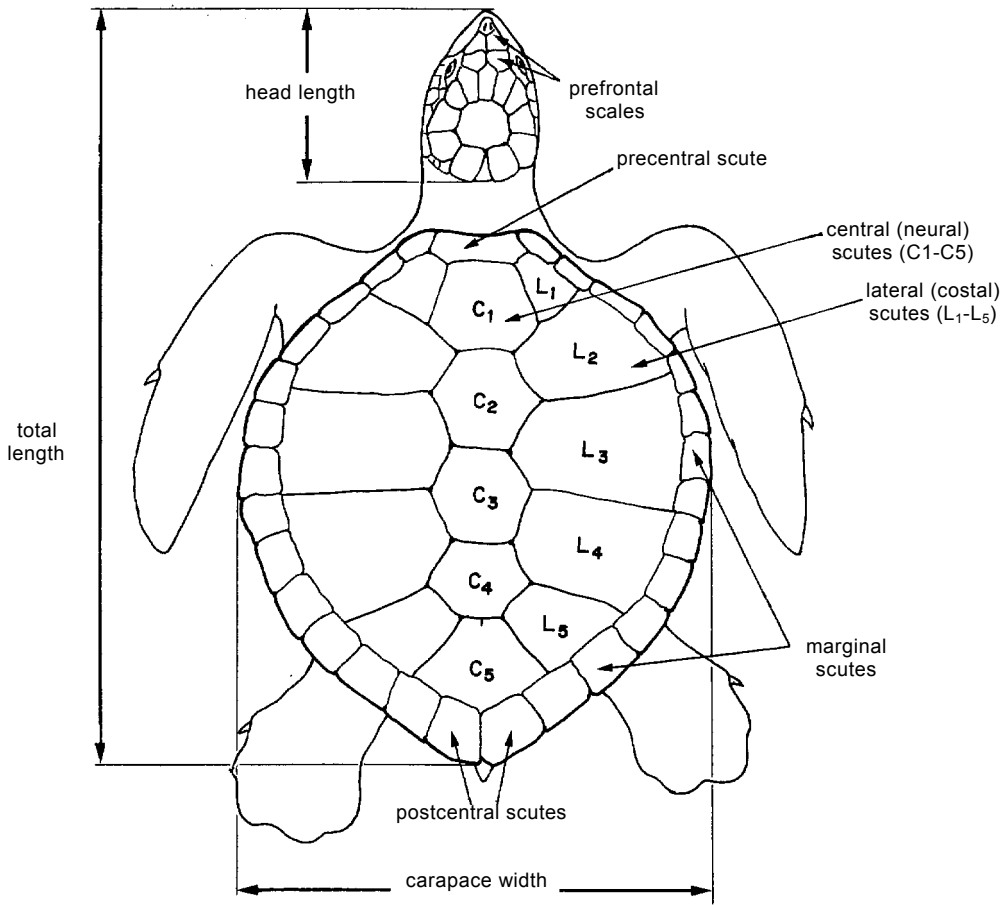


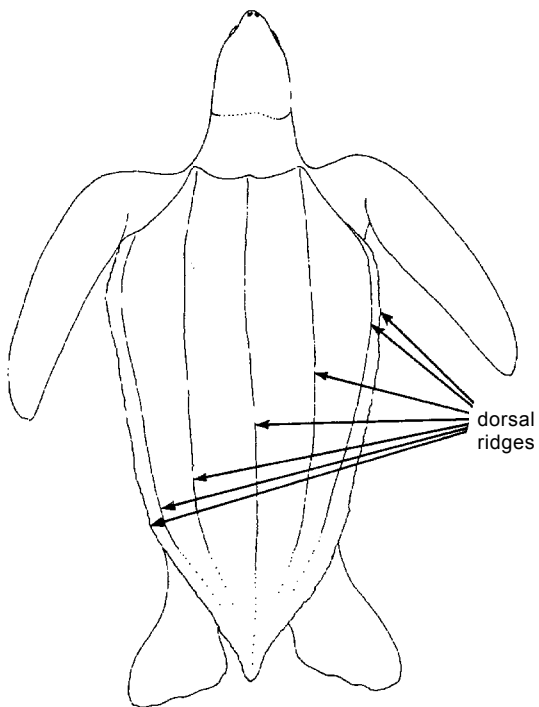
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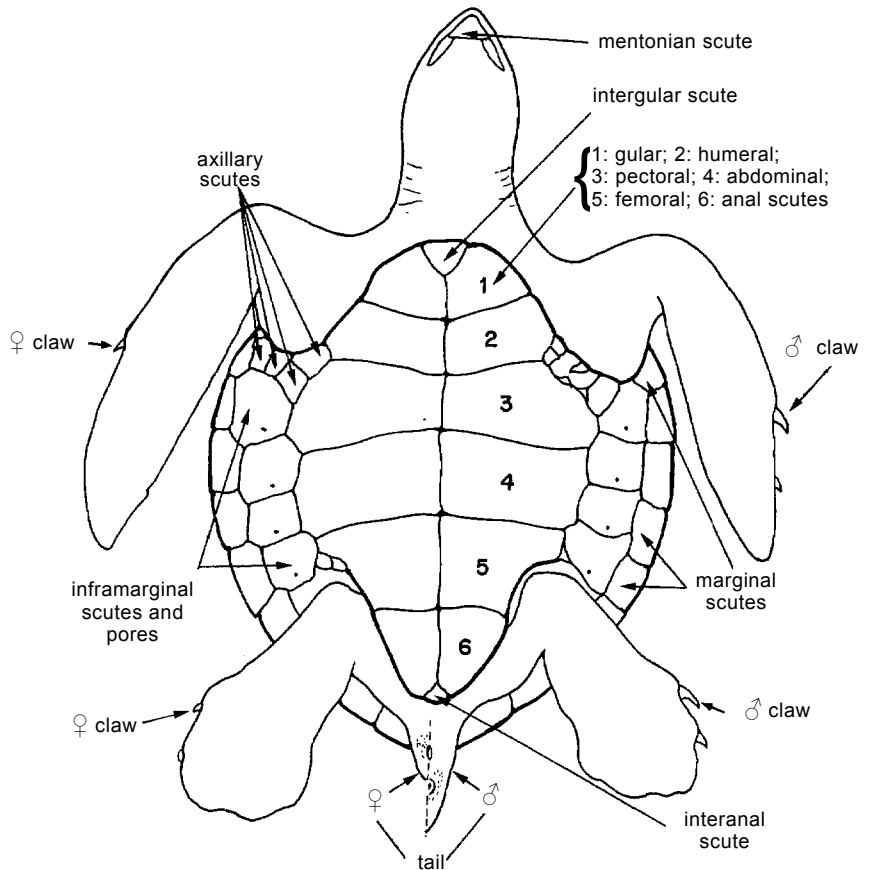
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**dorsal view of a juvenile sea turtle (Family CHELONIIDAE)**



**dorsal view of a sea turtle  
(Family DERMOCHELYIDAE)**



