

# meet the turtles

The seven sea turtle species that grace our oceans belong to an evolutionary lineage that dates back at least 110 million years. Sea turtles fall into two main subgroups: (a) the unique family *Dermochelyidae*, which consists of a single species, the leatherback, and (b) the family *Cheloniidae*, which comprises the six species of hard-shelled sea turtles.



**Flatback** (*Natator depressus*)  
IUCN Red List status: Data Deficient



**Hawksbill**  
(*Eretmochelys imbricata*)  
IUCN Red List status:  
Critically Endangered



**Kemp's ridley**  
(*Lepidochelys kempii*)  
IUCN Red List status:  
Critically Endangered



**Green** (*Chelonia mydas*)  
IUCN Red List status: Endangered



**Loggerhead** (*Caretta caretta*)  
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable



**Leatherback**  
(*Dermochelys coriacea*)  
IUCN Red List status:  
Vulnerable



**Olive ridley**  
(*Lepidochelys olivacea*)  
IUCN Red List status:  
Vulnerable



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