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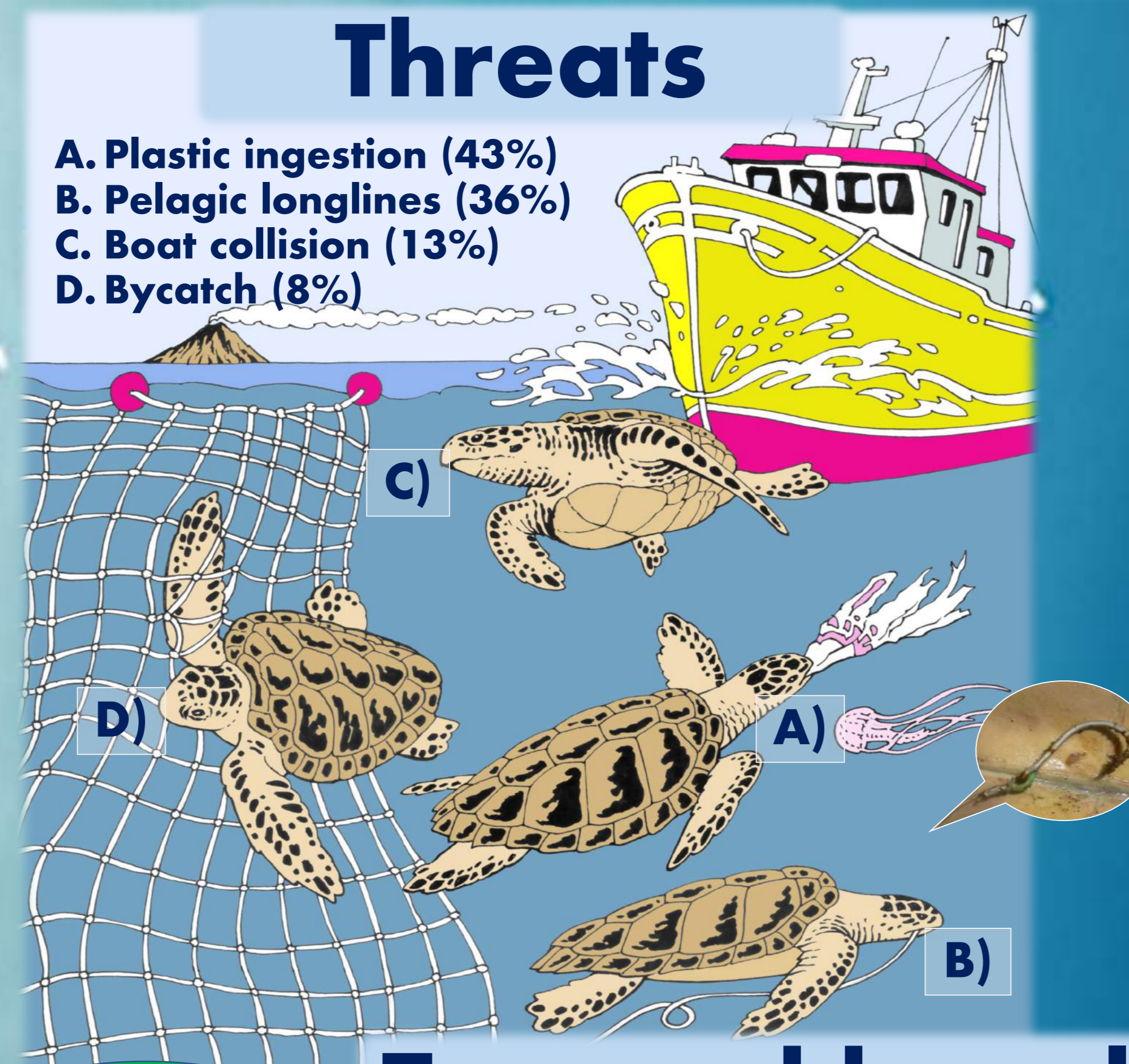
Improving the sea turtle rescue network in the Aeolian Archipelago

The Mediterranean sub-population of loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*) is endangered due to several anthropogenic threats and strongly protected by international regulations. In the Aeolian Archipelago important foraging and overwintering areas have been documented, however, nesting sites have never been recorded. TartaNet Eolie wants to improve the network for sea turtle rescue and conservation through an information campaign and educational programmes for schools, tourists and fishermen in the Aeolian Archipelago.



Threats

- A. Plastic ingestion (43%)
- B. Pelagic longlines (36%)
- C. Boat collision (13%)
- D. Bycatch (8%)



How to recognise a turtle in distress:

1) A longline hook or line appears from the beak or anus, 2) It shows injuries or mutilations, 3) It has difficulty in swimming and diving and it shows unbalanced swimming/diving, 4) There are several algae/parasites on the shell.

