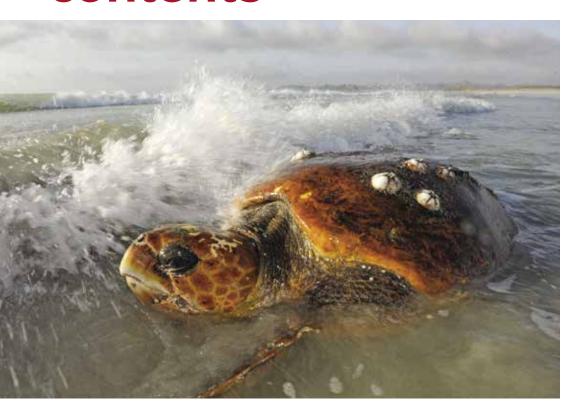
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Find Mr. Leatherback! How many times can you spot Mr. Leatherback's distinctive silhouette in this issue of SWOT Report? Check the SWOT website at www.SeaTurtleStatus.org for the correct answer!

Masirah Island, Oman – Although still considered one of the largest loggerhead rookeries in the world, this population is declining rapidly. I patrolled the beach at first light each day, hoping to encounter a straggling nester still on the beach at sunrise. Finally we found this giant, barnacle-encrusted, ancient-looking female. I knew as she entered the waves that my shot was in the surf, so I followed her in, ultimately sacrificing some of my gear to capture this image. © Thomas P. Peschak

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