WHAT ARE THEY?
Fibropapillomatosis (FP) is a debilitating disease of sea turtles that causes both internal and external tumors. These tumors are considered benign, but can interfere with crucial functions such as feeding, swimming, buoyancy, vision, and can lead to death.

WHAT CAUSES THEM?
Environmental and human based impacts and stressors can lead to the immunosuppression of sea turtles, resulting in the development of internal and external tumors.

HOW CAN WE HELP?
While there is no known cure, people can help by being responsible ocean and land stewards. Reduce stressors by maintaining distance from turtles and making reef-safe sunscreen choices. 

Be respectful. Touching, chasing, or harassing turtles is against the law.