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?

3. Using the map and other local knowledge, describe the features of this area:

4. What are the 2 government departments that Steve has contacted?
   a) ___________________________ b) _______________________________

5. **Find out what the word “jurisdiction” means.**

6. Why do fisheries say that platypus are not under their jurisdiction?

7. How many platypus did Steve find in the nets?

8. What are the nets used for?

9. Where are the traps banned? When did this happen?

10. How does Mr. Brooks describe platypus?

11. How do platypus die in the traps?

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 ________________.