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WHY?

All seven (7) species of sea turtles are listed as threatened or endangered under the United States Endangered Species Act.

Juvenile green sea turtles (Chelonia mydas) commonly inhabit lagoon systems and nearshore waters. By researching the distribution, abundance, genetic origin, and overall health of these creatures, scientists can better understand the status of the adult population along the Florida East Coast. This research enables biologists to guide the conservation of sea turtles and their habitats.



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