## **Leatherback sea turtles**

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The leatherback sea turtle weighs 1400 pounds. Leatherback sea turtles are one of the biggest sea turtles on the planet. The leatherback sea turtle is endangered. And people need to help them regain population.

Leatherback sea turtles are very interesting! According to the American Museum of Natural History, they are the biggest sea turtles in the world. They also travel around the world as well to find somewhere to drop their eggs. They need lots of food so they can survive when traveling. Leatherbacks have been on the Endangered Species List since 1970. After leatherback females lay their eggs, they immediately return to the sea. They are strong and graceful swimmers, with powerful front flippers. They spend almost all of their lives at sea, swimming into shallow bays and estuaries to court and mate. They go to land, lay their eggs, go into hibernation, summer comes and the baby turtles hatch, all of them go into the water and grow up. Because in the food chain all the animals depend on each other. So if the leatherback sea turtle goes extinct one animal might not get as much food as it needs and eventually they will die off and then it just repeats itself over and over again until no more animals remain. There is more to leatherback sea turtles than you think.

Leatherback sea turtles face problems. According to the Sea turtle conservancy they are one of the most hunted sea creatures in the world. They are also trying to make sure that they don't eat plastic. They have a very thin shell so they swim away instead of protecting. They kind of over explore the ocean and eventually they find a predator. Also there are lots of diseases and sometimes they die of diseases. It's tragic but it is what it is. 150,000 turtles of all species killed in shrimp trawls, more than 200,000 loggerheads and 50,000 leatherbacks captured, injured or killed by longlines, and large numbers of all species drowned in gill nets. Predators such as raccoons, crabs and ants raid eggs and hatchlings still in the nest. consumer by. Watch for sea turtles in the water. Give them at least 50 yards of space. If you see them closer, put your engine in neutral to avoid injury. Things leatherback sea turtles have troubles with.

According to the Endangered Species Coalition We need to help the leatherback sea turtles. They are a big part of the underwater ecosystem. And they don't harm humans. We need them more

than they need us. It is very important. It's important because leatherback sea turtles are not very strong. And this is why we need to help leatherback sea turtles.

This is how we need to help them regain population, to make sure they are safe from predators. Protecting their nest and eggs. Reduce marine debris that may entangle or be accidentally eaten by sea turtles. We could also help them as much as possible. Become a conscious and responsible seafood consumer by asking where and how your seafood was caught. Choose seafood caught in ways that do not harm or kill sea turtles. Asking where and how your seafood was caught. Choose seafood caught in ways that do not harm turtles. We need to help leatherback sea turtles.

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