**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION**

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

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| 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