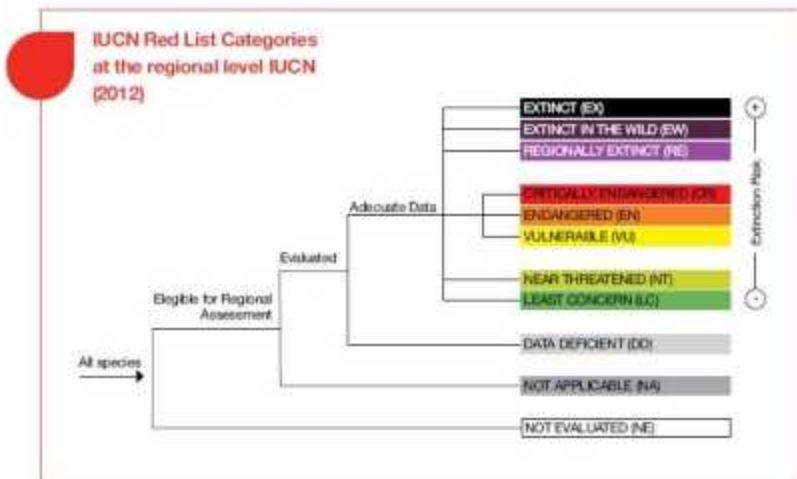


Bay of Biscay and Northern Portugal, travelling further south, between Southern Portugal and Morocco during winter and spring. During migration and movement between foraging grounds, some individuals are lured into the rich waters of Cadiz bay, where productivity is enhanced by outflows from the Guadiana and Guadalquivir Rivers. These individuals may then disperse into the Mediterranean*.

Leatherbacks feed on jellyfish and other oceanic invertebrates, which they trap in their oesophagus with special spiny structures. Floating plastic bags in the sea can be mistaken for jellyfish and kill leatherbacks that eat them.

Leatherback turtles are globally threatened and classed as Vulnerable in the IUCN Red List of threatened species due to anthropogenic impacts on populations worldwide.



Artisanal boats using trammel nets

