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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sea Turtle Facts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All 7 species of Sea Turtles are endangered or threatened. • 3 species of Sea Turtles nest on Florida beaches each year. • Florida is the second most important Loggerhead Sea Turtle nesting habitat in the world. • Nesting Sea Turtles return to where they were born to lay their eggs. • Only 1 in 10,000 hatchlings survives to adulthood. Sea Turtles can live as long as people. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Threats in the Ocean</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial fishing operations kill thousands of Sea Turtles annually, drowned by long lines and in shrimp nets. • Fishing line, nets, rope and plastic kill thousands of Sea Turtles each year. • Boat strikes injure and kill hundreds of adult and juvenile Sea Turtles in near shore waters annually. • Pollution, chemicals and oil spills kill, injure and sicken adult, juvenile and hatchling Sea Turtles. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Threats on Beaches</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artificial and improper coastal lighting pulls tens of thousands of new born hatchlings towards parking lots, streets, condos and private homes. • Extensive coastal development and sea walls have caused critical habitat loss for nesting females. • Beach furniture and trash can entrap, injure or kill both nesting females and new born hatchlings. • Poaching of both nests and nesting female Sea Turtles. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>What You Can Do to Help</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During nesting season, March 1 - Nov 1, turn off outside lights or shield completely and use low watt amber bulbs. Close blinds dusk to dawn. • Remove ALL trash and beach furniture from the beach each night. • Fill in all holes in the sand and leave the sand surface flat. • USE ONLY low watt red lights, no flash photography and try to be OFF the beach by 10PM.
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