EELS AND LADDERS

CAN YOUR EEL MIGRATE TO SAFETY FIRST?

You will need a dice, counters, 2+ players

START
Welcome to the Sargasso Sea!

1. Over 1,000 mile migration from East Coast complete
2. Adults spawn successfully
3. Millions of eggs laid
4. Eggs hatch quickly
5. Leptocephalus: Larvae ride currents for 1 year
6. Made it to estuaries like the Hudson River!
7. Predator attack!
8. Glass Eel: 2 inches long and transparent
9. Elver: Enter streams, rivers & marshlands
10. Glass Eel: Measuring up to 4 feet & seabound
11. Feasting on fish & invertebrates
12. Breeding adults: complete life cycle and die
13. Climate change increases ocean water temperatures
14. You made it to the spawning grounds! Move forward 1 space
15. Global eel population decline EVERY player back 5 spaces
16. Illegal Trade reduces numbers
17. Polluted River
18. Wetland habitat lost. Move back 1 space
19. Stopped by river barriers
20. Conditions are good & eels travel quickly
21. Advances 4 spaces
22. You will need a dice, counters, 2+ players
23. Moving on to the Sargasso Sea!
24. Welcome to the Sargasso Sea!
25. Eel ladders at the base of barriers to their migration (such as dams and poorly designed culverts)
can help eels get to important upstream habitats
26. Breeding adults: complete life cycle and die
27. Climate change increases ocean water temperatures
28. You made it to the spawning grounds! Move forward 1 space
29. Breeding adults: complete life cycle and die
30. Wetland habitat lost. Move back 1 space
31. Feasting on fish & invertebrates
32. Breeding adults: complete life cycle and die
33. Glass Eel: Measuring up to 4 feet & seabound
34. Made it to estuaries like the Hudson River!
35. Millions of eggs laid
36. Conditions are good & eels travel quickly
37. Pollution
38. Nearly home to the Sargasso Sea!
39. Eel ladders at the base of barriers to their migration (such as dams and poorly designed culverts)
can help eels get to important upstream habitats
40. Global eel population decline EVERY player back 5 spaces
41. You made it to the spawning grounds! Move forward 1 space
42. Climate change increases ocean water temperatures
43. Breeding adults: complete life cycle and die
44. Glass Eel: Measuring up to 4 feet & seabound
45. Breeding adults: complete life cycle and die
46. Glass Eel: Measuring up to 4 feet & seabound

FINISH
Well done! You made it back to spawn!

CLIMB UP THE LADDERS AND SLIDE DOWN THE EELS

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