

## Distressed sea turtle rescued in Brevard County

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**BREVARD COUNTY, Fla.** - A SeaWorld team is working to save a distressed loggerhead sea turtle that was discovered in the water off Cape Canaveral on Tuesday.

The turtle is very sick and its chances of survival are not very high, rescuers said.

Brevard County Ocean Rescue lifeguards pulled the sea turtle from the water after it was struggling to swim.

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"It was floating on the surface having a hard time swimming around," said Lt. Matthew Scales, with ocean rescue.

Brevard County beaches are a prime nesting area for the loggerhead turtle. Florida Fish and Wildlife estimates there were more than 23,000 loggerhead nests in Brevard County in 2014. But experts don't believe the distressed turtle was nesting.

"This turtle is now going to SeaWorld Orlando, prime rehab places," said Roger Pszonowski, with the Sea Turtle Preservation Society.

Pszonowski said even though the turtle was sick, it won't stop volunteers from trying to save it.

"As volunteers we just do it. That's what we like to do," Pszonowski said.