

## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

**Exercise 1. Complete the biologist's notes with the words in the box. There are two extra words.**

in captivity	release into the wild	on the loose	extinction	migration
hatch	thriving populations	breeding grounds	natural habitat	

Common name: Loggerhead Sea Turtle

Scientific name: *Caretta caretta*

Lives for: 50+ years in the wild, 33+ years (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Body length: around 90 cm

Weight: 70-170 kg

(2) \_\_\_\_\_: Oceans all around the world, except in the coldest seas

Diet: Clams, crabs, mussels; also some softer foods including jellyfish, fish and seaweed

(3) \_\_\_\_\_: Every two or three years they may travel over 12,000 km

(4) \_\_\_\_\_: They return to the same beach where they were born to lay their eggs. It takes 46-80 days for the eggs to (5) \_\_\_\_\_, depending on the temperature.

Threat of (6) \_\_\_\_\_: Numbers are declining and there are no (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Considered to be an endangered species due to capture in fishing equipment, water pollution, plastic waste and destruction of beaches by development.

**Exercise 2: Choose the correct option.**

1. Areas that are **breeding/thriving** grounds for animals should be protected.
2. When just a few members of a species are left, the only way to save them is to keep them in **captivity/the wild**, where they will be safe.
3. It's our fault that some species are facing **migration/extinction** and could disappear forever.
4. As soon as they **hatch/ release**, baby loggerhead turtles head towards the sea.
5. A lion has escaped from the zoo and is **in/on** the loose in the city!
6. It's amazing how far some animals travel during their **migration/population** from one place to another.

7. The Amazon jungle is the *wild/natural* habitat of thousands of plant and animal species.
8. There used to be a *thriving/breeding* population of dodos on Mauritius, but the species died out.

## ANSWER KEY

## Exercise 1.

1. in captivity    2. Natural habitat    3. Migration    4. Breeding grounds  
5. hatch    6. extinction    7. thriving populations

## Exercise 2.

1. breeding    2. captivity    3. extinction    4. hatch  
5. on    6. migration    7. natural    8. thriving