



## WHERE THEY LIVE

Loggerhead Sea Turtles spend most of their lives in the open ocean and shallow waters near the coast.

The Mediterranean Sea is the perfect place for baby Loggerhead Sea Turtles. In the spring and summer months many adults can also be found.

The adult females like to nest in warm, sandy beaches and can lay up to 113 eggs in one nest.

Temperatures of between 27-28°C are the best for nesting females.

## FEEDING

When Loggerhead Sea Turtles move from one area of an ocean to another, one of their favourite foods is Jellyfish. They will also eat squid and flying fish.



## DANGERS TO LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLES

Sea turtles are endangered and are protected locally and internationally. Many human activities can affect the lives of these sea turtles.

Fishing gear is the biggest problem for sea turtles in the Mediterranean. Because they come to the surface to breathe, when they get caught in fishing nets underwater, they can get injured or drown.

A lot of plastic is also thrown into our seas. The turtles can mistake the plastic for jellyfish and eat it. This normally makes the turtles sick and can cause their death.

The loss of suitable nesting beaches and disturbance, such as artificial lighting, are also other important problems.

The Loggerhead Sea Turtle is a turtle found in our oceans. The map on the right shows the areas of our oceans in which these sea turtles can be found.

## Loggerhead Sea Turtle



Hatchlings (baby sea turtles) range in colour from light brown to black. They measure 4.6cm in length and weigh about 20g.

