



Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats  
under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries Service

**USVI**

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
<b>Marine Mammals</b>			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
<b>Turtles</b>			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened <sup>1</sup>	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened	07/28/78
<b>Invertebrates</b>			
elkhorn coral	<i>Acropora palmata</i>	Threatened	5/9/06
staghorn coral	<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Threatened	5/9/06

**Designated Critical Habitat**

Leatherback sea turtle: The waters adjacent to Sandy Point, U.S. Virgin Islands, up to and inclusive of the waters from the hundred fathom curve shoreward to the level of mean high tide with boundaries at 17°42'12"N and 64°50'00"W.

Elkhorn and Staghorn Corals (*Acropora*): All waters in the depths of 98 ft (30 m) and shallower to the mean low water (MLW) line in St. John/St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.; and the MLW line in St. Croix, U.S.V.I. Within these specific areas, the essential feature consists of natural consolidated hard substrate or dead coral skeleton that are free from fleshy or turf macroalgae cover and sediment cover. Maps and details regarding the final rule can be found at: <http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/esa/acropora.htm>

**Species Proposed for Listing**

None

**Proposed Critical Habitat**

None

<sup>1</sup> Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered



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Candidate Species <sup>2</sup>	Scientific Name
none	

Species of Concern <sup>3</sup>	Scientific Name
<b>Fish</b>	
dusky shark	<i>Carcharhinus obscurus</i>
mangrove rivulus	<i>Rivulus marmoratus</i>
night shark	<i>Carcharhinus signatus</i>
sand tiger shark	<i>Carcharias taurus</i>
speckled hind	<i>Epinephelus drummondhayi</i>
striped croaker	<i>Bairdiella sanctaeluciae</i>
Warsaw grouper	<i>Epinephelus nigritus</i>
<b>Invertebrates</b>	
ivory tree coral	<i>Oculina varicosa</i>

<sup>2</sup> The Candidate Species List has been renamed the Species of Concern List. The term "candidate species" is limited to species that are the subject of a petition to list and for which NOAA Fisheries Service has determined that listing may be warranted (69 FR 19975).

<sup>3</sup> Species of Concern are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, but concerns about their status indicate that they may warrant listing in the future. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning so that future listings may be avoided.