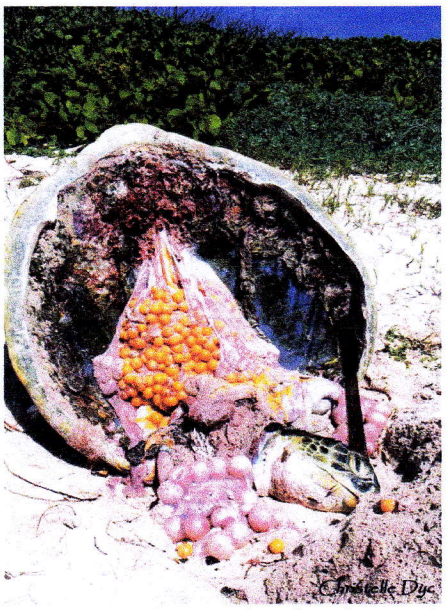
SEA TURTLES

Let's start with the introduction, shall we ?

In the past, there was a lot of different turtles species, nowadays it only remains 7 turtles species. (The Green turtle, Flatback turtle, Hawksbill turtle, Olive Ridley, Leggerhead sea turtle, Kemp's Ridley and the Leather back turtle who is the bigger) . Usually, they measure average from 50 cm to 1m but the biggest turtle, the leather back turtle can measure 2 metres in length and 1.5 meters wide and they can weigh almost 600kg. How huge this species is!
Where and how long can the Sea turtles live ?
They live in all the seas of the globe, but especially in the equatorial zones which are quite warm, which is better for them to lay. And their life expectancy can depend on the species. But usually, the turtles can live up to more or less 50 years. And sometimes, we can see turtles which can live up to 100 years !

Sea turtles lovers,
We have thought it was important to inform you about the disappearing of Sea Turtle. These vulnerable and threatened species deserve we do our utmost to save them.



Inconceivable! This situation shouldn't take place nowadays! This photo has gone all over the world through the different associations against the torture of the sea turtle. Indeed, as you can notice it, this female has been cut up, above all for her eggs. It's awful, all the more since the fisher kills this pregnant female. It's as if he had killed ten babies turtles since he had killed thousand of eggs. The hunting of sea turtles doesn't take place only for their eggs but also for their meat and their shell. (In spite of the laws which protect them) There is a real black market in many countries like the Philippines, India, Indonesia and Mexico. For instance, the latter counts at least 35 000 killed turtles a year. This number is frightening above all the number of birth only reaches a pitiful number. That's why it's really important to speak about all the threats for them. Not to mention hunting, still 40 000 turtles a year are accidentally caught by fishing machine like trawlers.
Then, global warming is also a dangerous threat because it makes warmer the sand. You may think it isn't important, but in fact, the temperature of the sand influences the choice of the babies turtles' sex. The hotter the sand is, the more females there will be. So, in the long term, it may throw off balance the species reproduction. What's more, they are vulnerable because of the drifted sea rubbishes. Either they eat them (and they die) or they are drowned inside. Chemicals sometimes kill turtles but they often provoke skin diseases. Another major threat to sea turtles is the beaches development since they return to the same beach each year to lay . Even if these areas are protected by special coastguards and polices, there is a light pollution. That is to say, the babies mix up the lamp light with the sun or moon light. So, they take the wrong way and they never reach the sea.
If you are touched by this photo and these explanation, we can reassure you . There are lots of associations which struggle against this poaching as Profepa, FFEPT. But, we can already tell you how we can help them: Of course, It's forbidden to destroy, to corrupt or to degrade their particular place of life,cleaning the beaches where they lay,sensitizing the local populations and watching places.