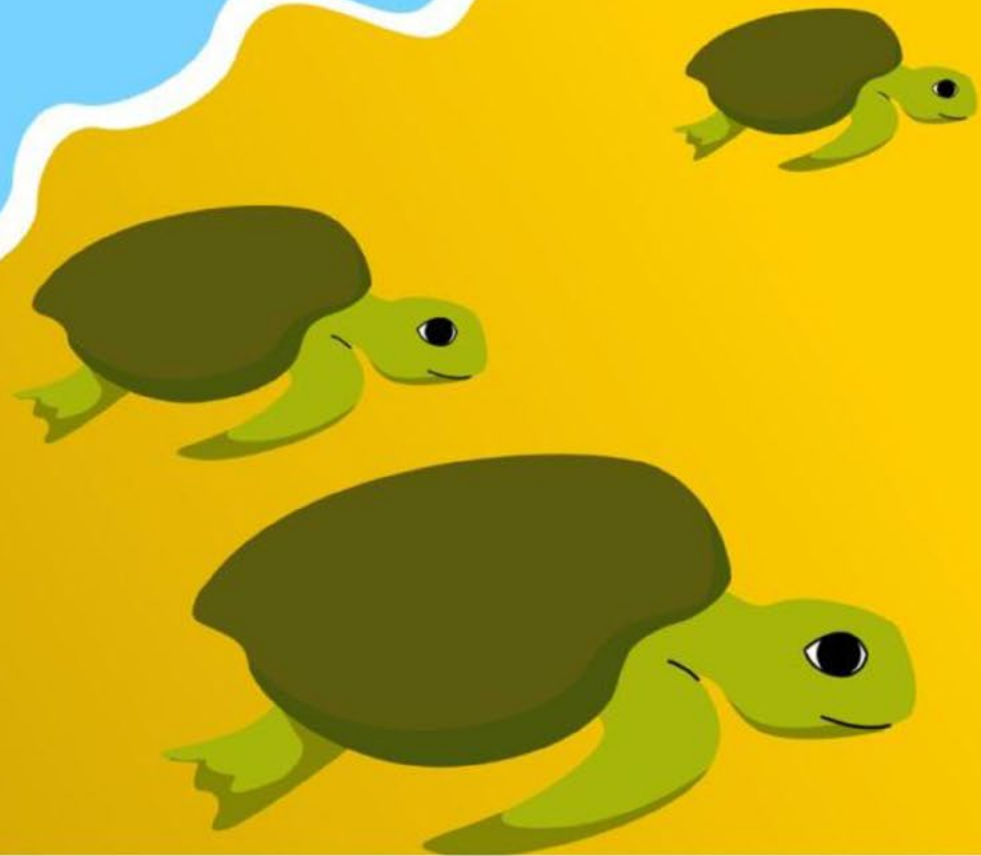


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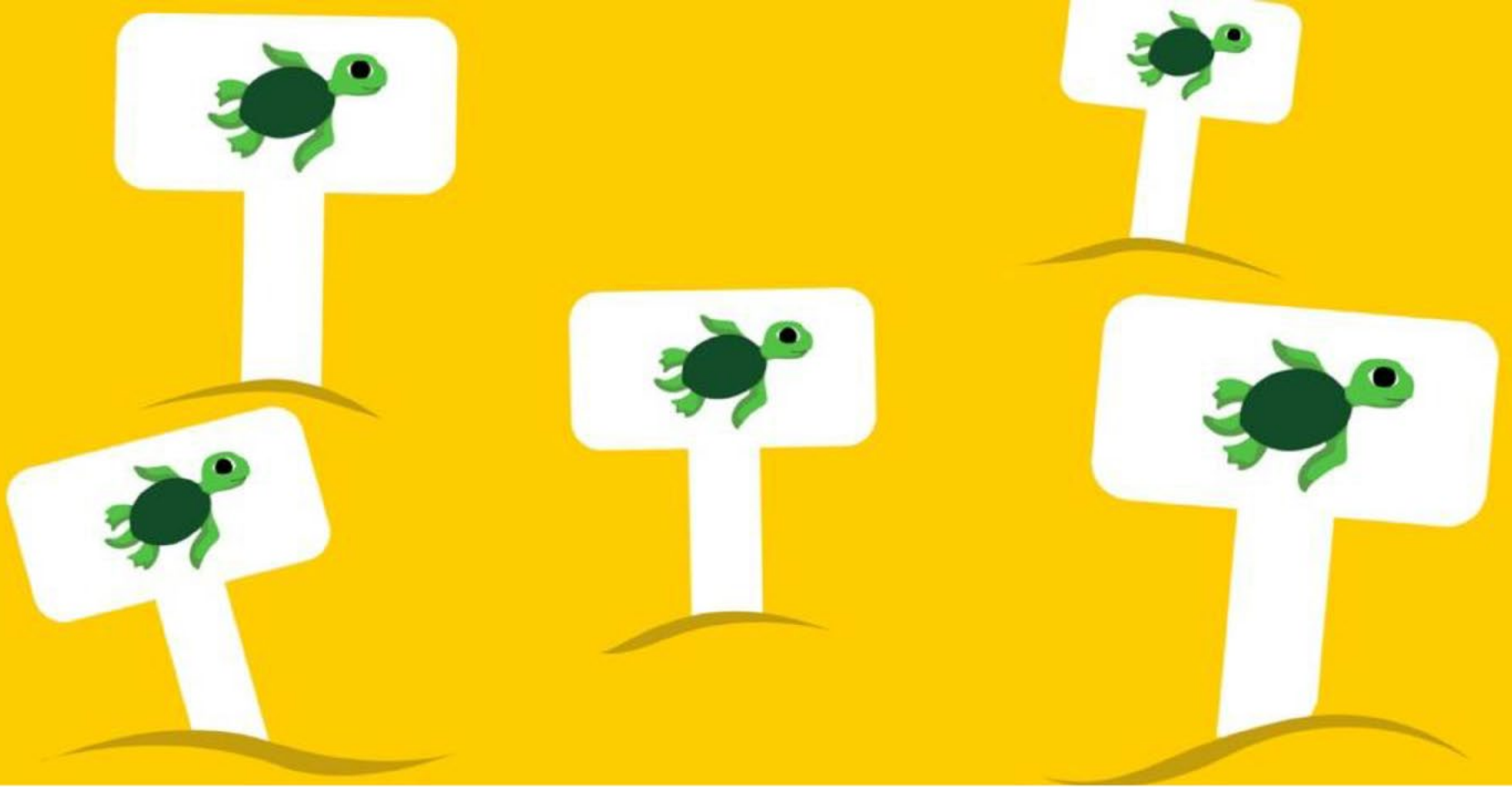

