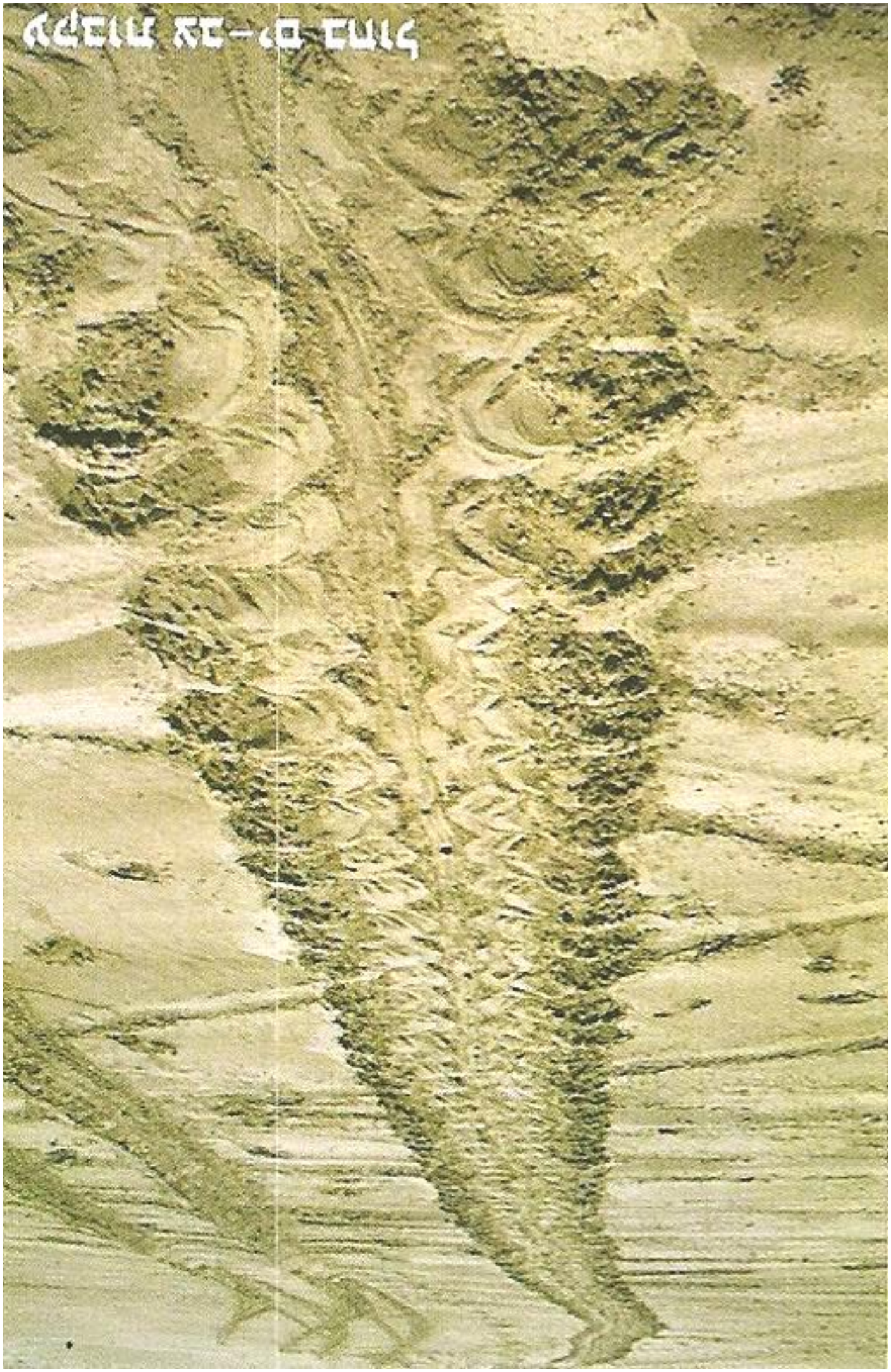
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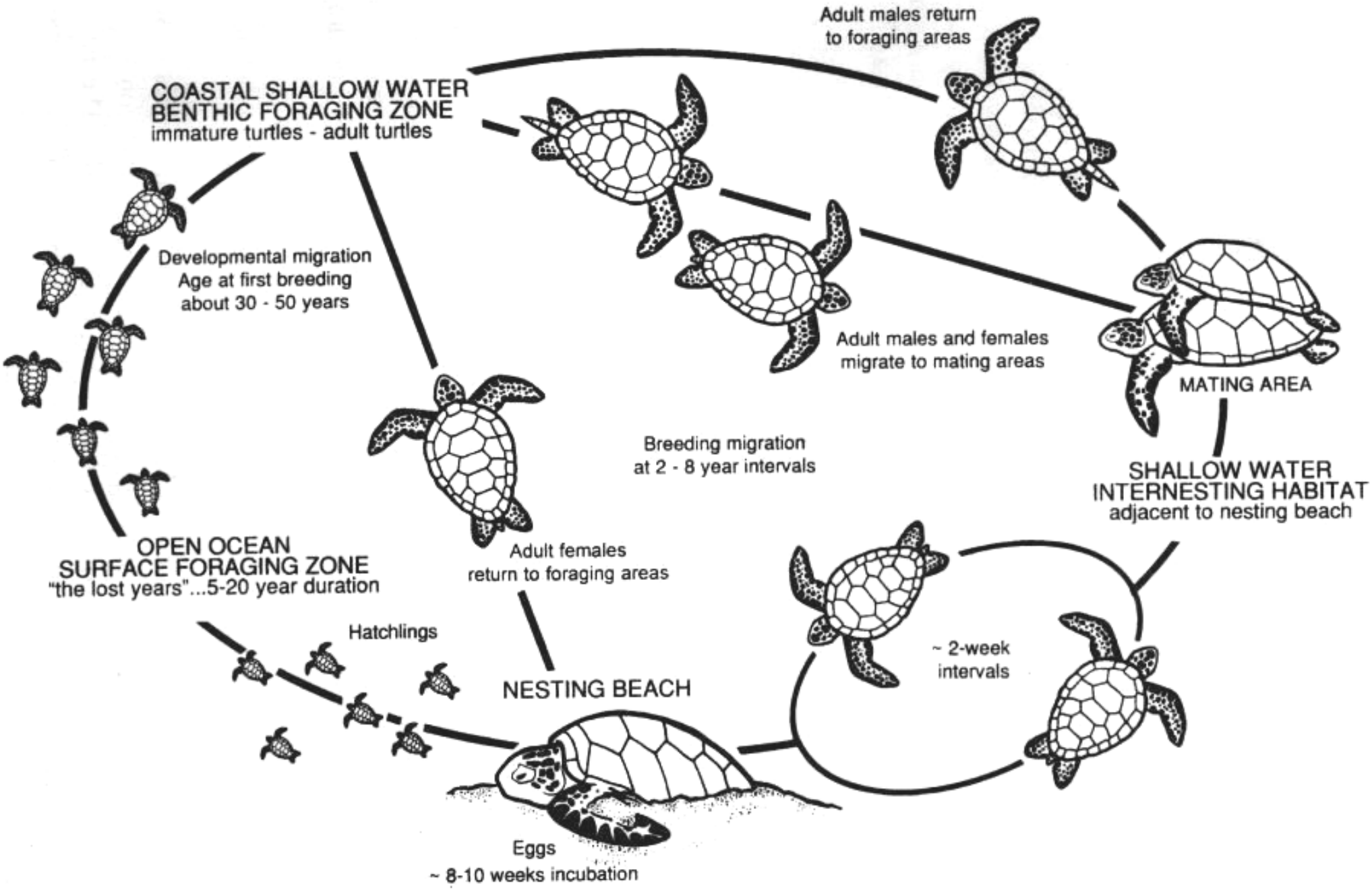
Adult males return
to foraging areas
COASTAL SHALLOW WATER
BENTHIC FORAGING ZONE
immature turtles - adult turtles
Developmental migration
Age at first breeding
about 30 - 50 years
Adult males and females
migrate to mating areas
MATING AREA
Breeding migration
at 2 - 8 year intervals
SHALLOW WATER
INTERNESTING HABITAT
adjacent to nesting beach
OPEN OCEAN
SURFACE FORAGING ZONE
"the lost years"...5-20 year duration
Adult females
return to foraging areas
Hatchlings
~ 2-week
intervals
NESTING BEACH
Eggs
~ 8-10 weeks incubation