meet the turtles

The seven sea turtle species that grace our oceans belong to an evolutionary lineage that dates back at least 110 million years. Sea turtles fall into two main subgroups: (a) the unique family Dermochelyidae, which consists of a single species, the leatherback, and (b) the family Cheloniidae, which comprises the six species of hard-shelled sea turtles.

Olive ridley (Lepidochelys olivacea)
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable

Leatherback (Dermochelys coriacea)
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable

Loggerhead (Caretta caretta)
IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable

Hawksbill (Eretmochelys imbricata)
IUCN Red List status: Critically Endangered

Kemp’s ridley (Lepidochelys kempi)
IUCN Red List status: Critically Endangered

Green (Chelonia mydas)
IUCN Red List status: Endangered

Flatback (Natator depressus)
IUCN Red List status: Data Deficient

Visit www.SeaTurtleStatus.org to learn more about all seven sea turtle species!