



Stuart & Gabriella: Turtle Troubles

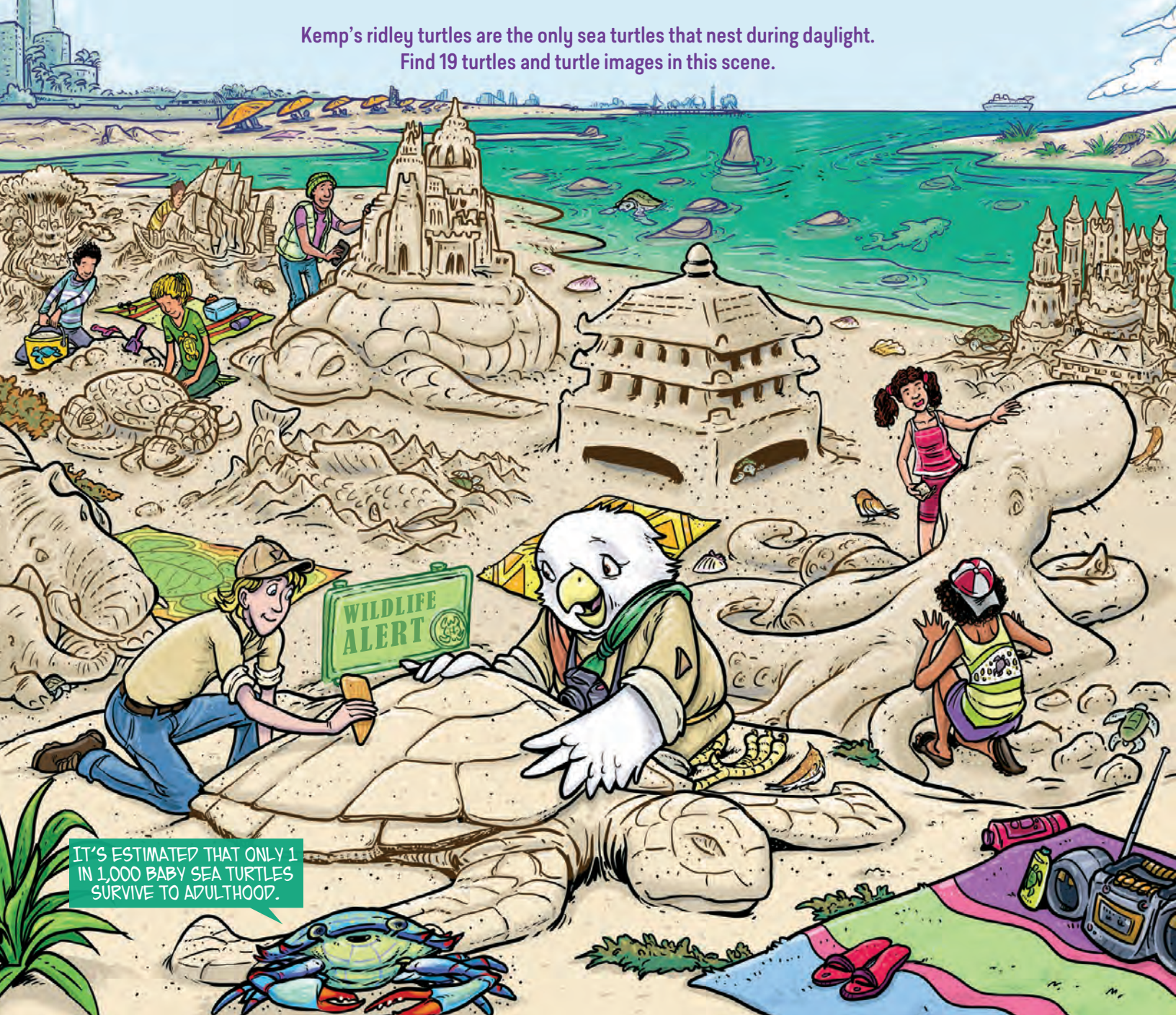


H! Stuart and Gabriella here, coming to you from Texas, U.S. We're excited about the *Arribada*—the mass arrival of nesting turtles from the sea. Kemp's ridley turtles nest on beaches in the Gulf of Mexico. They're one of the smallest sea turtles, at only about two feet long (.6 m). There used to be tens of thousands, but now they're critically endangered. People

were eating the sea turtle eggs, then laws made it illegal. But pollution, habitat loss, and accidental catching by fishers keeps them endangered.

We're doing this life-sized turtle sand art to let more people know about their struggles. Using conservation with creativity can help. So this week, artists are on the scene, and next week, scientists will be here—for the *Arribada*!

**Kemp's ridley turtles are the only sea turtles that nest during daylight.
Find 19 turtles and turtle images in this scene.**



IT'S ESTIMATED THAT ONLY 1 IN 1,000 BABY SEA TURTLES SURVIVE TO ADULTHOOD.