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#### Interesting Facts

They give babies
They think jellyfish are delicious
They're the oceans' lawnmowers
They can hold their breath for five hours underwater
They live to about one-hundred years
They have cool shells and awesome flippers
They're been around for a very, very long time

#### Sea turtles habitat

Adults of most species are found in shallow, coastal waters, bays, lagoons, and estuaries
 Some also venture into the open sea
 Juveniles of some species may be found in bays and estuaries, as well as at sea.



Loggerhead: Hatchlings are omnivores (meaning they eat both animals and plants) but adults are carnivores, favoring crabs, whelks, and conchs
 Green: Fully grown sea turtles are herbivores and like to hang around coral reefs to scrape off seagrass and algae

## Why sea turtles are in danger

- Slaughtered for their eggs, meat, skin, and shells, sea turtles suffer from poaching and over-exploitation
- Nearly all species of sea turtle are now classified as endangered, with three of the seven existing species being critically endangered

### How can we prevent sea turtles from being extinct?

Reduce marine debris that may entangle or be accidentally eaten by sea turtles
 Participate in coastal clean-ups and reduce plastic use to keep our beaches and ocean clean
 Carry reusable water bottles and shopping bags
 Keep nesting beaches dark and safe for sea turtles

#### Population

#### 6.5 million

Recent estimates show us that there are nearly 6.5 million sea turtles left in the wild with very different numbers for each species, e.g. population estimates for the critically endangered hawksbill turtle range from 83,000 to possibly only 57,000 individuals left worldwide.

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