



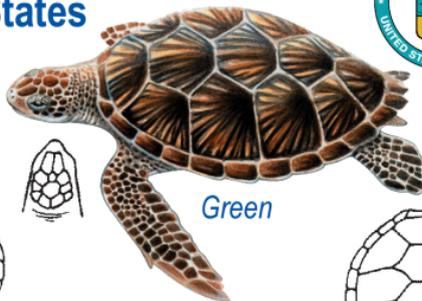
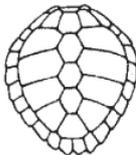
Sea Turtles of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States



Hawksbill



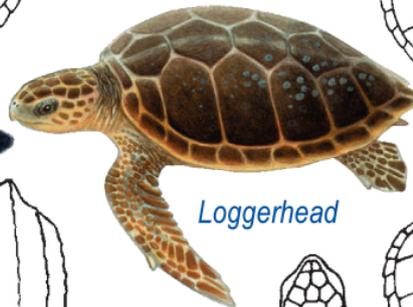
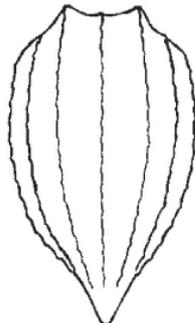
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Leatherback



Loggerhead



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Green

Chelonia mydas

- body oval-shaped
- head small and round
- color variable, usually dark with light striations
- uncommon

Hawksbill

Eretmochelys imbricata

- body heart-shaped, or elongate with tapering behind
- head small, narrow with pronounced sharp beak
- color brownish with variable light markings
- uncommon

Leatherback

Dermochelys coriacea

- body elongate
- head medium sized and rounded
- color black
- uncommon

Kemp's ridley

Lepidochelys kempii

- body disc-shaped
- head fairly large
- color grey to olive green
- very rare

Loggerhead

Caretta caretta

- body heart-shaped, or slightly elongate with tapering at end
- head very large and triangular
- color reddish brown
- very common