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Animal Fact Sheet

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Hawksbill Sea Turtle

Eretmochelys imbricata

Eretmochelys imbricata is the only sea turtle whose scutes overlap like roof tiles, and that shell is the reason it is Critically Endangered. Polished, it becomes "tortoiseshell" - bekko in Japan - a…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Cheloniidae
Habitat: Tropical coral reefs and coastal lagoons
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 30-50 years
Weight: 45-70 kg
Scientific name: Eretmochelys imbricata

Did you know?

- Hawksbill Sea Turtles can nest as many as six times in a single season, laying up to 200 eggs per nest.
- A single hawksbill can eat over 500 kg of sponge in a year, and it works through species so toxic that few other reef animals will touch them. Their …

What I learned

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