

## Away from this mad earth

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The only time sea turtles remember their remote past as land creatures is when they lay their eggs. But that link is their Achilles' heel since it makes them easy to catch in many parts of the world; so much so that today they are one of the endangered species. Their situation in the Mediterranean is even more serious than in other places because the few beaches where they lay their eggs are continually disturbed. The documentary recounts the story of two species of sea turtles, the Caretta and Chelonia mydas, the only ones that still reproduce in the Mediterranean.

We follow them from the moment of birth on the beaches of Cyprus until they lay their eggs. Figures representing the number and distribution of sea turtles in the Mediterranean are still incomplete. Though they no longer deposit their eggs on the western Mediterranean beaches, they still inhabit the waters along the coast.



