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Travellers of the sea – Green turtle

海洋遠行者 — 綠海龜

English common name: Green turtle

中文名稱：綠海龜



Credit: Adam Minu

Where you can find them:

- ❖ They occur in warm regions of Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans.
- ❖ Sham Wan at Lamma Island is the only known nesting site of Green turtles in Hong Kong.

Fun facts:

- ❖ They have greenish cartilage and body fats so they are called Green turtle.
- ❖ Adult females will move back to their natal beaches for nesting.
- ❖ Sex of hatching turtles depends on temperature in the nest; cooler water favours development of males and vice versa.

What situation they are in:

- ❖ Major threats to them are being hunted for food, disturbance of nesting females or baby turtles by artificial lighting, and habitat destruction like development of hotels near nesting beaches.
- ❖ They are protected by the Animals and Plants (Protection of Endangered Species) Ordinance (cap. 187).
- ❖ The nesting site at Lamma Island is closed for public during breeding period between June and October.

How you can help:

- ❖ Do not purchase souvenirs made of Green turtles.
- ❖ Do not disturb nesting turtles when seeing them.

分佈：

- ❖ 綠海龜遍佈大西洋、印度洋及太平洋的 鈺x地區。
- ❖ 南丫島的深灣是本港現今唯一已知的綠海龜繁殖地。

趣味小檔案：

- ❖ 牠們的軟骨和脂肪呈綠色，故名「綠海龜」。
- ❖ 成年雌性綠海龜會千里迢迢返回牠出生的海灘繁殖。
- ❖ 幼龜的性別會受到孵化期間周遭環境的 郎蛭v響，較低的 郎被| 孵化出較多雄海龜；相反，較暖的 郎蚰h會孵化出較多雌海龜。

現況：

- ❖ 主要威脅包括遭獵食、正在繁殖的雌海龜和小海龜被人造光線騷擾，以及棲境遭破壞，如在繁殖地附近興建酒店等。
- ❖ 在本港，綠海龜受到香港法例第 187 章 動植物 (瀕危物種保護) 條例 保護。
- ❖ 南丫島的繁殖地在每年六月至十月的繁殖期封閉，禁止公眾進入。

保育小貼士：

- ❖ 不要購買用綠海龜製成的紀念品。
- ❖ 如果看見綠海龜，請不要騷擾牠們。

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