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LITERATURE

IN JAPAN TURTLES WERE THOUGHT TO LIVE TO A GREAT AGE, AFTER REACHING ONE THOUSAND YEARS THEY GREW A TAIL, BECAME ONE OF THE FOUR IMMORTAL ANIMALS THE 'MINOGAME' AND CONTINUED TO LIVE TO BE TEN THOUSAND YEARS OLD. IT IS THUS A SYMBOL OF LONGEVITY AND ENDURANCE, AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE A LUCKY OMEN TO FISHERMAN.

