



There are seven species of sea turtle that live in the worlds oceans. Today you'll get the chance to meet three of them.



MEET THE TURTLES

Hawksbill



- Hawksbill turtles are named for their sharp hawk like 'beak'.
- They can weigh up to 68kg.
- Their shell can grow up to 1 meter long.
- Males' shells are generally brighter than females.
- Hawksbills are omnivorous. They eat both plants and animals.
- They mate every 2-3 years.

Green



- Green turtles are named for the greenish colour of their skin.
- They can weigh up to 300kg.
- Their shell can measure up to 1.5 meters in length.
- Juvenile green turtles will eat meat but they become vegetarians as adults.
- Greens only mate every 2-4 years.
- Pregnant females will usually nest on the same beach where they themselves hatched.

Loggerhead



- Loggerhead turtles are named for their large head and their thick muscular jaws.
- They can weigh up to 150kg.
- Their shell can grow up to meter in length.
- Loggerheads are carnivorous eating mainly jellyfish crabs and urchins.
- They usually only mate every 3-4 years.
- Male Loggerheads have thicker longer tails than the females.

ALL THESE TURTLES ARE ENDANGERED



Caught in fishing nets

Fishing nets dont just catch fish. All sorts of marine creatures can get tangled in them and die.



Eat plastic bags

Plastic bags now litter the worlds' oceans. Poor turtles mistake them for jellyfish and eat them.



Sold as souvenirs

Some people think that a turtle's beautiful shell looks better on their wall than in the sea.



Caught for meat

Sadly many sea turtles are still illegally caught and killed for their meat.

How can you help?

Stop using plastic bags. Use reusable sustainable canvas bags instead.

Only eat marine friendly fish from sustainable fisheries.

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