



The Loggerhead sea turtle

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Loggerhead sea turtles:

- Got their name because of their large heads and heavy strong jaws
- Belong to the Cheloniidae family
- Live in the Atlantic, Mediterranean , Pacific, and Indian Oceans
- Are Carnivores
- No differences in a male and female loggerhead until they are adults the most obvious difference being the adult males have thicker tails and shorter plastrons (lower shells) than the females
- Scientific name is *Caretta caretta*
- They eat horseshoe crabs, clams, and mussels



- There are Between 40,000 and 50,000 nesting females.
- Are the most common sea turtle in the USA
- Weight can be from 250 lb to 1000 lb
- Average height is 3 ft

Habitat needs

- Prefer to feed in coastal bays and estuaries as well as shallow water
- Require saltwater
- Nesting beaches



Why are they endangered? How Humans impact them negatively

- Coastal development on their nesting sites
- Global warming
- Turtle shell trade
- Plastic and other debris
- Consumption/illegal trade of turtle eggs,meat,and shells
- Entanglement in fishing gear
- Illegal poaching
- Light pollution disorienting baby turtles

Things you can do to help

- We can help the loggerhead sea turtles by:
- Participating in beach clean ups
- Using reusable items
- Promoting safer fishing nets
- Standing against artificial light use near loggerhead nesting homes
- Not supporting big tourist attractions on nesting sites



Thank you for your time