**ventral view of a juvenile sea turtle  
(Family CHELONIIDAE)**

SEA TURTLES

CHELONIIDAE

***Caretta caretta*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

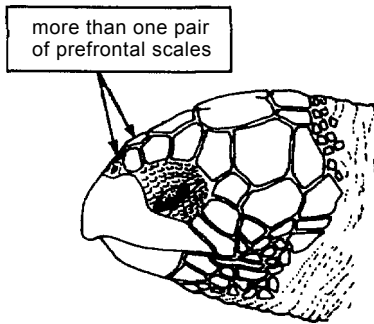
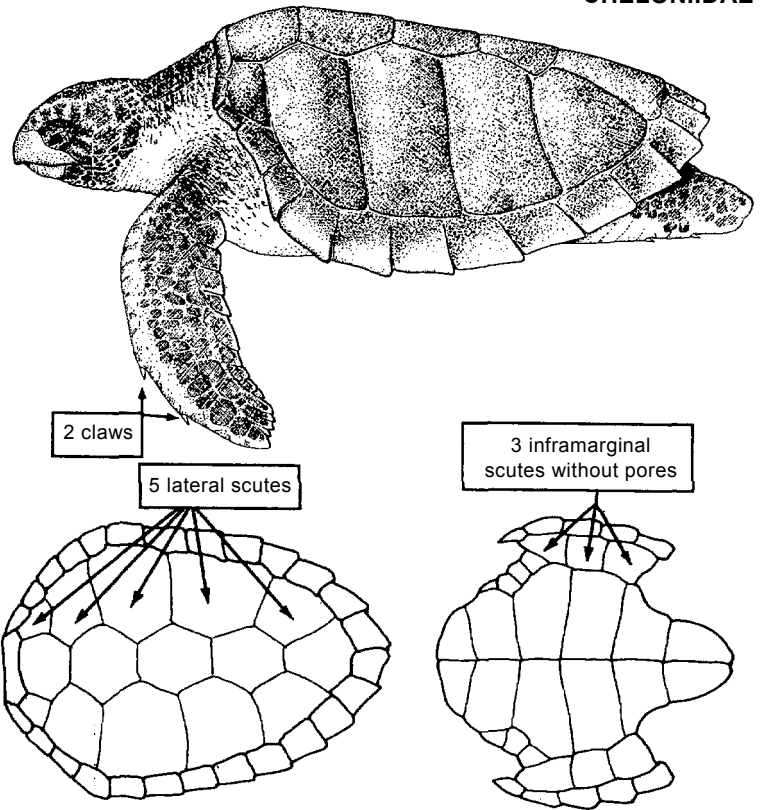
**FAO names** : **En** - Loggerhead turtle; **Fr** - Tortue caouane; **Sp** - Tortuga cahuama.

