

Terrapin Travels Answers



1. Did you survive to adulthood and have your own nest at least once? (check one)

Answer: No wrong answer

2. Was it challenging to live as a terrapin? (check one)

Answer: No wrong answer

3. Describe something positive that happened to you while you were a terrapin and share how many times you survived.

Answer: Some positive outcomes that helped me survive included finding fish and snails to eat, finding a protected wetland to rest, and finding a protected beach to nest.

4. Describe something negative that happened to you while you were a terrapin and share how many times you “died dramatically.”

Answer: Some negative outcomes that did not help me survive included getting tangled in fishing line, a storm arriving with strong winds, colliding with a boat, being chased by a predator, drowning in a crab pot, and catching a disease.

5. Unscramble the name of the very important habitat mentioned while on your terrapin journey.

Answer: Poplar Island

6. What is something you can do to help preserve special habitats terrapin need in Maryland like Poplar Island?

Answer: I can help protect terrapins by volunteering in shoreline cleanups, visiting Poplar Island, educating friends and family about the importance of terrapins, and by keeping trash out of the water.

7. Did a scientist give you a PIT tag during your journey? (check one)

Answer: No wrong answer

While swimming in the Chesapeake Bay, a scientist caught you and gave you a PIT (Passive Integrated Transponder) tag. This is a similar type of microchip that a cat or dog might receive at the vet, which is used to help them be reconnected with their owner if lost. A PIT tag will help scientists track their population size.

8. Do you think PIT tagging has a positive or negative impact on terrapin populations?

Answer: a. Positive

9. Draw what you would look like if you were a terrapin.

Answer: No wrong answer

R1. How does a bycatch reduction device help terrapin populations?

Answer: The device is a metal or plastic rectangle that is attached to crab pots. This device prevents terrapins from being able to swim into the cage, without this device, terrapins have the potential to become trapped and drown.

R2. What year did Maryland make it illegal to harvest terrapins from the wild?

Answer: The Maryland terrapin fishery was closed in April of 2007.