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Animal Fact Sheet

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Leatherback Sea Turtle

Dermochelys coriacea

The leatherback is the largest turtle alive and the only one without a hard shell — instead it carries a leathery, oil-saturated skin over a mosaic of small bones, which lets its body deform under pr…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Dermochelyidae
Habitat: Open ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 30-50 years
Weight: 250-700 kg (550-1,540 lbs)
Scientific name: Dermochelys coriacea

Did you know?

- Leatherback sea turtles can migrate more than 10,000 miles (16,000 kilometers) each year, making them one of the most widely traveled marine creature…
- It is the only sea turtle with no hard shell — a leathery skin over small bones, which lets it dive past 1,000 m. It keeps its body warmer than the s…

What I learned

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