

Cause and Effect

Human Threats to Sea Turtles

Sea turtles are in danger. Many of the threats are caused by humans.

Sometimes, turtles get stuck in old fishing nets. When a turtle becomes tangled in one of these nets, they cannot swim. This means that they may drown.

Another threat to sea turtles is plastic bags that have been thrown in the water. Turtles think that these plastic bags are jellyfish and so they try to eat them. This makes the turtle sick, and they often die.

Water pollution poisons sea animals and other sea life, such as seagrass. Seagrass is important food for turtles. This can mean that there is not enough food for the turtles to live.

Sometimes, sea turtles are hit by boats. Propellers from boats can cut into turtles' shells, killing them.