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Since 2002 our hotel has been part of the sea turtle protection program, currently featuring the biggest turtle nursery at Puerto Vallarta. We invite you to know more about this program and join us for the lifetime experience of releasing a baby turtle during your next visit.



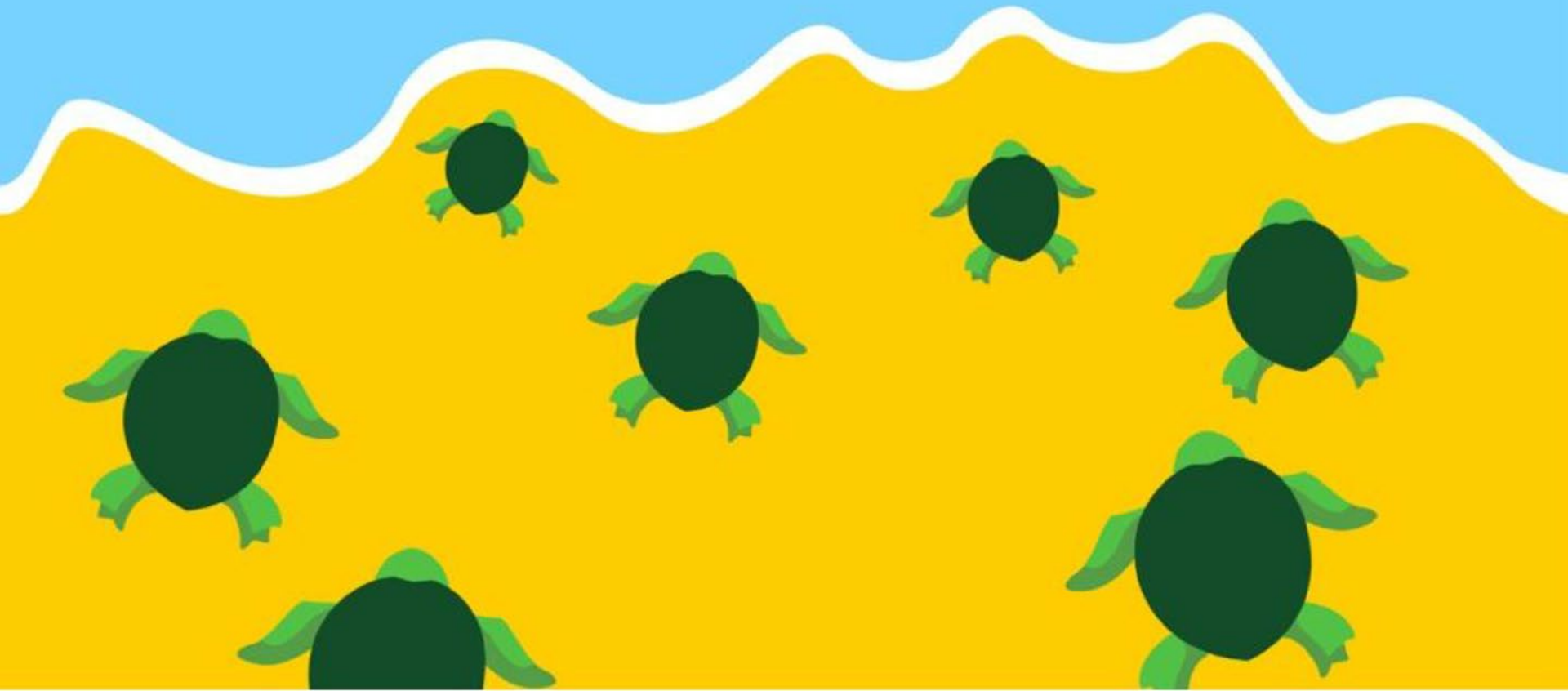
From June to December, Olive Ridley sea turtles leave the ocean to lay their eggs on Puerto Vallarta's beaches. Once on the beach, the female turtle digs her nest and lays approximately 100 eggs which she then covers with sand and returns to the ocean. Our marine biologists and trained volunteers then carefully collect the nest and take them to our nursery to protect them from predators.



After approximately 45 days the nests hatch and the baby turtles dig their way to the surface. It is not possible at this age to tell if the hatchlings are male or female, however the sex of turtles is determined by incubation temperature. Warmer temperatures produce mainly females and cooler temperatures produce more males.



Once the turtles have hatched they are ready to enter the ocean. The rest of their time is spent in the ocean where they migrate thousands of kilometers during their lifetime in search of food.



During season, the baby turtles that are born are released to the ocean at sunset at special ceremony leaded by our marine biologist.



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Those who survived to adulthood will return to the beach where they were released in 13 years to lay their own eggs.