

Country Background Information

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Pargimo

- Developing country.
- Some coastal land development.
- Coastal village income is based on fishing.
- Borders the Republic of United Peoples (RUP).
- Sea turtle and sea turtle eggs are a common food.
- Sea turtles, sea turtles eggs, and products made from sea turtles have been traded internationally for centuries and were an important part of the country's and individuals' incomes.
- Sea turtles migrate from the RUP coast to the Pargimo coast to spend their nonbreeding season.
- Some of the turtles migrate from the south of Pargimo to the north where they lay their eggs on the furthest northeast shores.
- A member of CITES, but lacking financial resources for enforcement.
- Ocean pollution by industrial sources is a concern.

The Republic of United Peoples (RUP)

- Developed country.
- A very active member of CITES with active enforcement.
- Borders Pargimo.
- Sea turtles migrate from the coast of Pargimo to the coast of RUP to lay eggs.
- Coastal lobster and shrimp fishery is a large source of income for many coastal communities.
- Extensive coastal land development.

Chumas

- Developed country.
- Landlocked, therefore no sea turtles.
- Non-enforcing member of CITES.
- Culture encourages the use of sea turtles and sea turtle products as a food source, as a health aid, and for ceremonial uses.
- Black market for sea turtle products that goes unchecked by the government.

