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Brevard Zoo to release rehabilitated sea turtle

MELBOURNE, Fla., July 6, 2019 — Following a stay at Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center, juvenile green sea turtle Kona will be returned to the ocean at Bonsteel Park in Melbourne Beach on Tuesday, July 9 at 4 p.m. through a partnership with the Barrier Island Center.

Upon admission to the Healing Center on April 7, Kona appeared lethargic, was covered in barnacles and had trouble staying underwater. This sea turtle was treated with medication, fluids and nutritious food by Zoo staff and volunteers.

This event is open to the public, and a filming and viewing area will be reserved for media. All media personnel are asked to check in with a Healing Center volunteer upon arrival. Accessibility mats will be in place for wheelchair, walker and stroller users.

More information about Kona is available at www.brevardzoo.org/meet-the-patients-kona.

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at www.brevardzoo.org.

Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at www.treetoptrek.com.