

Main Idea

Sea Turtles

From the moment sea turtles are born they face dangers. The hatchlings must make their way from their nest to the ocean, avoiding birds, crabs and other predators looking for an easy meal. Many of the hatchlings will not survive this journey. Once in the ocean, the hatchlings enter a swimming frenzy; they must get away from the waters near the shore where there are many predators. Some of the threats to turtles come from humans. Pollution caused by humans is poisoning turtles' habitat and destroying their food sources. Discarded fishing nets pose a drowning hazard. Other threats to turtles include water pollution, fishing nets and boat propellers. Scientists estimate that out of 1,000 hatchlings, only 1 or 2 will survive. To make it to adulthood, a baby turtle must survive many dangers.

