

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS DIVER SURVEY FORM WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE SEEN TURTLES ON YOUR DIVE.



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Caribbean TURTLEWATCH is part of the Turtles in the Caribbean Overseas Territories (TCOT) initiative, funded by the UK Government.

Thank you for donating your valuable time to this project.

About the divers If you are a customer rather than a member of staff, please provide your name and address in the space provided.

DIVE OPERATOR

DIVE MASTER

NUMBER OF DIVERS

REPORTER'S NAME

REPORTER'S POSTAL ADDRESS

POSTAL/ZIP CODE

E-MAIL

Personal details may be used to verify information. If you do not wish to receive feedback/reports from this survey, please tick this box. ☐

About the dive Please indicate whether you are using feet & inches ☐ or metres & centimetres ☐

DIVE DATE

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TIME IN

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TIME OUT

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DIVE SITE

MOORING SITE

MAXIMUM DEPTH

BOTTOM TIME

VISIBILITY

WATER TEMPERATURE

Please indicate if °F or °C

AT SURFACE

AT BOTTOM

About the turtles DID YOU SEE ANY TURTLES ON THIS DIVE? YES ☐ NO ☐

Please give details of each turtle seen on a separate line and continue on an additional sheet if necessary.

SPECIES	ESTIMATED SHELL LENGTH	DEPTH	ID CERTAINTY (Please tick)
			☐ v sure ☐ sure ☐ not sure
			☐ v sure ☐ sure ☐ not sure
			☐ v sure ☐ sure ☐ not sure
			☐ v sure ☐ sure ☐ not sure

Please use the ID key overleaf and ask your dive operator for a copy of the Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Network (WIDECAST) ID key if you would like more information.

WERE THERE ANY VISIBLE TAGS ON THE TURTLE(S)? YES ☐ NO ☐

NOTE: Only read details on tags if you can do so without causing distress to the turtle. Never remove tags from a live turtle.

TAG DETAILS

About the experience This section should be completed with one of the divers on this dive.

DID THE CHANCE OF SEEING A TURTLE INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION TO CHOOSE THIS PARTICULAR DIVE?

☐ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

HOW IMPORTANT WAS YOUR TURTLE SIGHTING TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE DIVE?

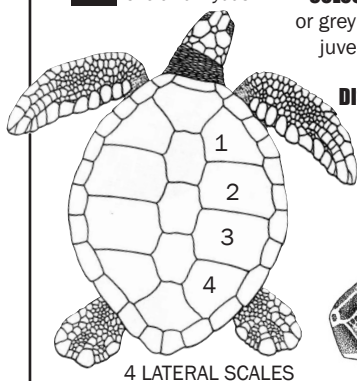
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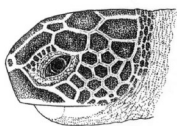
☐ NOT IMPORTANT

1 Green turtle
Chelonia mydas

LENGTH: up to 1.5 metres
COLOUR: adults dark olive or grey with dark blotches, juveniles have chestnut coloured shell
DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: smooth shell, non-overlapping scales, rounded (not angular) facial profile

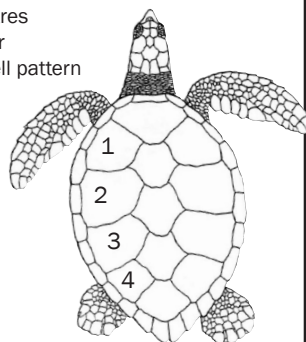


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3 Hawksbill turtle
Eretmochelys imbricata

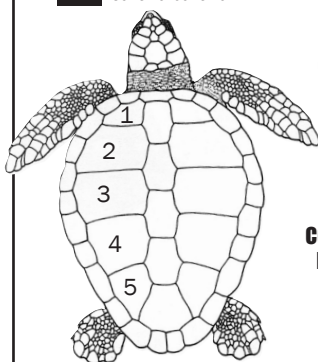
LENGTH: up to 1.2 metres
COLOUR: brown, amber and black tortoiseshell pattern
DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: shell scales overlapping, serrated posterior shell, narrow tapered head with bird-like beak



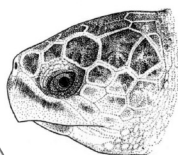
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2 Loggerhead turtle
Caretta caretta

LENGTH: adults up to 1.5 metres
COLOUR: reddish brown
DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: large head, markedly thick shell and non-overlapping scales

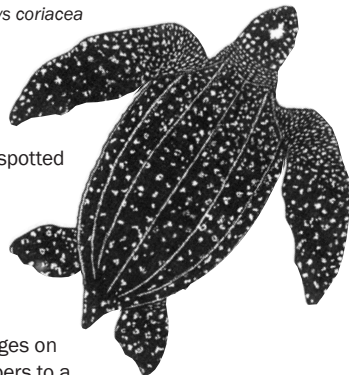


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4 Leatherback turtle
Dermochelys coriacea

LENGTH: adults up to 2 metres
COLOUR: black, spotted with white
DISTINCTIVE FEATURES: large, up to 500 kg, pronounced longitudinal ridges on shell, which tapers to a blunt point



Other turtle species are occasionally sighted in the Caribbean. If you see a turtle that you believe is none of the above, please clearly indicate below what makes it different from the four species shown here.

ANY OTHER NOTES. (e.g. What the turtle was doing: feeding, swimming, resting etc. distinguishing marks and anything else worthy of note.)

Please give your completed form to your dive operator or mail it to TCOT, Marine Turtle Research Group, School of Biological Sciences, University of Wales, Swansea SA2 8PP United Kingdom

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