

## **Facts about sea animals (About Turtle)**

### **1. Is a turtle an omnivore, carnivore, or herbivore?**

A [turtle](#) may be herbivorous, carnivorous, or omnivorous. Some species of turtle are carnivorous, some species are herbivorous, and some turtles are omnivorous. Generally, land-dwelling tortoises are herbivores, as they eat grasses, leafy plants, and flowers. Some aquatic turtle species eat jellyfish, mollusks, and insects and are thus carnivorous animals, while most of the aquatic turtle species eat both plants and animals and are thus omnivorous.

### **2. When did the turtle first appear on Earth?**

The turtle is one of the oldest reptiles. The oldest known fossil of a turtle with a fully developed shell is [Proganochelys](#), which lived during the [Triassic period](#). Turtles are believed to have originated from '[Diapsid reptiles](#)' during the [Permian period](#). The oldest known ancestor of turtles is [Eunotosaurus](#), which had broad flattened ribs. However, the shell is absent. After the Triassic period, millions of years passed before the modern turtle shell fully developed.

### **3. What is the name of the oldest turtle?**

It is [Jonathan](#), of the [island of Saint Helena](#), at the grand old age of 192. He belongs to the [Seychelles giant tortoise](#) species. He resides in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean.

### **4. Which is the smallest species of turtle in the world?**

The Speckled Dwarf Tortoise ([Chersobius signatus](#)) is the smallest turtle in the world, native to the western coastal region of [South Africa](#). He has a small, flat, and freckled shell. The Speckled Dwarf Tortoise is 6 to 8 cm in length. They have five toes on their front feet. They are herbivorous animals. The weight is about 95 to 165 gm.

### **5. Which is the largest species of turtle in the world?**

The largest species of turtle in the world is known as the [leatherback sea turtle](#). They are about 2.2 meters in length. The leatherback sea turtle weighs about 1540 lb. They have a flexible shell and are covered with leathery skin as compared to other turtles, which have bony skin. The leatherback sea turtle migrates from one place to another. They are found in tropical as well as in temperate oceans. They mainly eat jellyfish and soft-bodied animals.

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