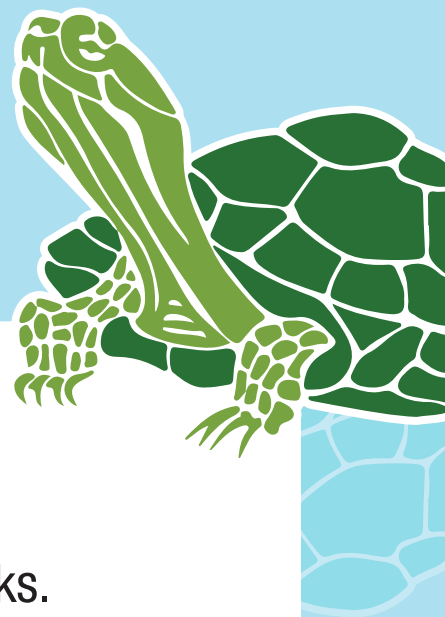


# DID YOU KNOW THAT SOME NAUTICAL ACTIVITIES CAN POSE A THREAT TO QUÉBEC'S FRESHWATER TURTLES?

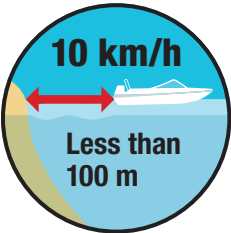
They need your help! Thank you for helping to protect them by adopting these best practices.



## TO LOWER THE RISK OF COLLISION AND DISTURBANCE BY BOATERS



Reduce your speed in bays and shallow areas.



Avoid driving through aquatic grass beds and near sun-basking areas.

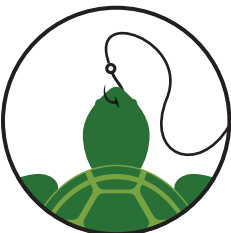


Minimize disturbance on beaches in June by grouping your activities closer together.



Avoid approaching turtles, especially when they are laying eggs.

## INJURED TURTLE

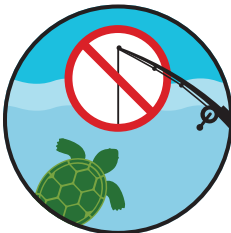


If you find an injured turtle or can't remove your hook, go to **Carapace.ca** to contact a turtle rehabilitation centre.

## FOR FISHERMEN



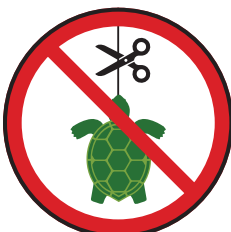
Fish with barbless hooks.



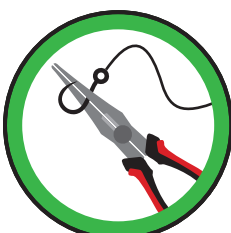
Stop fishing if you see a turtle swimming in the area.



Avoid reeling the turtle in if possible and try to catch it in your net instead.



Don't cut your line if you catch a turtle.



Use pliers to retrieve the hook, and be careful not to get bitten, especially with snapping turtles.

Report your sighting with a photo and the precise location of the turtle on the **Carapace.ca** platform.

