

# JUNIOR MARINE BIOLOGISTS GUIDE TO LAAMU'S TURTLES

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# GREEN TURTLES



**Name:** Cutie  
**ID:** G172 | GR963  
**Site:** Hithadhoo Corner  
**Sex:** Female  
**Carapace length:** 60cm  
**First sighted:** 07/01/2019  
**Last sighted:** 13/03/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 115

Cutie is one of our favourite green turtles at Hithadhoo Corner. When she was first sighted in January 2019, she was extremely nervous around divers and getting clear ID photographs proved difficult. However, she has since grown fond of the visitors to her reef and is often spotted relaxing in one of her favourite spots next to the cleaning station. She loves to keep her carapace nice and clean and can often be seen using the coral to scratch away any nasties. We love watching her little butt wiggle as she does this - she is the definition of cute (hence the name).

**Name:** Davina  
**ID:** G08 | GR755  
**Site:** Hithadhoo Corner  
**Sex:** Female  
**Carapace length:** 90cm  
**First sighted:** 10/01/2016  
**Last sighted:** 08/03/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 201



Davina is one of our most frequently sighted green turtles in Laamu. She is often found hanging out with the mantas at our local cleaning station, Hithadhoo Corner. Davina is normally a pretty chilled turtle and is often spotted sat in huge patches of her favourite food - seagrass. However, she can also be a bit of a show-off; at times when divers are seemingly more interested in the manta rays, she has been known to swim loops around the cleaning station to make sure the guests notice her! She is a firm favourite among the staff at Six Senses Laamu.



**Name:** Gandalf  
**ID:** G116 | GR899  
**Site:** Hithadhoo Corner  
**Sex:** Female  
**Carapace length:** 95cm  
**First sighted:** 08/10/2016  
**Last sighted:** 11/03/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 71

Gandalf is arguably our most “regal-looking” green turtle at Hithadhoo Corner. She is most often spotted perched atop the cleaning station looking down at activity below. Despite this, she is not the most observant of rulers and is often spotted taking a cheeky nap! Staff and guests at Six Senses Laamu like to imagine her holding Gandalf’s staff looking very important - when she’s not snoozing that is!

**Name:** Oscarina  
**ID:** G01 | GR108  
**Site:** Olhuveli Reef  
**Sex:** Female  
**Carapace length:** 80cm  
**First sighted:** 09/03/2014  
**Last sighted:** 24/04/2019  
**Number of sighting:** 99



Oscarina was our first identified turtle in Laamu! She is named after a former marine biologist at Six Senses Laamu - Oscar. Oscarina is often sighted by both staff and guests resting on top of the deeper pinnacles close to our house reef.

# HAWKSBILL TURTLES



**Name:** Arya  
**ID:** H33 | HK3620  
**Site:** Laama Faru Haa  
**Sex:** Female  
**Carapace length:** 40cm  
**First sighted:** 30/11/2016  
**Last sighted:** 25/03/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 61

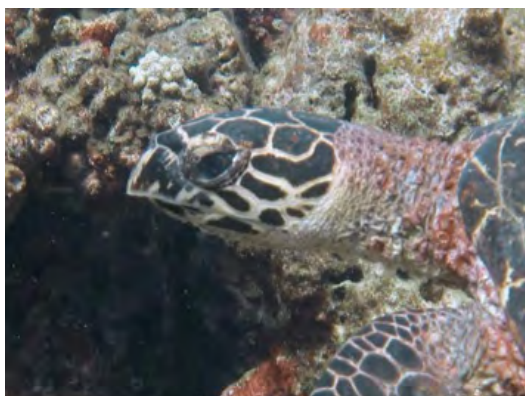
Arya is our most frequently sighted turtle at Laama Faru Haa, one of our inner reef sites in Laamu. She is a firm favourite amongst guests due to her curiosity. She frequently disobeys our “recommended distance from wildlife” guidelines, swimming straight towards snorkellers to take a closer look. She will happily float next to visitors to her reef, taking a few breaths at the surface before heading back down to find her favourite food - sponges. She is also one of our rare “travelling turtles” and has been spotted at several nearby reefs!

**Name:** Capone  
**ID:** H15 | HK3612  
**Site:** Hithadhoo Corner  
**Sex:** Male  
**Carapace length:** 45cm  
**First sighted:** 25/09/2014  
**Last sighted:** 13/02/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 69



Capone is Jo’s favourite turtle. He is very clumsy and seems to constantly bump into things - including us! He is frequently spotted searching for sponges in and amongst the reef. He is often so focussed on this task - head in the coral, bum in the air - that the strong currents at Hithadhoo Corner flip him over completely! He disappeared for a few months this year and returned with a few scrapes to his carapace. We’re unsure as to what caused these injuries - we can’t rule out his clumsiness - but the injuries don’t appear to affect his day-to-day activities and he remains his goofy self at Hithadhoo Corner.

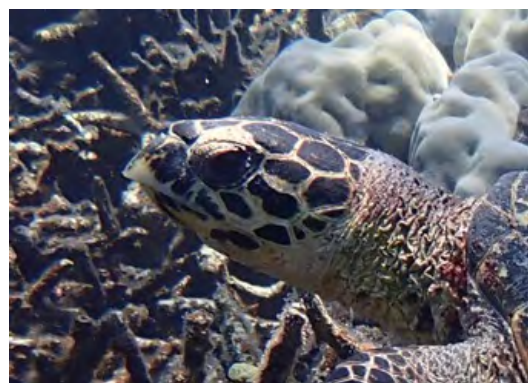




**Name:** Roanna  
**ID:** H180 | HK3822  
**Site:** Laama Faru Haa  
**Sex:** Female  
**Carapace length:** 30cm  
**First sighted:** 10/01/2018  
**Last sighted:** 25/03/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 31

Roanna is one of the “teeniest” hawksbill turtles we have identified in Laamu. She looks like she has yet to grow into her flippers and at the moment they look a little too big for her. Despite her small size, she is extremely relaxed around snorkellers and will happily feed on the reef alongside guests and their cameras.

**Name:** Ugg  
**ID:** H170 | HK3814  
**Site:** Laama Faru Haa  
**Sex:** Male  
**Carapace length:** 40cm  
**First sighted:** 13/12/2017  
**Last sighted:** 03/02/2020  
**Number of sighting:** 27



Ugg is another of our most frequently sighted hawksbill turtles at Laama Faru Haa. He is extremely relaxed around snorkellers and will happily bob on the surface next to our guests. We can often find him foraging for sponges amongst the corals. In fact, getting him to move his face from the corals so that we can take clear ID photographs is often a little challenging!