

## Worksheet - Illegal Traps Kill Platypuses

Read the article "Illegal Traps Kill Platypuses" from the Central Coast Express Advocate (2 Dec, 2004). Answer the following questions:



1. Use a Central Coast Map to find out where Yarramalong is.
2. What creek or river flows in this area? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Using the map and other local knowledge, describe the features of this area:  
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\_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the 2 government departments that Steve has contacted?  
a) \_\_\_\_\_ b) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Find out what the word "jurisdiction" means.  
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6. Why do fisheries say that platypus are not under their jurisdiction?  
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7. How many platypus did Steve find in the nets? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What are the nets used for?  
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9. Where are the traps banned? When did this happen?  
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10. How does Mr. Brooks describe platypus?  
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11. How do platypus die in the traps?  
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12. Finish the following sentences:

The platypus lives in deeper pools and \_\_\_\_\_ along with most of the \_\_\_\_\_ streams in Wyong Shire's water supply \_\_\_\_\_.

Platypus are an \_\_\_\_\_ and can remain under water for only \_\_\_\_\_.