



Term 4, Lesson 2

Collaboration with First Nations People

Learning Objectives:

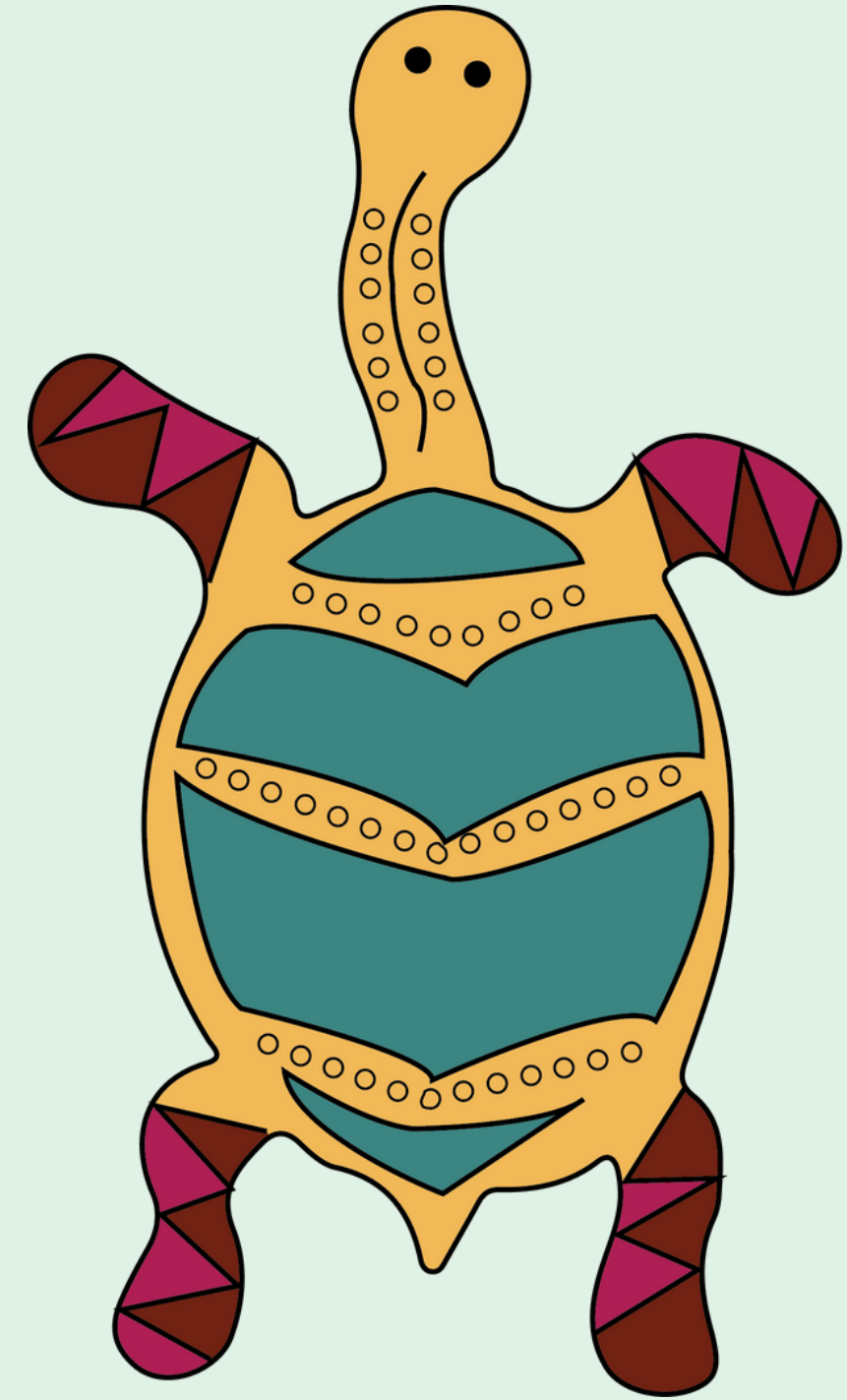
1. Recognise the importance of collaboration with First Nations People when developing and implementing conservation strategies for freshwater turtle species.



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Collaboration with First Nations People

Collaboration with First Nations People is crucial for the conservation of native species due to the profound connection Indigenous communities often have with the land, its biodiversity and their traditional ecological knowledge.



Importance of collaboration

Cultural knowledge and traditional practices -

Indigenous communities often possess rich and unique knowledge about local ecosystems, such as the behaviour, habitats and significance of native species.

