sea turtles underwater, what would you do?  
Do you know just by meeting a turtle, you can become a citizen scientist?  
Sounds cool? Let's involve in **Turtle Spot** !!!

**Turtle Spot** is an initiative by a group of sea turtle lovers living in Taiwan, hoping to record turtle occurrence in Taiwan waters with your help! We use Photo-ID method to recognize each turtle individual by looking at their left and right facial scutes, since almost every turtle has unique scutes patterns!

<< What you can do >>

1. Have fun swimming/ snorkelling/ diving around Taiwan waters!
2. If you encounter a turtle, without disturbing it, take photos of the
  - (a) Left face
  - (b) Right face
  - (c) Whole turtle
3. Upload photos to **Turtle Spot** Facebook page or email the photos to [turtlespotintw@gmail.com](mailto:turtlespotintw@gmail.com)  
(format: jpeg; size: 1024 pixels)
4. While sharing the photos, please include the following:
  - (a) Time and date of the photos taken
  - (b) Location of the photos taken (dive site or GPS coordinates, you can refer Google Map for an estimate)
  - (c) Extra information such as: What is the turtle doing (e.g. feeding, resting, etc ...)? Is there any abnormal appearance (e.g. sign of injury etc ...)? Or any other information that you find worth noting.
5. If you found a new turtle that is yet to be identified in our database, you are free to name the turtle!



\*\*P.S. If you and your friends spot a same turtle individual, please report the spotting once only to avoid multiple submissions of the same data.

<< What **Turtle Spot** will do >>

After your report of spotting, **Turtle Spot** will:

1. Check and record the information you provided on our photo-ID database.
2. **Turtle Spot** will analyze and announce the collected spotting data on each month and provide information of the turtle you had spotted. If the turtle information is available in our database, we will tell you the name of the turtle you've spotted, where they live, and some interesting story about them (if there is any). You will then know more about the turtle you've met, just like making a new friend!

You might be thinking, what are the benefits of all these works in sea turtle conservation?

By collecting turtle spotting data, it allow us to track condition of each turtle individual. Moreover, your spotting data would let us and the scientist to understand when and where the turtles are around, and all these valuable data can contribute in scientific research regarding sea turtle!

~~~~~ Share your spotting with us! ~~~~~

**Declaration:**

1. By uploading the photos, you agreed to let **Turtle Spot** team to use the photos for data analyses, research, education and non-profit purposes.
2. All photos belongs to the uploader, if any non **Turtle Spot** related person would like to download or use the image for any purposes, one has to obtain agreement from the uploader.