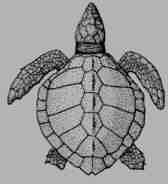


# Sea Turtles

## Found on Florida Beaches



Turtle nest marked and monitored by volunteers



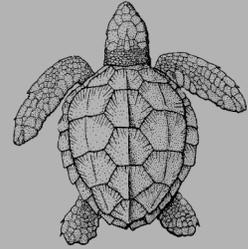
Smallest sea turtle  
Shell length: 30 inches  
Weight: 80-100 pounds  
Color: Olive gray  
Food: Mostly crabs



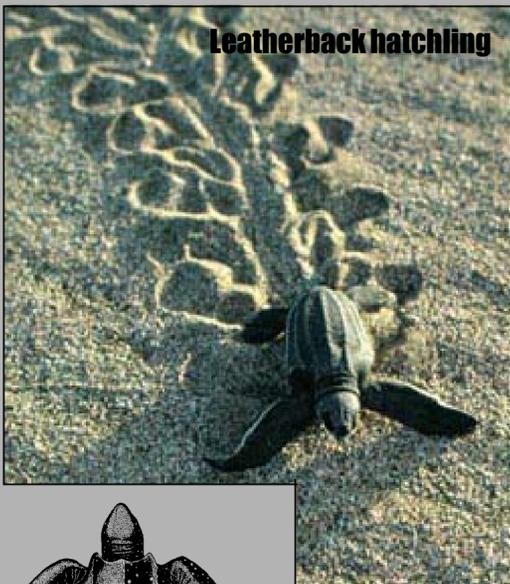
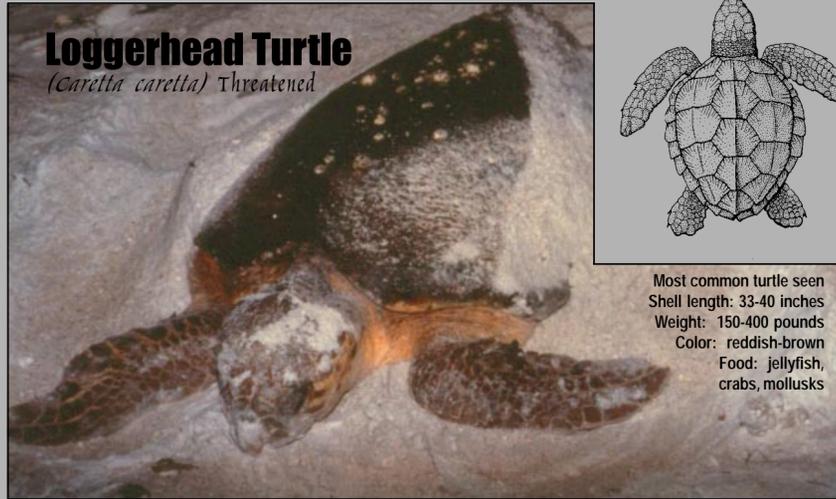
**Kemp's Ridley Turtle**  
*(Lepidochelys kempii)* Endangered

### Loggerhead Turtle

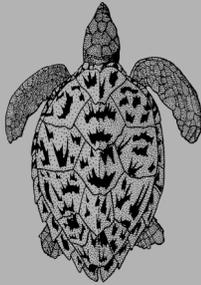
*(Caretta caretta)* Threatened



Most common turtle seen  
Shell length: 33-40 inches  
Weight: 150-400 pounds  
Color: reddish-brown  
Food: jellyfish, crabs, mollusks



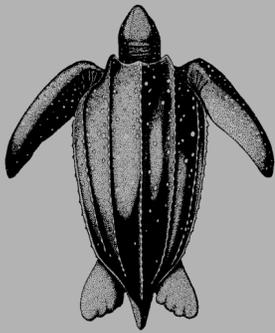
### Leatherback hatchling



Attractive shell, hawk-like beak  
Shell length: 30-36 inches  
Weight: 100-200 pounds  
Color: golds and browns  
Food: sponges



**Hawksbill Turtle**  
*(Eretmochelys imbricata)* Endangered



### Leatherback Turtle

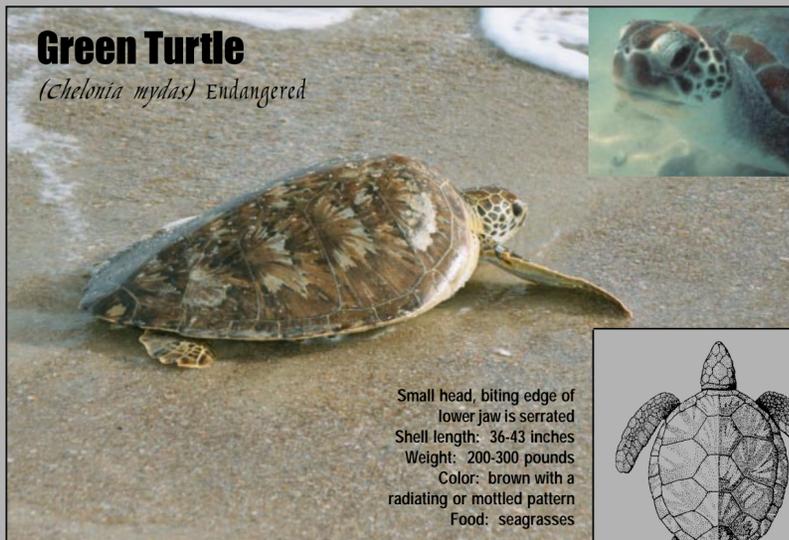
*(Dermochelys coriacea)* Endangered

Largest sea turtle—firm, rubbery skin  
Shell length: up to 6 feet  
Weight: up to 1,400 pounds  
Color: black with white blotches  
Food: jellyfish

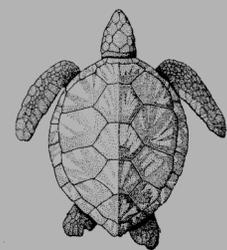


### Green Turtle

*(Chelonia mydas)* Endangered



Small head, biting edge of lower jaw is serrated  
Shell length: 36-43 inches  
Weight: 200-300 pounds  
Color: brown with a radiating or mottled pattern  
Food: seagrasses



For more information about sea turtles, turtle walks or volunteer opportunities, please visit these web sites:  
[www.floridaconservation.org/psm](http://www.floridaconservation.org/psm)  
[www.floridamarine.org](http://www.floridamarine.org)



or write to:  
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
620 South Meridian Street, OES-BPS  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600

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**Resource Protection:**  
1 (888) 404-FWCC (3922)



Nesting Loggerhead

Sea turtles are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and by the Marine Turtle Protection Act, Florida Statute 370.12. It is illegal to import, sell or transport turtles or their products in interstate or foreign commerce. This law applies to someone digging up turtle eggs as well as tourists bringing turtle souvenirs home from other countries.