



Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Size: Body length, up to 114 cm; carapace length, 63 - 94 cm **Weight:** 40 - 80 kg

Habitat: Tropical oceans around the world; females prefer to nest within maritime forest fringing sandy beaches **Surviving number:** Estimated at 10,000 in 2005



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World of water. When foraging, the hawksbill turtle spends 96 percent or more of its time underwater, surfacing only to breathe. It usually returns to the same sandy beach to nest, migrating as far as 450 kilometers to get there. Females generally lay five clutches of eggs, but do so only every two to three years. The sex of their young is determined by temperature; as climate

change makes nests warmer, the result is more females. Dry land is a dangerous place for the turtle, which faces hunting for meat and the tortoiseshell trade, egg collection and habitat loss.

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