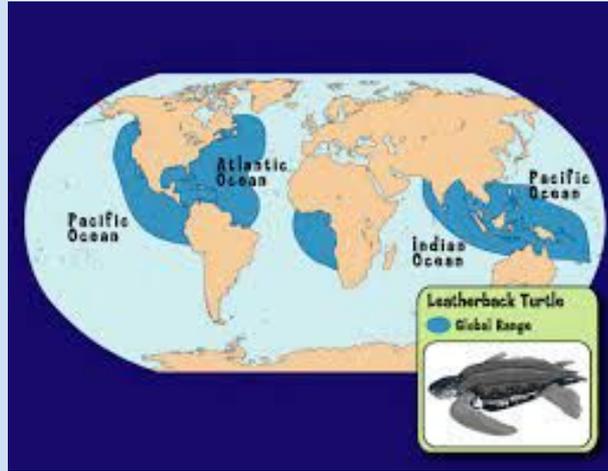


# Leatherback Sea Turtles:

## The ocean's giant nomad



- **Leather like shells** make this species unique from other sea turtles. They live to be 30+ years old and reproduce by laying 7-10 nests filled with eggs every 3-4 years. In between they migrate and feed to build their strength back up.



- **Ocean travelers**, they frequently migrate between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and are the largest species of sea turtle weighing between 600-1500 pounds (size of a small horse).
  - **Listed as vulnerable** on the IUCN, an international conservation group, after many subpopulations have dramatically declined due to egg collection and consumption, fishery bycatch, and ocean / beach pollution.
- ### How do I help protect the Leatherback?
- Reduce single use plastic use, and participate in beach cleanups
  - Support organizations like WWF that are working to end consumption of turtle eggs

- Intended audience: I am assuming the audience is the general public with no prior knowledge on sea turtles. This would be someone likely visiting an aquarium or a similar place to view and learn about about marine life, possibly a student. It is very likely that the audience would be children or young adults. Basic level information should be provided.
- The purpose of this information is the inform about this species of sea turtle and its unique characteristics that separate them from other marine life. The content is organized in a way to give brief information about the species, the challenges it is facing, and how the general public can help. The supporting information (images) allows the reader to visualize how the species is being affected.

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