

Country Background Information

Cut out each country and provide this to the students who “live” in the area.

Country: 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 turtle 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 non-breeding 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

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

- 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

Country: Chumas

- Developed country
- Landlocked, therefore, no sea turtles.
- Nonenforceing 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.

Haves Cards

Initially hand these cards out to the students representing the character typed in bold on the card. Most characters will get several cards. These cards will be traded to other characters during the activity.

<p>Country: Chumas Sea turtle jewelry dealer Jewelry <i>May not be sold until received turtles</i></p>	<p>Country: Chumas Restaurant owner Food <i>May not be sold until received turtles</i></p>
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<p>Country: Pargimo Collector of turtles (poacher) Compliance to laws <i>May not be given until receives job</i></p>	<p>Country: Pargimo Judge Judicial order (to set aside habitat) <i>Will not be issued until receives professional recognition from CITES.</i></p>
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<p>Country: Pargimo Government bureaucrat Land Development Permit <i>Cannot be given until a judicial order is received</i></p>	<p>Country: Pargimo Law enforcement officer Safety <i>May be given at any time</i></p>
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<p>Country: The Republic of United Peoples CITES organization head in Pargimo Professional recognition May be given at any time</p>	<p>Country: The Republic of United Peoples Sea turtle advocate Start-up funds May be given at any time</p>

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Scenario Cards

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

CITES organization head stationed in Pargimo

You are trying to ensure that the agreements of CITES are being enforced. You are well connected to government and environmental organizations in your country, and are willing to help anyone achieve recognition who facilitates compliance with CITES regulations.

Wants:

Compliance by poacher
Compliance by trader
Compliance by ceremonial sea turtle buyer

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

Sea turtle advocate

You are an advocate for the protection of endangered and threatened species. You would like to see the coastal areas left in a natural state and the citizens respecting the new laws to protect the turtles. You are well financed.

Wants:

Beach in natural condition
Compliance by poacher
Compliance by trader
Compliance by ceremonial sea turtle buyer

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

Wealthy Developer

Because of increased demands for isolated vacation sites, your company plans to buy land on the southeast coast of Pargimo – natural areas that are prime sea turtle egg laying habitat. You plan to develop the area by building an elegant but rustic looking hotel/lodge to make a profit for the company and its investors.

Wants:

Money
Land
Land development permit

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

Entrepreneur

You would like to make a fresh start and move to Pargimo. The business you would like to develop is a turtle farm. Most of the turtles raised on the farm will be sold to local companies, although a set number can be donated to natural resource agencies each year. You need a loan to begin the business.

Wants:

Start-up funds
Business operating license
Hotel

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

Tourist

You are looking for rare items (food and jewelry) to buy. You also need some experimental medicines not found in the RUP. On future trips, you would like to find a safe, comfortable hotel for you and your family to “get away from it all.” You would also like to find out about local natural features for this next trip.

Wants:

Food Jewelry
Medicine Safety
Information on natural features

Country: The Republic of United Peoples

Owner of pharmaceutical company

Your company makes medicines, but the high cost of labor in the RUP is forcing you to move to Pargimo, where salaries are lower. It would also be closer to the source of turtle eggs, which contain chemicals that are ingredients in some medicines.

Wants:

Money
Turtle eggs
Business operating license

Scenario Cards

Country: Chumas

Sea turtle jewelry dealer

Because you know how valuable sea turtle jewelry is all over the world, you buy as much as you can, even though it is prohibited.

Want:

Turtles
Money

Country: Chumas

Restaurant owner:

The people of your community have been eating sea turtle for thousands of years as a delicacy. You buy as many eggs and turtles as you.

Wants:

Turtles
Turtle eggs
Money

County: Chumas

Turtle trader

Middle class. You buy sea turtles from collectors in Pargimo to sell to companies in Chumas that make medicine, ceremonial products, and traditional food. Although your work has been respected and needed, it has now become illegal.

Wants:

Job

Country: Chumas

Ceremonial sea turtle buyer

You buy products made from sea turtles to sell for ceremonial uses. People in your community have been using sea turtles people for generations. Without them, the ceremonies would fail harm would fall on the village.

Wants:

Turtles

Country: Chumas

Turtle egg trader

Middle class. You buy sea turtle eggs from collectors in Pargimo to sell to companies in Chumas that make medicine and traditional food. Although your work has been respected and needed, it has now become illegal.

Wants:

Job

Country: Pargimo

Government bureaucrat

You are interested in the agency operating efficiently. You have received a request for a special land development permit, but because of the new CITES regulations, must wait for judicial orders before you can fulfill this request.

Wants:

Judicial order (requiring beach habitat to be set aside) for coastal building permits.

Scenario Cards

Country: Pargimo

Landowner

You have extensive coastal land holdings but are cash poor and need money to rejuvenate other businesses. You believe wild animals are property of landowners. You want poachers arrested.

Wants:

Capital investment funds

Country: Pargimo

Judge

You are frustrated by a lack of professional recognition for community efforts. You would like to further CITES by requiring developers to set aside beach natural areas for turtle habitat when applying for building permits. You hope that ecotourism will develop. You believe wildlife belongs to the public for protection.

Wants:

Professional recognition

County: Pargimo

Collector of Turtles (poacher)

You poach turtles from the beach and ocean to sell to traders in Chumas in order to support a large family. You believe wildlife should be available for public taking, but would prefer a legal job.

Wants:

Job

Country: Pargimo

Collector of turtle eggs (poacher)

You poach turtle eggs from the beach to sell to traders in Chumas in order to support a large family. You believe wildlife should be available for public taking, but would prefer a legal job.

Wants:

Job

Country: Pargimo

Wildlife biologist and manager

You are frustrated by poaching of turtles and by news of potential beach development. You would like to see the beaches protected and have a way to replenish the population of baby turtles. You believe wildlife belongs to the public.

Wants:

Beach in natural condition
Compliance by poachers
Turtle eggs

Country: Pargimo

Law officer

You are required to arrest poachers and traders of turtles or turtle products. Your position is difficult because you personally know the families that are trying to subsist through this illegal activity. You believe wildlife should be available for public taking, and you wish you did not have to arrest poachers.

Wants:

Compliance by poacher
Compliance by trader
Compliance by ceremonial sea turtle buyer