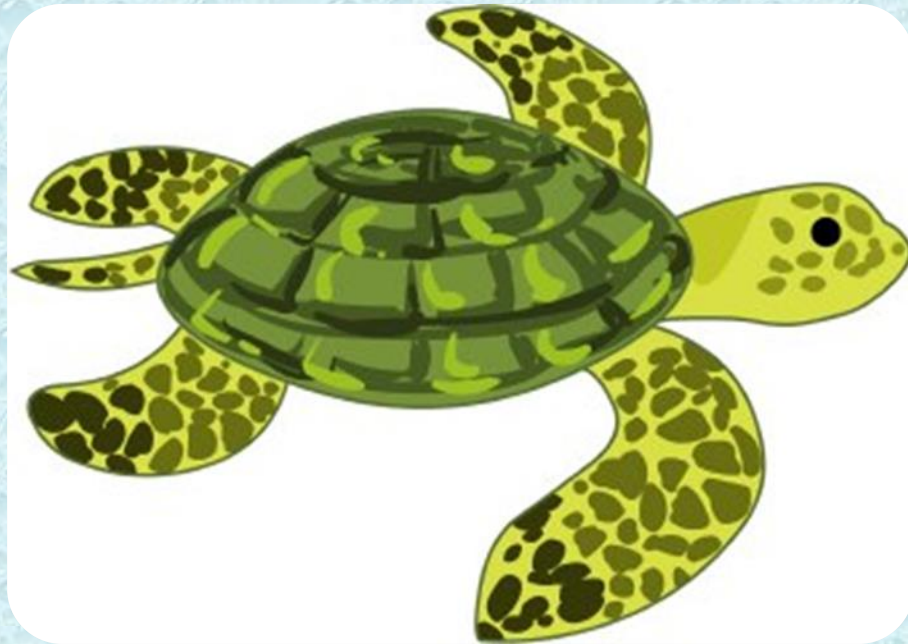
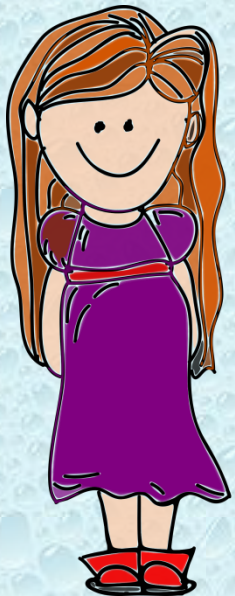


The Leathery Turtles Journey

By Chloe Collins



Most stories begin with once upon a time, however this is a much simpler story about the time my best friend and I tried to do something extraordinary. My name is Emma Jones and I am ten year old girl growing up in the beachy town of Cairns. I enjoy going to school, I love hanging out with my best friend, Lola, and I am absolutely, insanely crazy about all sea animals, especially turtles. Lola and I want to save the Leathery Turtles from extinction. We did some research on all the places in Cairns and the Reef Aquarium was the best place to go. My mum gave us some money and on the bus we went.



We walked through the doors of the Aquarium and were blown away by all the amazing creatures. We went running to the turtle display and that's where we met John, Sarah and Squirt. They are the staff at the Aquarium. Sarah is a tall, blonde haired lady with beautiful, blue eyes and John is a shorter man with brown eyes. Squirt is definitely my favourite because he is a super cute Leathery Turtle they had rescued. We told them about our love for the Leathery Turtles and how we wanted to help them. Sarah said "the Leathery Turtles lay up to 90 eggs and only a very small amount makes it to the sea". That's when Lola and I realised we really had to do something.

"Do you have any ideas for us to help the Turtles" Lola asked John. "You could build a protective barrier around the turtle nests stopping predators like dingo, pigs and people trying to raid the nests." "Also it would help the turtles get to the ocean without being attacked and the mother turtles can go in and out as well." Sarah added.



We caught the bus home from the Reef Aquarium. I contacted the council as soon as we got home, to ask if we could build our protective fences around the nests along the beach. He wasn't sure at first but I told him all about the Leathery Turtles and how they might become extinct if we don't do something now. In the end we finally got his approval. We got help from John and Sarah and the council to build the fences. Once we had finished we all sat on the beach and watched the baby turtles make their first run towards the ocean.



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