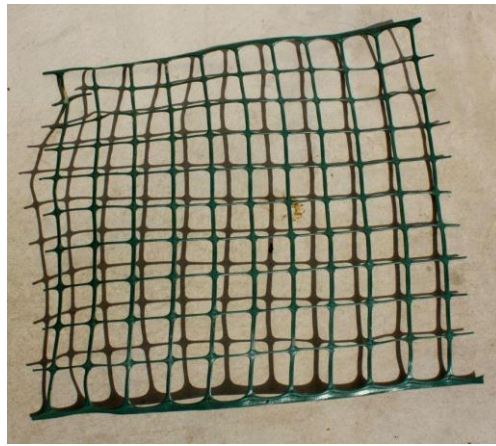


Turtle nest protection

Equipment and what to do



Over 90% of turtle nests are predated by foxes or other animals; this level of predation is unsustainable. You can help prevent this loss of recruitment by protecting nests you find.

It is important to act quickly because predation can occur very soon after nesting has occurred.

What you will need:

1. a piece mesh that is about 500mm square with openings that are around 50mm (see picture but chicken wire or other types of metal grill will suffice)
2. Turf pegs
3. Hammer (for hard soils)

Directions:

To protect the nest, simply place the mesh over the nest and peg it firmly down at the corners



Depending on the species, it will take between two months and a year for the eggs to hatch, when the hatchlings have emerged, you will see a small hole where the turtles have dug their way out. The mesh and pegs can then be removed for reuse.



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