Rescue instructions

1) Slow down when you approach the turtle, 2) Pick up the turtle from the vertebral area of the shell, 3) Put the turtle in a cool place and put a wet cloth on its shell, 4) Don't keep the turtle in a tank with water during the transfer, 5) Do not put hands and feet in front of the beak.

Trapped by a longline

If you rescue me, CALL THE SEA TURTLE RESCUE CENTRE IN FILICUDI.

KEEP ME COOL and make sure my beak and nose are not covered.

If you rescue me, CALL the Coast Guard.



DON'T CUT THE LINE!
You can kill me!

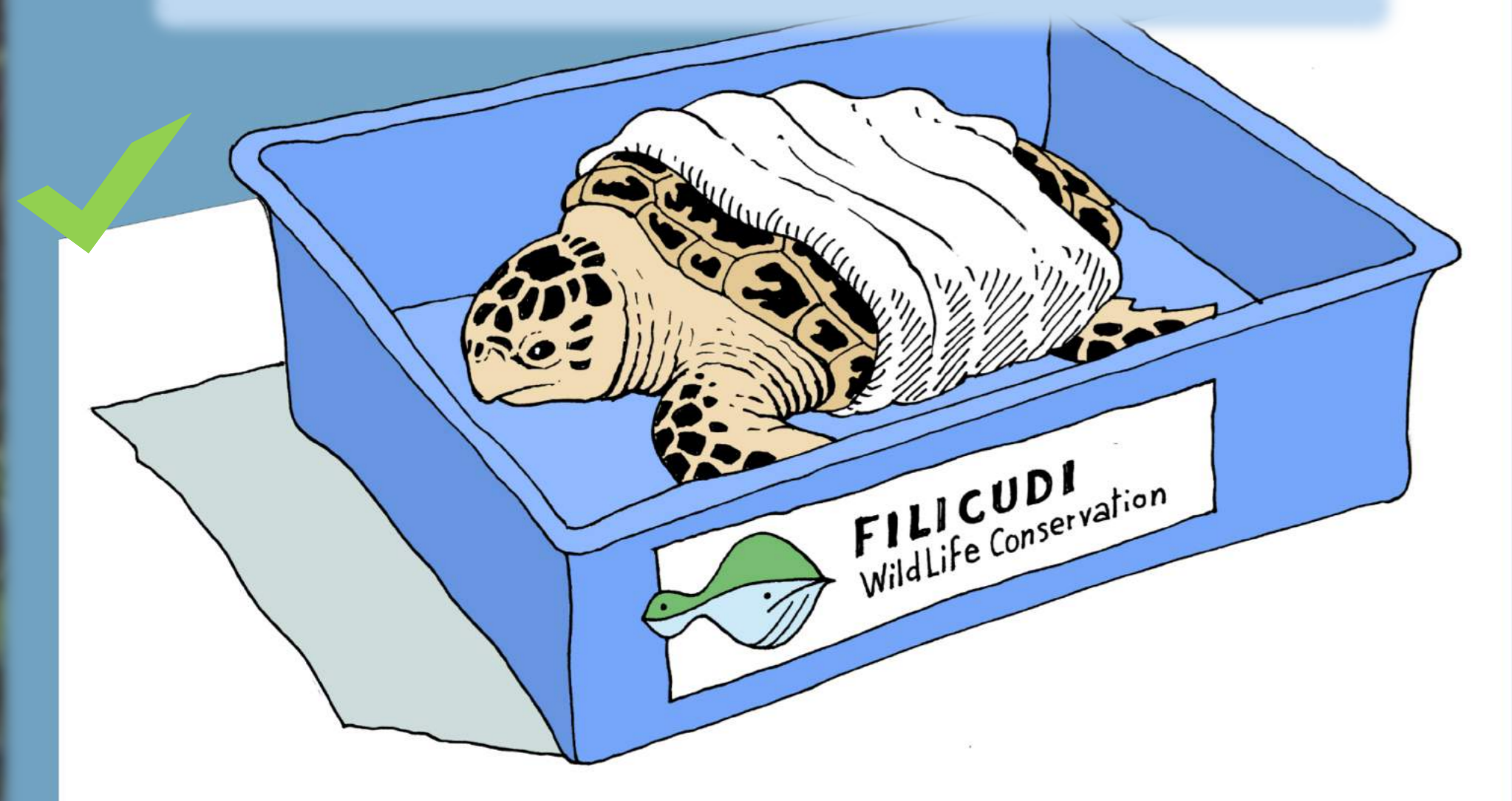
DON'T PULL THE LINE!
You can kill me!

DON'T TOUCH A DEAD TURTLE!
It may carry diseases. **DON'T COLLECT** the shell, this is illegal and prohibited by international law.

How to rescue



How to transfer



Where is the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre?



Filicudi Wildlife Conservation is a non profit organization involved in the research and conservation of cetaceans and sea turtles in the Aeolian Archipelago. The **Sea Turtle Rescue Centre** in Filicudi has rescued more than 250 animals within 10 years.