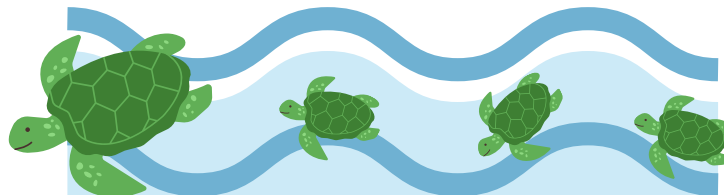


30 Sea Turtle Facts FOR KIDS!



1. Sea turtles have been on Earth for more than 220 million years.
2. Sea turtles can live to be 100 years old.
3. Sea turtles can't hide their heads and legs inside their shells!
4. Sea turtles have stronger muscles than humans!
5. Green sea turtles are the world's largest species of hard-shelled sea turtle, with most weighing about 300 to 400 pounds.
6. The largest sea turtle ever discovered weighed around 2,020 pounds with a length of 9.8 feet.
7. Sea turtles cry!
8. Male sea turtles spend their entire lives underwater.
9. Sea turtles have a form of GPS.
10. Females return to the beach where they were born to lay their own eggs.
11. Sea turtles are well known for migrating long distances - even over 1,000 miles!
12. Sea turtles lay 100-200 eggs at a time.
13. Only 1 in 1,000 baby sea turtles survive.
14. Sea turtle eggs stay on land for 2 months before they hatch - without a Mom or Dad watching over them!
15. Babies have a special "egg tooth" that helps break their shells from the inside!
16. Once the eggs hatch, the baby sea turtles must find their way to the ocean all by themselves!
17. Sea turtles don't need a supply of fresh water like most animals.
18. Male sea turtles have longer and thicker tails than females.
19. There are 7 types of sea turtles: Green sea turtles, Hawksbill, Leatherback, Flatback, Loggerhead, Kemp Ridley and Olive Ridley.
20. Leatherback sea turtles are the fastest sea turtles.
21. Leatherback sea turtles also swim deep - 1000 feet deep in the ocean.
22. The biggest type of sea turtle is the Loggerhead that can weigh as much as 1,000 pounds!
23. The smallest type of sea turtles are Olive Ridley, which can be as small as 100 pounds at full grown size.

Green Sea Turtle Facts



24. Green sea turtles breathe oxygen just like humans, but they can hold their breath for way longer - up to 2 hours!
25. Green sea turtles are unique — they are one of the largest species of turtle and the only turtle that is strictly herbivorous as an adult.
26. Green sea turtles get their name from the layer of green fat that lies under their shell.
27. Green sea turtles' shells can include shades of different colors, including dark brown, green, olive, yellow and black.
28. Green sea turtles in the Eastern Pacific actually have darker shells and are known locally as "black turtles" even though they still are green sea turtles!
29. Sea turtles can be found nesting along the coastline of more than 80 countries around the world, with the largest nesting populations found in Costa Rica and Australia.
30. Sea Turtles are endangered.

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