Sustainable resource management -

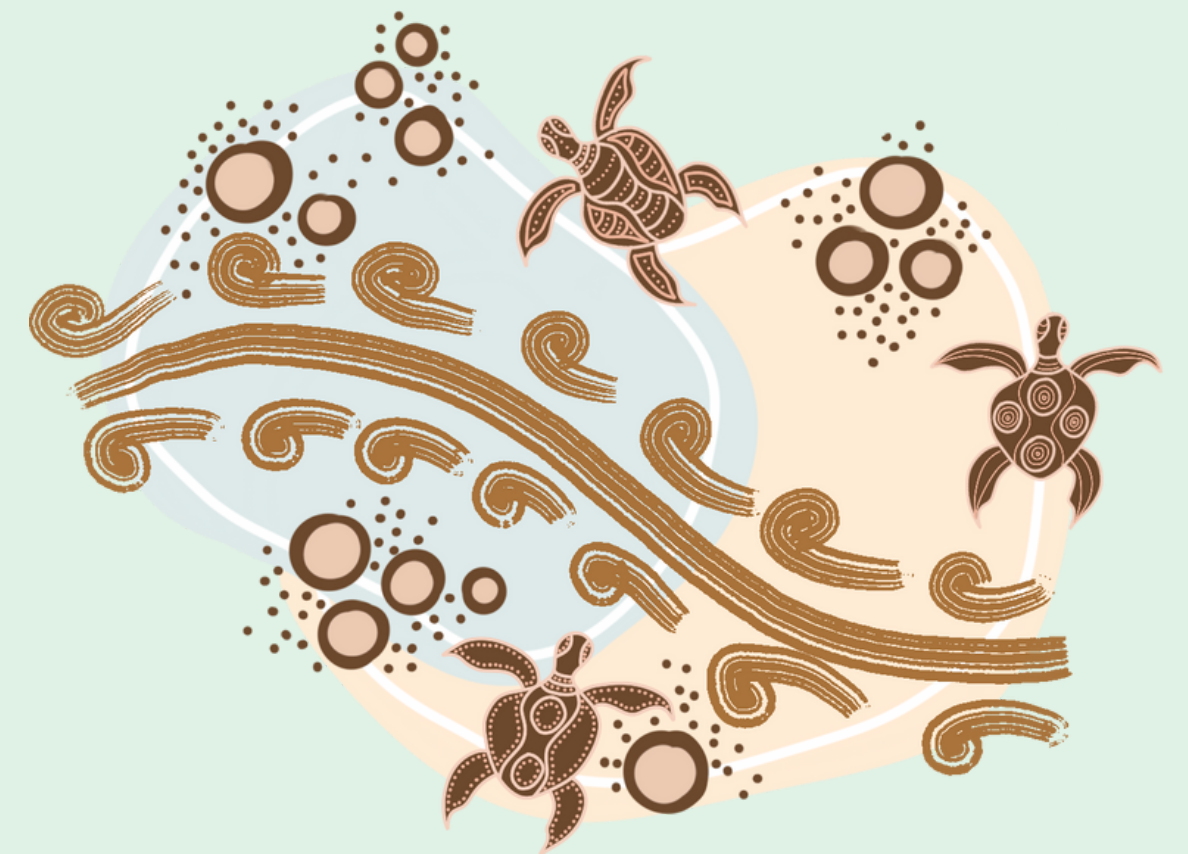
traditional land management practices contribute to the maintenance of healthy ecosystems, benefiting native species.



Importance of collaboration

Stewardship values - collaboration brings a holistic perspective that goes beyond scientific data and considers the spiritual and cultural dimensions of conservation.

Conserving biodiversity - Indigenous communities play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of ecosystems, contributing to the overall health and resilience of the environment.



Importance of collaboration

Preserving cultural heritage - Indigenous cultures have stories, traditions and ceremonies linked to native species. Collaboration ensures cultural connections are acknowledged and respected, contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage.

Effective conservation strategies - Indigenous communities can provide insights into the specific needs and threats faces by native species, helping tailor conservation plans to the local context.



Classroom Activities

Activity 1 -

- In groups, brainstorm ideas for a collaborative approach to researching and conserving freshwater turtles.
- Focus on your local wetland.
- Include both Indigenous and scientific perspectives.



Classroom Activities

Activity 1 - Continued

- Design a visual representation of your collaborative approach (i.e. poster or diagram).
- Present your design to the class and explain the role of First Nations People and scientists in the conservation of freshwater turtles.

