

Stop Turtle Cruelty!

There were once several million green sea turtles worldwide. Today, however, there are only less than 200,000 nesting females alive! Processes and slaughters 15,000 to 20,000 a year continue despite the government set quota of 4,000. Turtle egg gathering and trading is also rampant throughout Indonesia.

Sea turtles are graceful saltwater reptiles, well adapted to life in their marine world. The green sea turtle is a medium to large brownish sea turtle with a radiating or mottled pattern of markings on the shell.

I feel it is important to recognize what is happening so that we can work to make a difference. While humans are needlessly killing these animals, we do not realize the valuable impact they have on our society. By eliminating one species, we affect all of the other species - including, yes, humans.

Turtle cruelty! - We can all help put a stop to this cruelty!

I would also like to share my amazing experience of when I visited Gnejna bay for the turtle release. As soon as we entered Gnejna bay, there were many kids scrambling all over the beach, because just as we arrived the trucks carrying the turtles had entered the beach. Excitement spread all across the beach, as they carried the containers across and a few students were given the opportunity to release the turtles!

We all smiled in a joyful way as we saw the turtles make their way down the sandy beach and finally into the sea! A truly heart-warming experience to see the once injured turtles, that seemed to be seriously injured, were rescued and returned to health. So that's why I wrote this poem about it to share my experience with other students back at school and create more awareness about the need to save the turtles from extinction!



Born Free!

After suffering injury the turtle was cured at San Lucjan Malta. Once healthy again the turtle was released and given back its freedom.

Save the Turtles

Kids from all around came to see

The once injured turtles being set free

So let the wind guide their way

So on the sand they may lay

Keep the turtles from any harm

To stop the cause of any alarm

So let's not litter in the sea

And let all turtles roam free

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