

MARINE TURTLE

Set 1



Scientific name: Chelonioidae
General Name: Marine Turtle

Marine turtles are ancient animals that lived when dinosaurs were alive. They swim in the ocean and lay their eggs on sandy beaches.

Appearance

Marine turtles have a hard shell, four strong flippers and a beak-like mouth. Their shell protects them like armour.

Habitat

Marine turtles live in oceans around the world and visit beaches to lay their eggs. Baby turtles hatch in the sand and crawl to the water.

Different kinds of marine turtles eat different foods. Some are herbivores, some are omnivores and some are carnivores.

Green Turtle	Herbivore/Omnivore
Loggerhead Turtle	Carnivore
Leatherback Turtle	Carnivore
Flatback Turtle	Omnivore
Hawksbill Turtle	Carnivore
Olive Ridley Turtle	Omnivore

Food

Marine turtles eat plants and animals such as seagrass, jellyfish and crabs. Their beaks help them bite and chew.

Predators

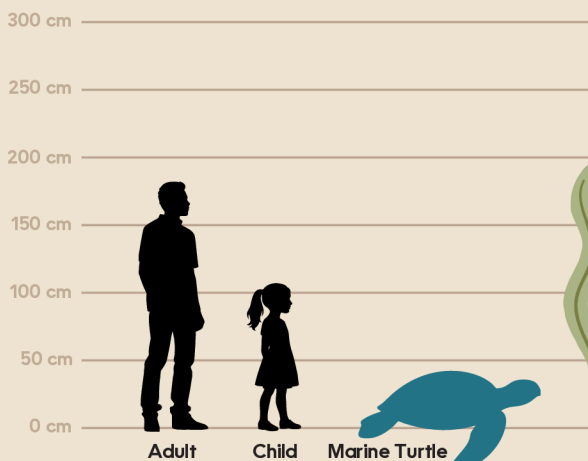
Foxes, pigs, dogs and other predators eat turtle eggs and hatchlings. Big sharks are known to hunt adult turtles.

Behaviour

Marine turtles travel long distances to find their way back to the beach where they were born. The sand temperature decides if the babies are boys or girls.

Looking after our beaches and seas helps keep marine turtles safe.

HOW BIG ARE THEY?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Turtles remove salt through a special gland near their eye.
- Warm sand makes girls; cool sand makes boys.
- Green Turtles are omnivores when young and herbivores as adults.

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