

Hooks and sea turtles: a veterinary perspective

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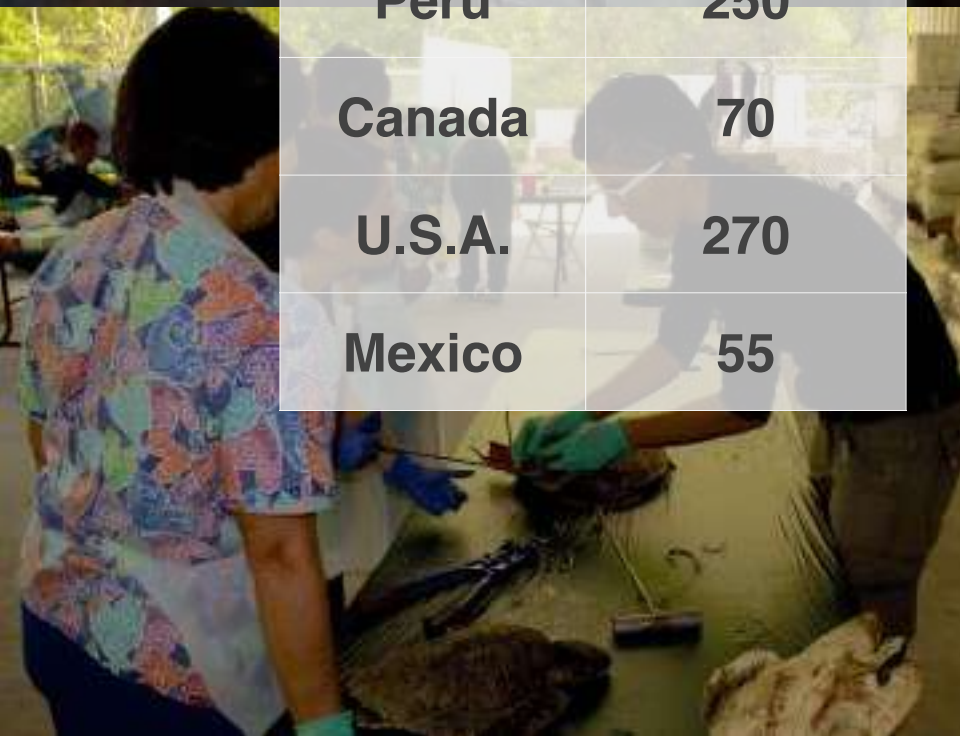






Country	Attendees
Costa Rica	410
Ecuador	40
Peru	250
Canada	70
U.S.A.	270
Mexico	55

Country	Attendees
Guatemala	65
Brazil	90
Italy	80
Tunisia	30
Spain	300
Turkey	30



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- Reducing the incidental capture of turtles - large hooks



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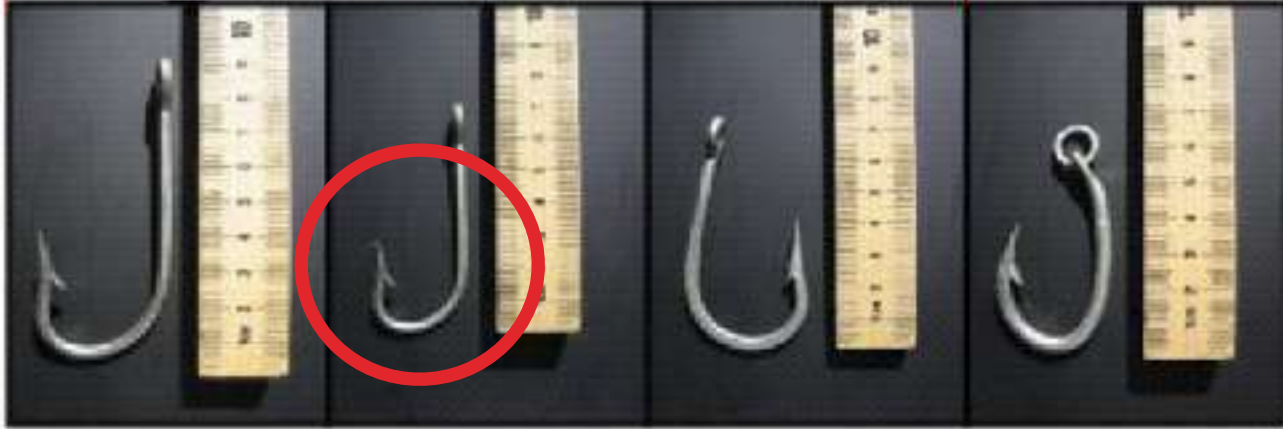
J Hooks

Japanese Tuna Hook

#40 or 10/0 Ringed

#1

#2



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Circle Hooks









How do circle hooks work for sea turtles?

- Getting lodged in the mouth - ONLY beneficial IF fishers remove the hooks









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Circle hooks are great IF:

- They are large enough to reduce the incidental capture of turtles
- If fishers do remove the hooks using best practices: only then it is an advantage that they lodge in the mouth



