

# Sea turtles

## Fact sheet

### What is a sea turtle?

Sea turtles are air-breathing reptiles with lungs. They spend almost all their life in the ocean.

### What do they eat?

Different species eat different foods, including jellyfish, seagrass, algae, and small animals.

### Where do they live?

Sea turtles live in almost every ocean throughout the world, and nest on tropical and subtropical beaches.

### Are sea turtles endangered?

Nearly all types of sea turtles are endangered, primarily due to human activities. Unfortunately, they can get caught in nets, be poached by humans or be impacted by plastic pollution.

### What are turtles great at?

Sea turtles are great navigators. They can travel thousands of kilometres and return to the beach where they were born to lay eggs.



### Fun fact!

If eggs are laid in warmer sand, more females hatch; cooler sand produces more males

### Fun fact!

They can hold their breath for several hours, especially when resting underwater

### Fun fact!

Sea turtles can range from about 1 metre to over 2 metres long, and can live for 50 years or more!

