

Animal Fact Sheet

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Pig-nosed Turtle

Carettochelys insculpta

The Pig-nosed Turtle, also known as the Fly River Turtle, is a unique freshwater turtle native to northern Australia and southern New Guinea. It is easily recognized by its distinctive pig-like, fleshy snout.

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Carettochelyidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lagoons, and lakes

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 35-40 years

Weight: 10-22 kg

Scientific name: *Carettochelys insculpta*

Did you know?

- The Pig-nosed Turtle can remain underwater for hours by absorbing oxygen through the lining of its throat, a process known as buccopharyngeal respiration.
- Unlike most turtles, the Pig-nosed Turtle has flipper-like limbs similar to sea turtles, allowing it to swim with remarkable agility. Its pig-like snout is also a unique feature.

What I learned
