

## WORKSHEET 8

### HELP ME

#### **Endangered!**

Some species of sea \_\_\_\_\_ are very close to becoming \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **What is a sea turtle?**

A sea turtle is a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **How many are left on earth?**

Sea turtles spend most of their lives at \_\_\_\_\_, but the females swim to sandy \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Sea turtle habitats**

A \_\_\_\_\_ is the natural place in which a plant or animal lives.

The sea turtle's main habitat is the \_\_\_\_\_.

They swim among coral reefs, in lagoons, and in areas that are rich in \_\_\_\_\_ and sea \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **What do sea turtles eat?**

Most sea turtles are \_\_\_\_\_. They eat \_\_\_\_\_, crabs, sponges and sea cucumbers. They also eat fish eggs. Green sea turtles eat mostly sea \_\_\_\_\_, but they also eat small shellfish and sponges. Leatherbacks eat mainly sea \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Back to the beach**

Some females swim \_\_\_\_\_ of miles to nest. When a sea turtle arrives at a beach, she pulls herself across the sand to find a spot where she can dig an egg chamber, or a \_\_\_\_\_ into which she lays her \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Back to the sea**

When the sea turtle has finished laying her eggs, she covers them with \_\_\_\_\_ and drags herself back to the \_\_\_\_\_. Most sea turtles nest at \_\_\_\_\_, but they know their way back in the dark. The sky looks brighter over the water, so they head towards the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Dangers all around**

\_\_\_\_\_ such as coyotes, raccoons, wild dogs, and especially people, may take sea turtle \_\_\_\_\_ from their nest. Sometimes not a \_\_\_\_\_ egg is left! Even if some babies do hatch, they may face many \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach. They must make their way to the \_\_\_\_\_. Sea turtles do not move \_\_\_\_\_ or quickly on the land. They are easy targets for predators such as crabs and birds, which \_\_\_\_\_ them as they cross the beach.

### **Sea turtle troubles**

Baby sea turtles that do reach the ocean face the same \_\_\_\_\_ as those faced by adult sea turtles. Some are captured by \_\_\_\_\_, and others get tangled in floating debris, or \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Fishing \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hunters**

### **Pollution**

### **Habitat loss**

The greatest threat to all sea turtles is \_\_\_\_\_. Habitat loss is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the natural areas in which the animals live, feed, or nest.

## **Helping sea turtles**

### **Safe Beaches**

Conservationists are \_\_\_\_\_ who provide animals with safe places to live and to make babies. They dig up sea turtle \_\_\_\_\_ and move them to beaches where the eggs are \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Escape from nets**

Fishing nets kill thousands of sea turtles. \_\_\_\_\_ have been passes in many places to make fishers use special nets that have turtle-excluding devices, or, \_\_\_\_\_, attached.

### **Hotels helping out**

Many hotels post \_\_\_\_\_ that give people instructions on what to do if they see a sea turtle on a beach.

## ANSWER KEY-HELP ME

### **Endangered!**

Some species of sea turtles are very close to becoming extinct.

### **What is a sea turtle?**

A sea turtle is a reptile.

### **How many are left on earth?**

Sea turtles spend most of their lives at oceans, but the females swim to sandy beaches to nest.

### **Sea turtle habitats**

A habitat is the natural place in which a plant or animal lives.

The sea turtle's main habitat is the ocean.

They swim among coral reefs, in lagoons, and in areas that are rich in seaweeds and sea grasses.

### **What do sea turtles eat?**

Most sea turtles are carnivores. They eat fish, crabs, sponges and sea cucumbers. They also eat fish eggs. Green sea turtles eat mostly sea grasses, but they also eat small shellfish and sponges. Leatherbacks eat mainly sea jellies.

### **Back to the beach**

Some females swim thousands of miles to nest. When a sea turtle arrives at a beach, she pulls herself across the sand to find a spot where she can dig an egg chamber, or a hole into which she lays her eggs.

### **Back to the sea**

When the sea turtle has finished laying her eggs, she covers them with sand and drags herself back to the ocean. Most sea turtles nest at night, but they know their way back in the dark. The sky looks brighter over the water, so they head towards the light.

### **Dangers all around**

Predators such as coyotes, raccoons, wild dogs, and especially people, may take sea turtle eggs from their nest. Sometimes not a single egg is left! Even if some babies do hatch, they may face many dangers on the beach. They must make their way to the ocean. Sea turtles do not move easily or quickly on the land. They are easy targets for predators such as crabs and birds, which grab them as they cross the beach.

### **Sea turtle troubles**

Baby sea turtles that do reach the ocean face the same dangers as those faced by adult sea turtles. Some are captured by hunters, and others get tangled in floating debris, or garbage.

### **Fishing nets**

### **Illegal Hunters**

### **Pollution**

### **Habitat loss**

The greatest threat to all sea turtles is habitat loss. Habitat loss is the destruction of the natural areas in which the animals live, feed, or nest.

### **Helping sea turtles**

### **Safe Beaches**

Conservationists are people who provide animals with safe places to live and to make babies. They dig up sea turtle eggs and move them to beaches where the eggs are protected.

### **Escape from nets**

Fishing nets kill thousands of sea turtles. Laws have been passed in many places to make fishers use special nets that have turtle-excluding devices, or, TEDs attached.

### **Hotels helping out**

Many hotels post signs that give people instructions on what to do if they see a sea turtle on a beach.

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