

# Information Report Jumble

Cut and paste to unjumble the information report on the threats to sea turtles.

Sea turtles are also at risk of being injured or killed from boat propellers. Turtles are difficult to spot for people driving boats and unfortunately there are sometimes collisions. A turtle's shell is very strong; however, the metal propeller of a boat is much stronger.

Water pollution poisons the turtles' habitat, killing animals and other marine life such as seagrass. This is a problem as seagrass is a vital food source for sea turtles. When there is not enough seagrass, turtles need to rely on other food sources. This can result in other problems, not only for sea turtles, but other marine life.

All seven species of the sea turtle are classified as either endangered or vulnerable. They face many threats, several of which are caused by human action.

## Threats to Sea Turtles

We need to do better at looking after these beautiful animals.

Another threat sea turtles face comes from plastic bags that are floating in the ocean. Turtles often mistake these plastic bags for jellyfish and eat the plastic. Once eaten, the plastic bag can cause a blockage in their intestines. A blockage means that the sea turtle is no longer able to eat, causing it to starve. Eating plastic can also cause internal bleeding in sea turtles.

One common threat is ghost nets. Ghost nets are fishing nets that have been left behind or lost by fishermen. When a turtle becomes tangled in one of these nets, they cannot swim to the surface. As a result, they drown.

