Sea Turtles

1. List one major difference between a sea turtle and other aquatic turtles.

Sea Turtles cannot retract inside their shell; sea turtles grow to be much larger as adults than other aquatic turtles; sea turtles are only on land to nest or hatch from the nest

1. How many species of sea turtles are there in the world?

There are 7 total species. Loggerhead, Green, Leatherback, Hawksbills, Kemps Ridley, Olive Ridley, and Flatback

1. What is a **scute** and how does it help scientists identify turtle species?

A keratinized plate. Scientists can count scutes to identify which turtle species it could be.

1. What do Leatherback sea turtles eat?

Jellyfish

1. What is the life stage term called for a of a sea turtle that is the size of a dinner plate?

Juvenile

1. Why is light a problem for sea turtles on the beach?

Turtles can go the wrong direction. When sea turtles hatch, they follow the light to the ocean. Non-natural light can confuse them which way to go.

1. What does **T.E.D.** stand for and what does it do?

Turtle Exclusion Device. It allows the turtle to leave the net and not get trapped while the fisherman collects fish.

1. What is one thing you can do to help sea turtles?

Beach clean-ups; do not dig during nesting season