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LITERATURE

EAGLE RAYS SWIM IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN FROM BRITAIN TO SENEGAL AS WELL AS THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ADRIATIC SEAS. THEY ARE MORE ACTIVE THAN STINGRAYS FEEDING ON CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS THEY FORAGE ON THE SEA BED. THEY ARE LARGE GRACEFUL FISH WITH POINTED WING LIKE PECTORAL FINS AND EXTRAORDINARY LONG THIN

TAILS. THESE WERE SOMETIMES PUT TO USE BY SAILORS AND MADE INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF PUNISHMENT.

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