



Water **deposits** plastic waste from all over the world on Kenya's beaches. That is a big problem for turtles as many of them eat the plastic because they think that it is jellyfish, and then they die.

A new report found that young turtles die more often than adults because of plastic. Moreover, when there are a lot of plastics on beaches, turtles cannot lay eggs. When the baby turtles **hatch** on beaches with plastics, they cannot get to the ocean.

Out of every 1,000 turtles hatched, only one grows into adulthood, according to the **WWF**.

Difficult words: **deposit** (move to a place), **hatch** (come out of its egg), **WWF** (an organisation which tries to protect animals and nature).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *deposit, hatch and WWF*
2. What problem are the beaches in Kenya facing these days?
3. And how does this affect the turtles living in the area?
4. Why do young turtles die more often than adult ones?
5. What happens to baby turtles when they hatch on beaches with plastic?
6. How many of the turtles hatched grow into adulthood?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Had you known about this problem before reading the article?
2. Why is it important to save turtles and other marine life?
3. How does your government/local government encourage people to help save marine life?
4. Do you know of any other marine life that are in danger of extinction?