



Sea Turtles

For more than 100 million years sea turtles have covered vast distances across the world's oceans, filling a vital role in the balance of marine habitats.

7 species of sea turtles grace our ocean waters and most are endangered



LEATHERBACK
Dermochelys coriacea

STATUS: Critically Endangered
LENGTH: 55-63 inches
DIET: Jellyfish



LOGGERHEAD
Caretta caretta

STATUS: Endangered
LENGTH: 33-49 inches
DIET: Clams, sea urchins



GREEN TURTLE
Chelonia mydas

STATUS: Endangered
LENGTH: 31-47 inches
DIET: Seagrass



FLATBACK
Natator depressus

STATUS: Data Deficient
LENGTH: 31-37 inches
DIET: Crabs, other crustaceans, mollusks



HAWKSBILL
Eretmochelys imbricata

STATUS: Critically Endangered
LENGTH: 30-35 inches
DIET: Sponges, sea anemones



KEMP'S RIDLEY
Lepidochelys kempii

STATUS: Critically Endangered
LENGTH: 24-28 inches
DIET: Crabs, other crustaceans, mollusks



OLIVE RIDLEY
Lepidochelys olivacea

STATUS: Vulnerable
LENGTH: 24-28 inches
DIET: Crabs, other crustaceans, mollusks

Deadly Threats at Every Life Stage



BYCATCH

The incidental capture of non-target species when fishing.



ILLEGAL TRADE AND DIRECT CONSUMPTION

Used for meat, eggs, shell, leather, curios.



HABITAT LOSS

Uncontrolled coastal development destroys or disturbs nesting beaches.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Global warming could skew sex ratios, resulting in more females.

90% population decline of Eastern Pacific leatherbacks over the last 30 years

Tens of Thousands

of sea turtles are lost each year to overharvesting and illegal trade

4,950 turtles are caught each year as bycatch by Indonesian longline vessels alone

How You Can Help



PURCHASE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD

Pledge to buy seafood that's certified as being sustainable and urge stores and restaurants to carry certified fish.



MAKE A GOOD BUY WHEN TRAVELING

Think twice and ask at least a few questions before buying that tortoiseshell souvenir, coral jewelry or snakeskin belt.



SUPPORT SEA TURTLE ECOTOURISM

Book a sustainable tour to see turtles, particularly when it benefits local communities.