



Loggerhead Turtle

Caretta caretta

DID YOU KNOW?

Turtles are ocean reptiles. Like other reptiles they have scales, breathe air, lay eggs and can't control their body temperature!

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Thick as trees

Loggerhead turtles get their name from their thick neck that is thought to resemble a log.

Big Baby!

Loggerhead turtles are the second largest marine turtles in the world. They can grow to 1m in length and weigh up to 150kg. The body of the loggerhead is protected by a bony brown shell, which has 5 pairs of large scales on each side. Loggerheads have a slow growth rate and take between 30 and 50 years to mature. They can live to be over 100 years old!

Crushing beak

Turtles are the only group of reptiles that don't have teeth. Loggerhead turtles have a plate in their beak-like mouth, which they use to crush fish, crabs and jellyfish.

Just like paddles

Loggerhead turtles use their front flippers like paddles to push through the water. They can spend up to two hours underwater before coming up to the surface to breathe.

Warmer waters

Loggerhead turtles are found in coral reefs, bays and estuaries in tropical and subtropical waters worldwide. In Western Australia, loggerhead turtles are most commonly seen in Shark Bay and along the Ningaloo coast.

