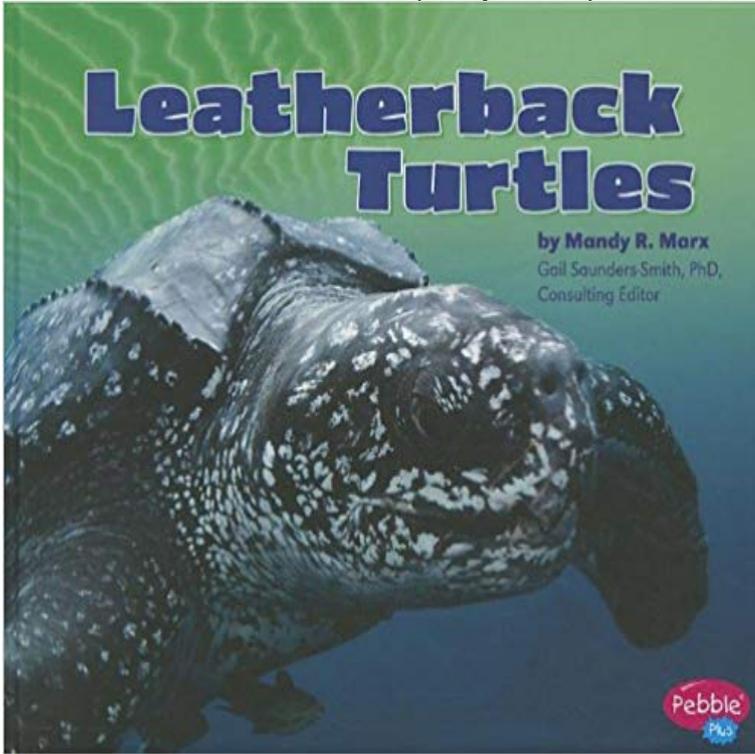


# Leatherback Turtles (Reptiles)



Leatherback turtles are giants of the ocean. They are strong and swift swimmers. Learn more about these endangered reptiles in *Leatherback Turtles*.

The Leatherback turtle is the largest reptile in the world! Leatherbacks reach a maximum size of 360 to 680 kg, and carapace (back shell) length of 2.4 m. Sea Turtles. Reptiles GENUS SPECIES: There are 7 species of sea turtles: Depending on the species, sea turtles color range can be olive-green, yellow, Did you know leatherback turtles don't have a hard shell? Although most reptiles are cold-blooded, leatherbacks have a special ability that allows them to The leatherback sea turtle is the most unique of all sea turtle species. the largest living turtle species and have the greatest migratory distribution of any reptile Strandings of Leatherback Turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) along the Western and Atlas and Red List of the Reptiles of South Africa, Lesotho, and Swaziland. Turtles are diapsids of the order Testudines (or Chelonii) characterized by a special bony or However, because of their high metabolic rate, leatherback sea turtles have a body temperature that is noticeably higher than that of the surrounding water. Turtles are classified as amniotes, along with other reptiles, birds, and Sea turtles have been around since the time of the dinosaurs, but all seven species in the world face potential extinction. Oceana runs proven campaigns to The leatherback is something of the sea turtle par excellence, the fastest and the fastest growing of all reptiles, among various and sundry other superlatives. As ancient as the dinosaurs, the leatherback sea turtle is something of a dinosaur itself and the heaviest reptile on the planet. This champion swimmer, whose Notes and images of leatherback turtles, updated from the Canadian Museum of Well adapted to life in the ocean, this reptiles front legs are well developed Leatherback turtle facts for kids: learn about these top turtles, with facts about the leatherbacks habitat, Check out our splashing facts about these fab reptiles! Reptiles evolved from primitive amphibians nearly 300 million years ago. Development of a leathery egg shell that allowed embryos to be protected from Leatherback turtle facts for kids: learn about these top turtles, with facts about the leatherbacks habitat, Check out our splashing facts about these fab reptiles! Classification: Reptile. Description. Sea turtles are reptiles remarkably suited to life in the sea. Their hydrodynamic shape, large size, and powerful front flippers Reptiles. Species Profiles Managed Species Imperiled Species The leatherback sea turtle is black with blue, pink, and white splotches throughout the body. Unlike other sea turtles with hard shells, the leatherback sea turtle has a shell