



Hi! My name is Scute! Welcome to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center! As you explore the center, look for the answers to these questions so you can become a sea turtle expert! Don't forget to visit the live sea turtle patients in the hospital. This exciting information will get you well on your way to assisting in the protection of sea turtles!



1. Draw what a loggerhead sea turtle nest looks like.
2. A loggerhead sea turtle will lay an average of _____ eggs.
3. At what age do loggerhead sea turtles reach adulthood? _____
4. Name three obstacles a hatchling might face on its way to the beach:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
5. Where do sea turtle hatchlings go once they first enter the ocean? (Hint: this place has seaweed to hide in!)

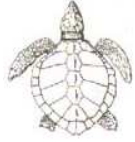
6. What is the name scientists give to plants and animals living on the back of a turtles shell?
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7. How many different species of plants and animals have been found on the shell of a sea turtle?

8. True or False. These creatures living on a turtle shell can sometimes be helpful to the turtle.
9. What is the name for a device that helps keep turtles from being stuck in shrimp nets? (Hint: Look to the ceiling to see one for yourself!) _____
10. What is the survival rate of a sea turtle hatchling? _____
11. Diamondback terrapins are what type of turtle?
 - a. Sea turtles
 - b. Marsh turtles
 - c. Land turtles
 - d. Desert turtles
12. Diamondback terrapins play an important role in the marsh ecosystem by maintaining the structure and health of the community. This means they are a/an _____ species.
 - a. Endangered
 - b. Threatened
 - c. Keystone
 - d. Species of special concern

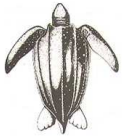
13. Look towards the ceiling for the life-size replicas of the five species of sea turtles in Georgia's waters. Match the type of sea turtle with what they eat! Fill in the correct number next to the food item.



1. Hawksbill _____ only vegetarian sea turtle



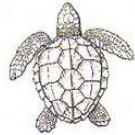
2. Kemp's Ridley _____ named for their large skulls and crushing jaws



3. Leatherback _____ nearly all females nest on a single beach in Rancho Nuevo, Mexico



4. Green _____ dines on a special diet of sponges



5. Loggerhead _____ largest and deepest diving reptile

14. Box turtles get their name from the ability to pull their head and limbs inside their shell. They have a _____ on their plastron that allows them to do this.

15. We can tell the boy box turtles apart from the girl box turtles by their eye color. They boys have _____ eyes and the girls have _____ eyes.

Bonus questions!

1. Did you have fun? YES _____ NO _____

2. Who was your favorite patient? _____

a. What species of turtle is this patient? _____

b. What does this species of turtle eat? _____

c. Why is this patient here? _____

3. List the three species of sea turtles we have at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. List two reasons why a sea turtle might come to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center.

5. Do your part! Share what you learned at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center with everyone you know so all of us together can be on our way to protect sea turtles!