**Size** : 125 cm (carapace length), common to 110 cm.

**Habitat** : enters brackish water estuaries, but also found in the open sea; migratory.

**Remarks** : adults, nestlings and eggs protected by law in many countries.

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Chelonia mydas*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

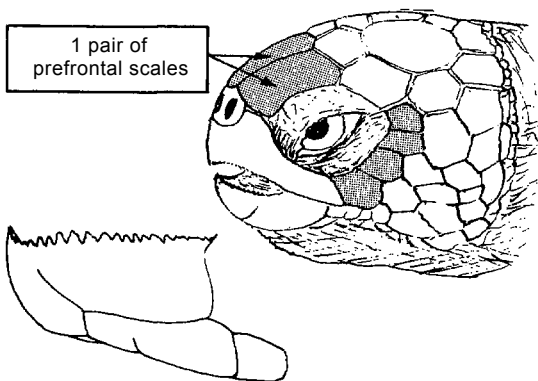
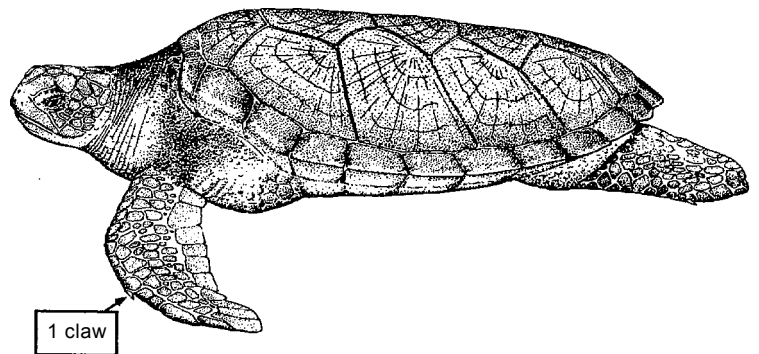
**FAO names** : **En** - Green sea turtle; **Fr** - Tortue verte; **Sp** - Tortuga blanca.

**Size** : 105 cm (carapace length), common to 90 cm.

**Habitat** : shallow coastal waters over vegetated bottoms.

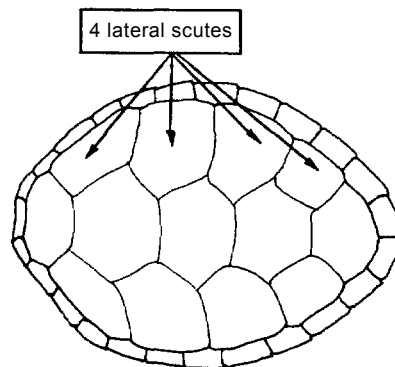
**Remarks** : adults, nestlings and eggs are protected by law in many countries.

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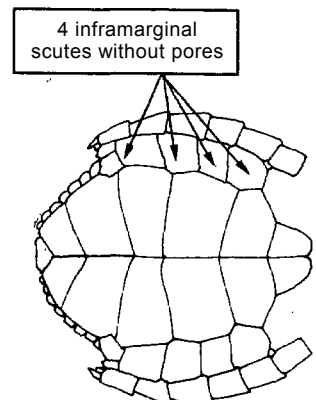


