



Sea turtle

I chose to design a panel with a sea turtle as I think they are such majestic animals. Most species are now classified as endangered due to climate change as well as poaching of both eggs and adults.

Climate change has a number of effects: the sand where the eggs are laid is getting hotter, which leads to fewer eggs hatching and those that do hatch are more likely to be female; warmer sea temperatures cause changes in the currents and disrupt the quantity and distribution of the turtles' food; and nesting beaches are being eroded or destroyed by extreme weather events. Plastics in the ocean are also hazardous to turtles as they can mistake plastic bags for jellyfish and try to eat them.