



Turtles are fantastic!

Turtles are magnificent animals of prehistoric origins and appearance. The endangered Loggerhead turtle and the vulnerable Flatback turtle and Green turtle emerge annually from the ocean to nest on Bundaberg beaches, especially in the world renowned turtle rookery at Mon Repos.

Unfortunately very few hatchling turtles survive to reach maturity. Humans contribute many of the threats to turtles including:

🌟 Lights

Research shows that nesting turtle and hatchling activity is detrimentally affected by artificial lights. The increasing glow from urban areas is disturbing nesting turtles and hatchlings are attracted and travel towards the artificial light and away from the ocean.

🌟 Plastics and pollution

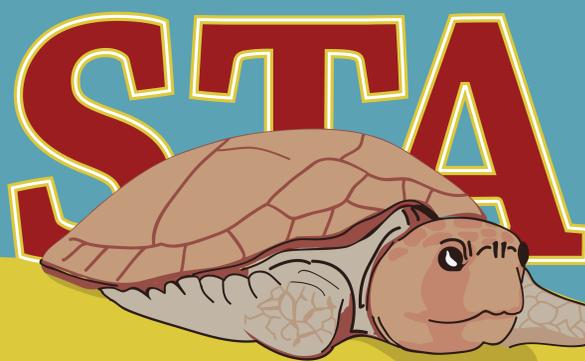
Our oceans are filling with plastics. Plastic affects many marine animals through ingestion and entanglement and can cause illness and death. Reduce plastic use and protect the future of our oceans.

🌟 Ghost nets and fishing tackle

Old discarded fishing nets, lines, crab pots and rope continue to float through our oceans, catching many unsuspecting marine animals.

🌟 Boat strike

Turtles can be struck by boats and boat propellers as they come to the surface to breathe, resulting in injury and death. Seasonal Go Slow zones are in place to help reduce the instances of boat strike.



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Two of the major threats facing the endangered South West Pacific Loggerhead Turtle are the ever increasing light pollution along our coastline and the growing amount of plastics that is inevitably ending up in the ocean.

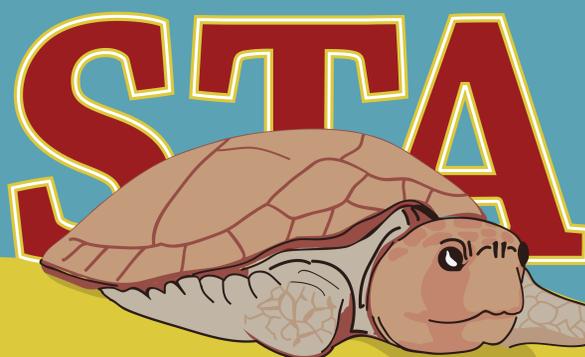
Cut the Glow!

Turn off all unnecessary lights! Consider how much you are contributing to our ever growing light pollution!

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With the single use plastic bag ban in full swing in Queensland, many people are seeking alternatives to reduce other plastic use in our lives.

♻️ Say NO to plastic bags!

Fabric shopping bags, naked fruit and veggies, produce bags.

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Consider replacing Cling Wrap with bees wax wraps, silicon bowls covers, bento style lunch boxes.

Consider replacing plastic bin liners with a combination of a dry bin, a wet bin and a composting bin.

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When out and about, bring your own and:

Say **NO** to takeaway coffee cups

Say **NO** to plastic water bottles

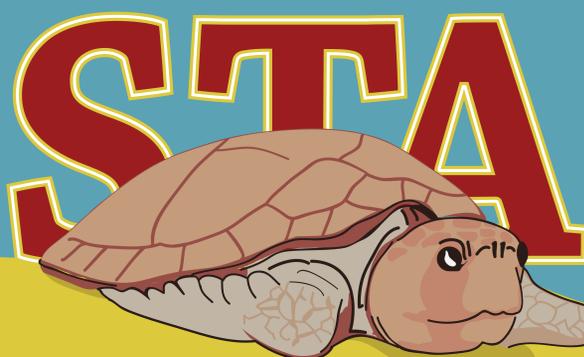
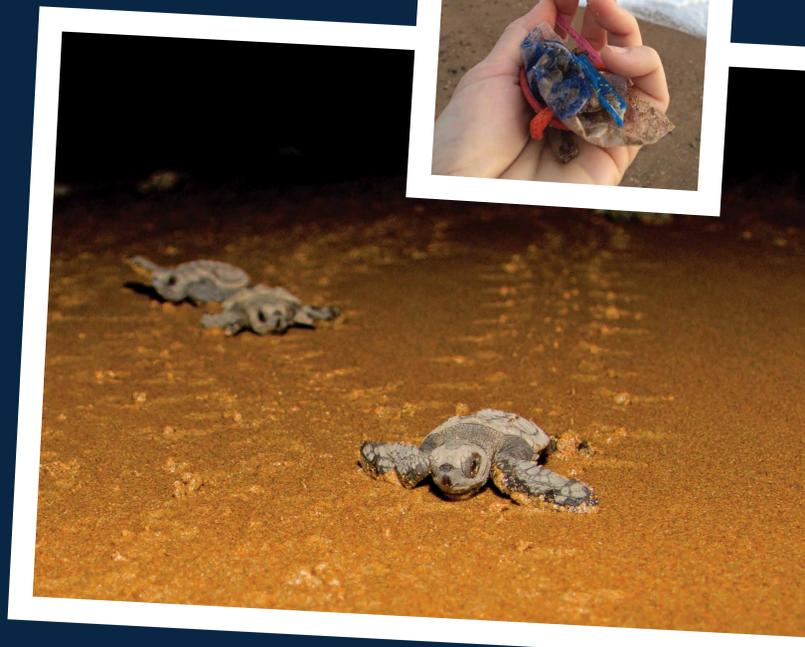
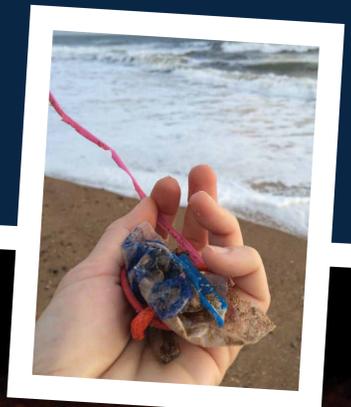
Say **NO** to plastic drinking straws

Say **NO** to plastic cutlery

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