

# The World's 12 Healthiest Sea Turtle Populations

## Olive ridley turtles

(*Lepidochelys olivacea*)  
East Pacific Ocean (arribadas)

Key nesting sites:  
**Mexico, Nicaragua and Costa Rica**



## Leatherback turtles

(*Dermochelys coriacea*)  
Northwest Atlantic Ocean

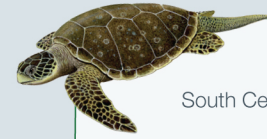
Key nesting sites: **Trinidad, Guyana, French Guiana and Suriname**



## Green turtles

(*Chelonia mydas*)  
South Central Pacific Ocean

Key nesting sites:  
**French Polynesia, Fiji and Vanuatu**

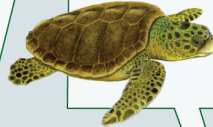


## Loggerhead turtles

(*Caretta caretta*)

Northwest Indian Ocean

Key nesting site: **Oman**



## Green turtles

(*Chelonia mydas*)  
West Central Pacific Ocean

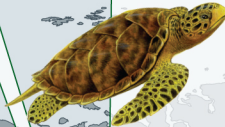
Key nesting sites: **Palau, Micronesia and Guam**



## Hawksbill turtles

(*Eretmochelys imbricata*)  
Southeast Indian Ocean

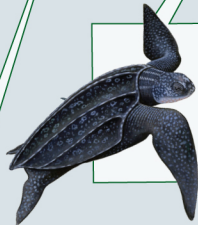
Key nesting site: **Australia**



## Leatherback turtles

(*Dermochelys coriacea*)  
Southeast Atlantic Ocean

Key nesting site: **Gabon**



## Green turtles

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Southeast Indian Ocean

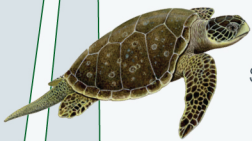
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Southwest Atlantic Ocean

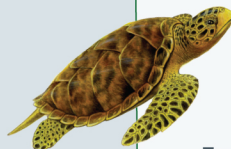
Key nesting site: **Brazil**



## Hawksbill turtles

(*Eretmochelys imbricata*)  
Southwest Indian Ocean

Key nesting sites:  
**Seychelles; British and French overseas territories**



## Hawksbill turtles

(*Eretmochelys imbricata*)  
Southwest Pacific Ocean

Key nesting site: **Australia**



## Green turtles

(*Chelonia mydas*)  
East Pacific Ocean

Key nesting sites:  
**Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and Mexico**



Key:



Country with key nesting site



Primary location of sea turtle population