



# THE TURTLE HOSPITAL STORY



You might know the Umah Lumba Center as a rehabilitation and release center for dolphins, but following the release of Rocky, Rambo and Johnny, the Dolphin Project team has also rescued several sea turtles.

These efforts increased in January 2023, when together with the Navy and Department of Forestry and Wildlife in Indonesia, we rescued 43 green sea turtles from an illegal wildlife trade. Our team brought the turtles to the Umah Lumba Center, where their injuries were treated. The majority of the turtles were healthy enough for immediate release, but a few underwent additional treatment to help them get healthy enough for release as well.

We also provide long term care for other rescued turtles, like Coco the green sea turtle who suffered a severe wound from a boat strike.

While our main focus at the Umah Lumba Center is on dolphin rehabilitation and re-release, we are grateful to expand our efforts to include a dedicated turtle hospital!

## PATIENT SPOTLIGHTS



**Coco**

A Green sea turtle that endured a severe injury, likely from a boat propellor. She receives treatment twice daily, and progress is slow but stable. She is in need of long term care.



**Gugun**

An Olive Ridley sea turtle that was so sick and weak when he came to us he couldn't even dive. Through rehabilitation at the Umah Lumba Center, he regained strength to dive and eat on his own.

## ENDANGERED & CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SPECIES

Your support helps the Dolphin Project Team provide medical aid and rehabilitation for both native and non-native local turtle species. Here are some of the species we've helped so far:

- Rescuing, treating and releasing **Green sea turtles** (endangered)
- Rescuing, treating and relocating **Hawksbill turtles** (critically endangered)
- Rescuing and caring for **Brazilian red cheeked turtles** (a species not native to Indonesia).
- Rescuing, treating and releasing **Olive ridley turtles** (vulnerable)