lower jaw

head



carapace



plastron

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## CHELONIIDAE

***Eretmochelys imbricata*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

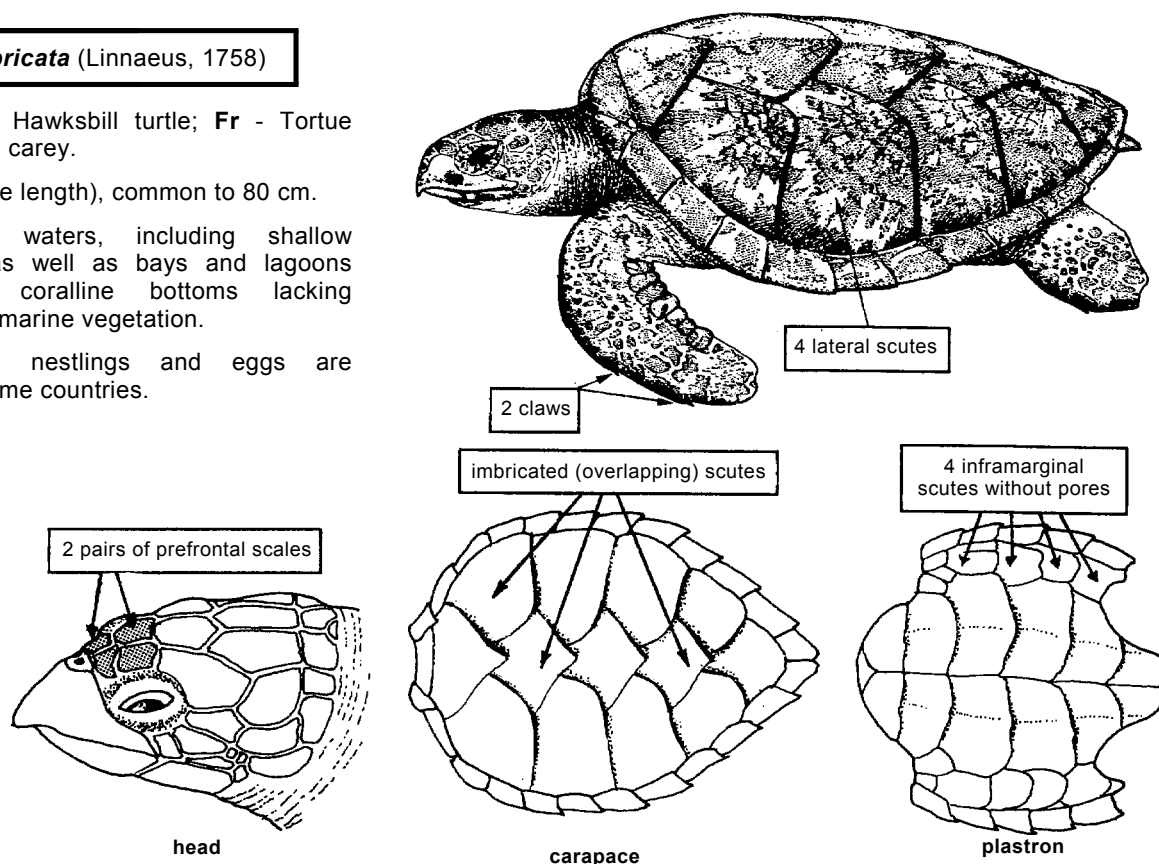
**FAO names** : **En** - Hawksbill turtle; **Fr** - Tortue caret; **Sp** - Tortuga de Carey.

**Size** : 90 cm (carapace length), common to 80 cm.

**Habitat** : coastal waters, including shallow vegetated bottoms as well as bays and lagoons with muddy and coralline bottoms lacking extensive beds of submarine vegetation.

