

Animal Fact Sheet

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Green Sea Turtle

Chelonia mydas

The Green Sea Turtle is one of the largest sea turtles and is known for its smooth, heart-shaped shell, which is typically olive to dark brown in color. Named for the greenish color of its body fat r...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Cheloniidae

Habitat: Coastal waters, seagrass beds, and coral reefs

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 60–80 years

Weight: 110–190 kg (240–420 lbs)

Scientific name: *Chelonia mydas*

Did you know?

- Despite their slow movements on land, Green Sea Turtles can swim at speeds up to 35 km/h (22 mph) in short bursts when threatened.
- Green Sea Turtles can travel thousands of kilometers between nesting and feeding sites. Unlike many other sea turtles, adults are mainly plant eaters...

What I learned
