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It was a perfect summer morning on the beach in Rio de Janeiro. A man set up his umbrella and chair near the water and was ready to read his book. Just then, when he looked toward the sea, he noticed a small shape that came out of the water. It slowly made its way out onto the sand and began to flap (拍动) its wings. It was obviously feeble and tired.

When the creature was just a few feet away, the man couldn’t believe his eyes. A penguin? Penguins don’t belong to Rio. The man was amazed. He looked around to see if there was anyone else nearby to see this strange sight.

A jogger soon appeared, followed by another. They stopped and stared. It was clear that the penguin was having trouble breathing. The first jogger looked at the sea and said, “Poor fellow, so far away from home.”

The penguin fell to its side. It had swum 2,000 miles, trying to find the tiny anchovies (鳀鱼) that penguins like to eat. Why did the penguin need to travel so far? Perhaps it was confused by shifting ocean currents and temperatures — common effects of global warming. The penguin needed help. It would not survive on the hot sand.

One of the joggers phoned for help, and soon some firemen arrived. The man was relieved that the penguin would soon be safe, although he felt a little sad, too.

The event on the beach at Rio happened some time ago. It was only the beginning of penguin migration (迁移) to Brazil. Since that time, hundreds of penguins have appeared on the coasts of Brazil. They come all the way from Patagonia and the Straits of Magellan, southern parts of South America. They land on the sands exhausted and starving, and many of them die. Some are shipped or flown back to colder waters farther south.

Perhaps the experience of the penguins will help us better understand the serious effect of human activity on climate change and on the condition of our planet.

**1. What does the underlined word “feeble” in the first paragraph probably mean?**

A. Heavy. B. Excited. C. Dirty. D. Weak.

**2. Why did the man think it strange to see a penguin?**

A. Penguins there had already died out. B. Penguins do not live in Brazil.

C. The penguin was not afraid of him. D. The penguin was moving very fast.

**3. What probably caused the penguin to land on the beach in Rio?**

A. Shifts in ocean currents and temperatures. B. Pollution in South America.

C. Energy from the sun. D. Sea ice decreasing.

**4. What is the best title for the text?**

A. Beaches in Brazil. B. A Penguin’s Life.

C. Effects of Global Warming. D. The Penguins of Brazil.