**Remarks** : adults, nestlings and eggs are protected by law in some countries.

**Loc.name(s)** :

***Lepidochelys olivacea*** (Eschscholtz, 1829)

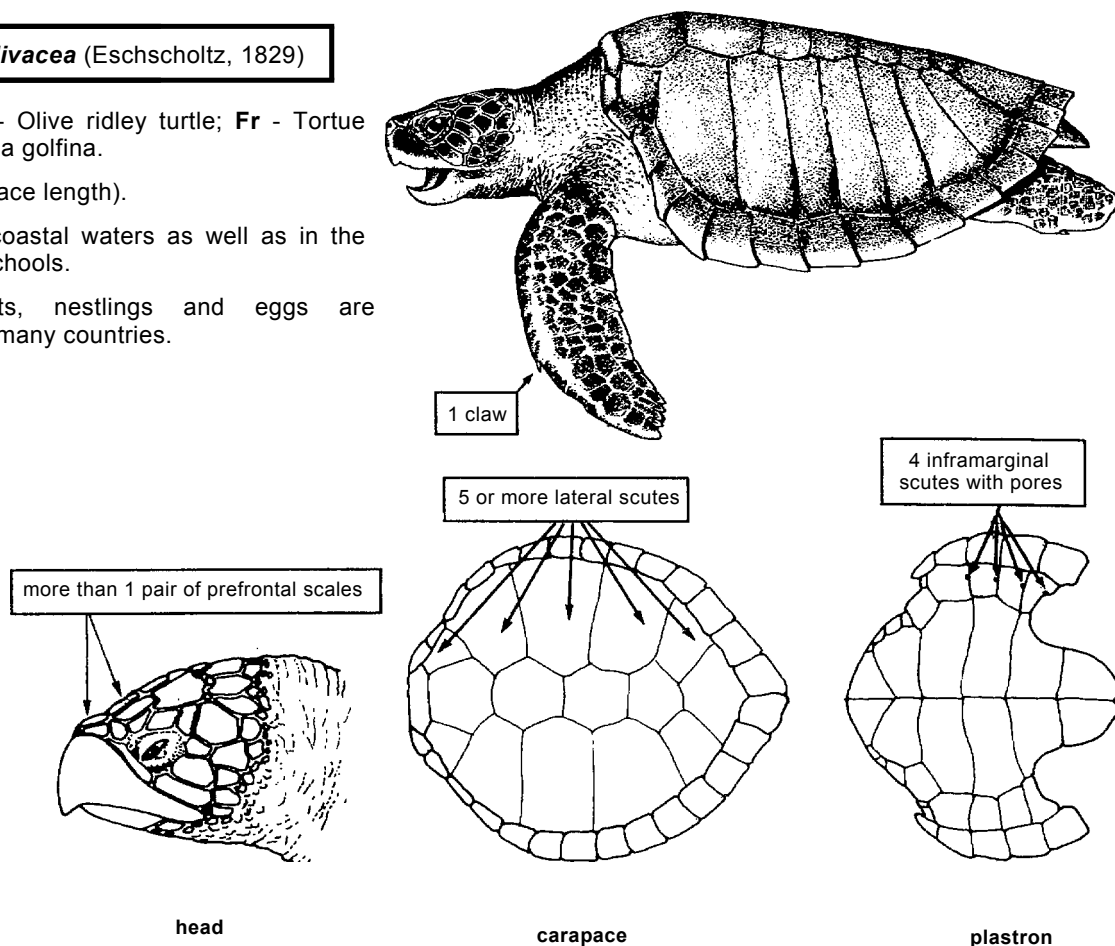
**FAO names** : **En** - Olive ridley turtle; **Fr** - Tortue olivâtre; **Sp** - Tortuga golfina.

**Size** : 75 cm (carapace length).

**Habitat** : shallow coastal waters as well as in the open sea forming schools.

**Remarks** : adults, nestlings and eggs are protected by law in many countries.

**Loc.name(s)** :



***Dermochelys coriacea coriacea*** (Linnaeus, 1758)

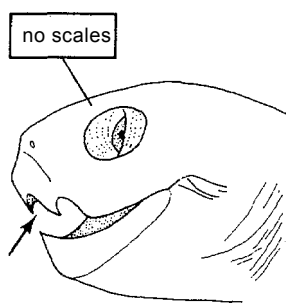
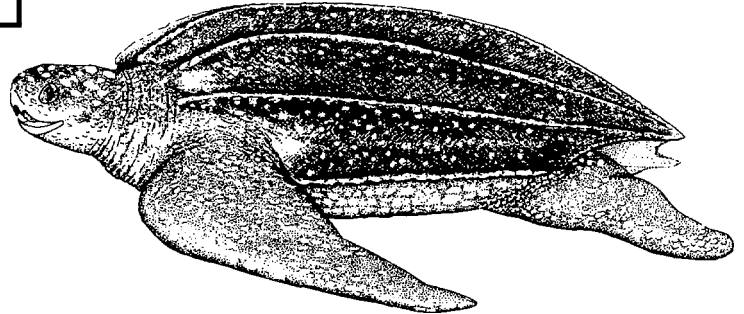
**FAO names** : **En** - Leatherback turtle; **Fr** - Tortue luth; **Sp** - Tortuga laúd.

**Size** : ca 260 cm (carapace length), common to 180 cm.

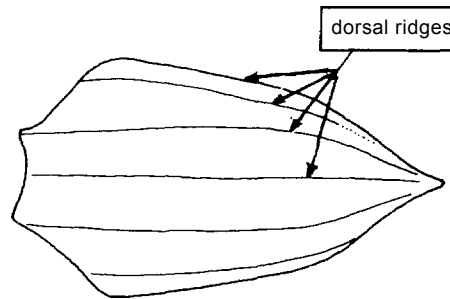
**Habitat** : pelagic and highly migratory.

**Remarks** : adults, hatchlings and eggs are protected in some countries.

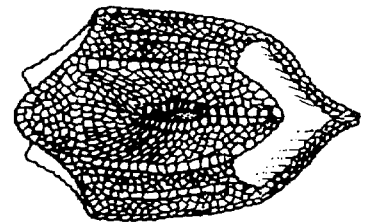
**Loc.name(s)** :



head



carapace



plastron