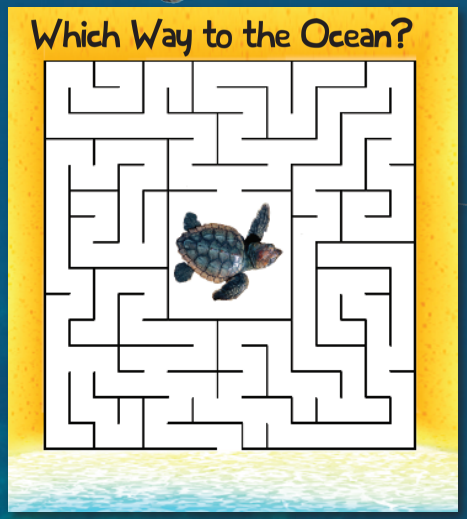
Sea Turtles of North Carolina

Which Way to the Ocean?

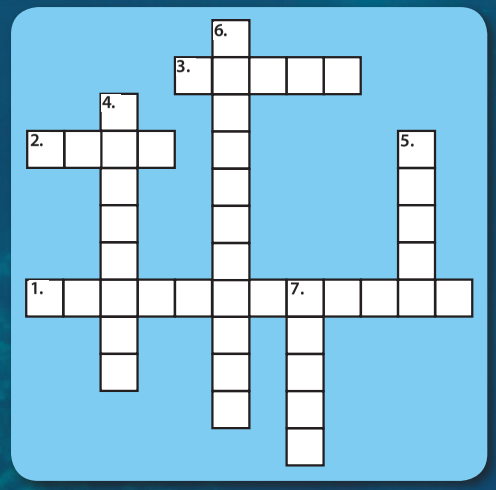


Sea Turtle Lunch

All of the items shown below have been found in stomachs of wild turtles. Help sea turtles eat the right things. Circle the pictures of the foods turtles are supposed to eat.

All seven sea turtle species are either endangered or threatened. They face many threats throughout their lives, one of the worst is plastic. They often confuse plastic for a tasty treat.

Together we can all help save turtles! Reduce or eliminate single-use plastics such as straws, water bottles, plastic bags, cups and lids. Recycle plastics you do use and never litter.



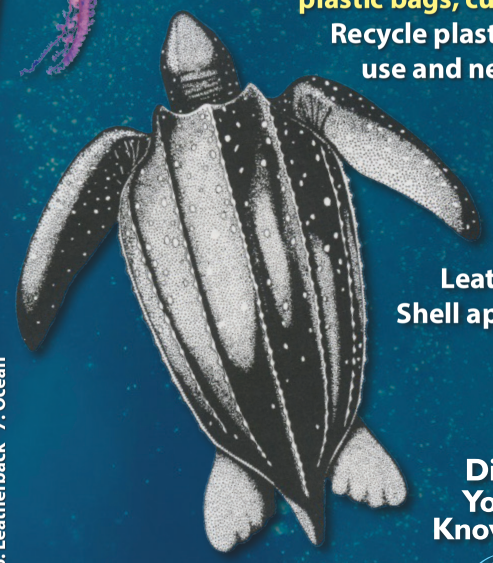
Crossword Answers: Across 1. Cold-blooded 2. Shed 3. Seven. Down 4. Reptiles 5. Spine 6. Leatherback 7. Ocean

Across

1. This word means reptile bodies have the same temperature as outside.
2. All reptiles must do this to their skin to grow.
3. Number of species of sea turtles in the world.

Down

4. Group of animals that includes turtles, snakes, alligators and lizards.
5. All reptiles have these bones running down their back.
6. Largest sea turtle in the world.
7. Where sea turtles live for most of their lives.

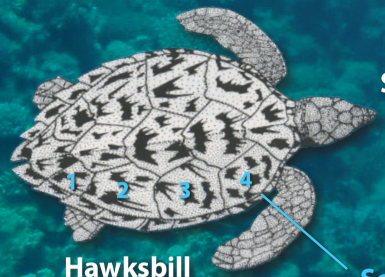


Leatherback
Shell approx. 5 feet

Did You Know?

A sea turtle's brain is only about the size of a walnut. That means they are primarily instinctual creatures.

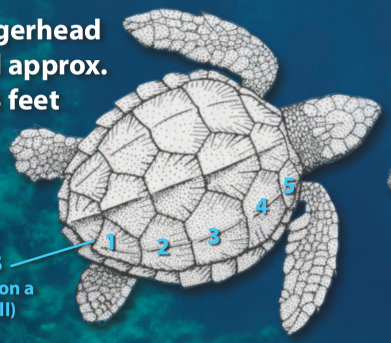
Kemps Ridley
Shell approx. 2 feet



Hawksbill
Shell approx. 2-3 feet

Scutes
(Bony plates on a turtle's shell)

Loggerhead
Shell approx. 3 feet



Green
Shell approx. 3-4 feet