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meet the turtles

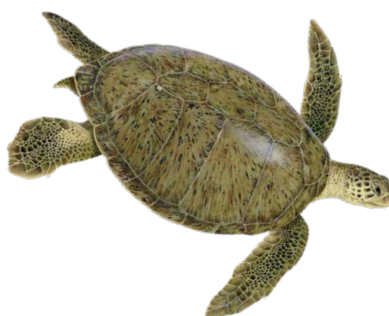
The seven sea turtle species that grace our oceans belong to a unique evolutionary lineage that dates back at least 110 million years. Sea turtles fall into two main subgroups: (a) the unique family *Dermochelyidae*, which consists of a single species, the leatherback, and (b) the family *Cheloniidae*, which comprises the six species of hard-shelled sea turtles.



Flatback (*Natator depressus*)
IUCN Red List status: Data Deficient



Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*)
IUCN Red List status: Critically Endangered



Green (*Chelonia mydas*)
IUCN Red List status: Endangered



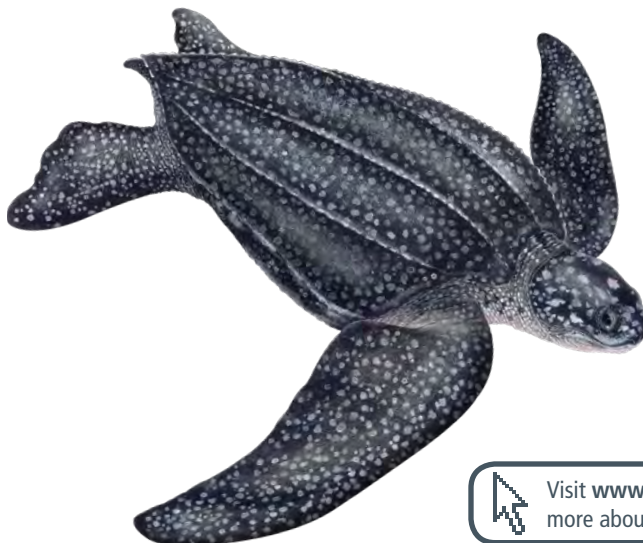
Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*)
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable



Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)
IUCN Red List status: Critically Endangered



Olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable



Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable

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