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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: the unique family Dermochelyidae, which consists of a single species, the leatherback; and 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



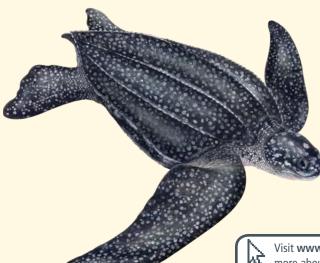
Loggerhead (Caretta caretta) IUCN Red List status: Endangered



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: Critically Endangered

Visit www.SeaTurtleStatus.org to learn more about all seven sea turtle species!