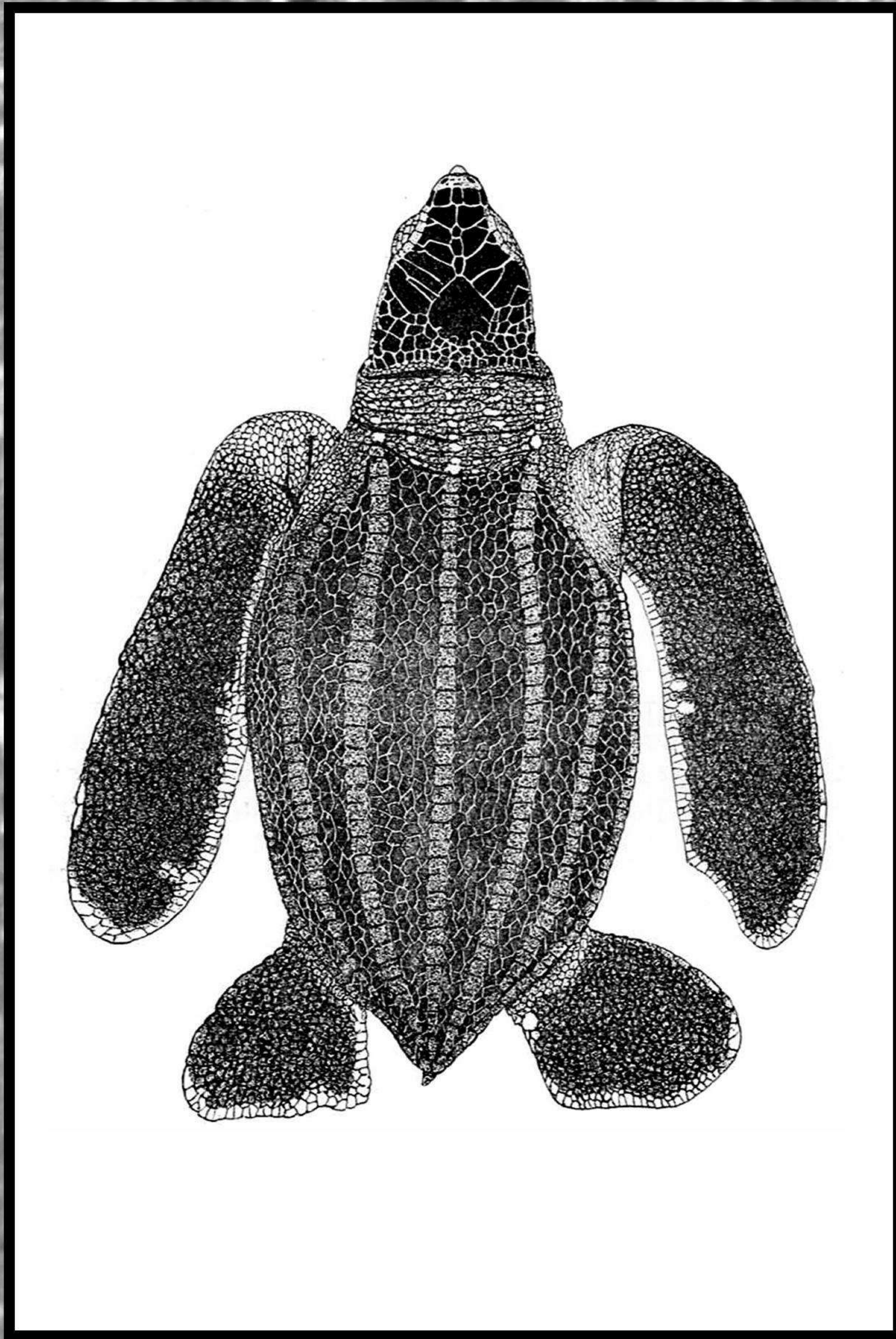
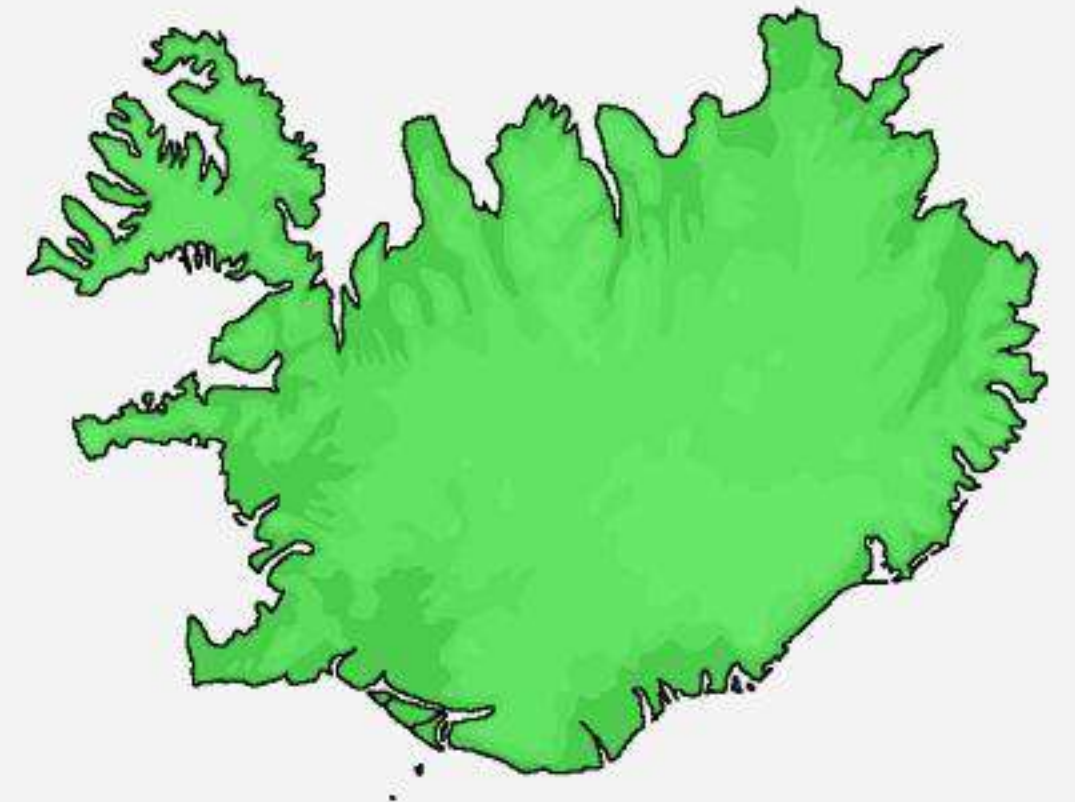


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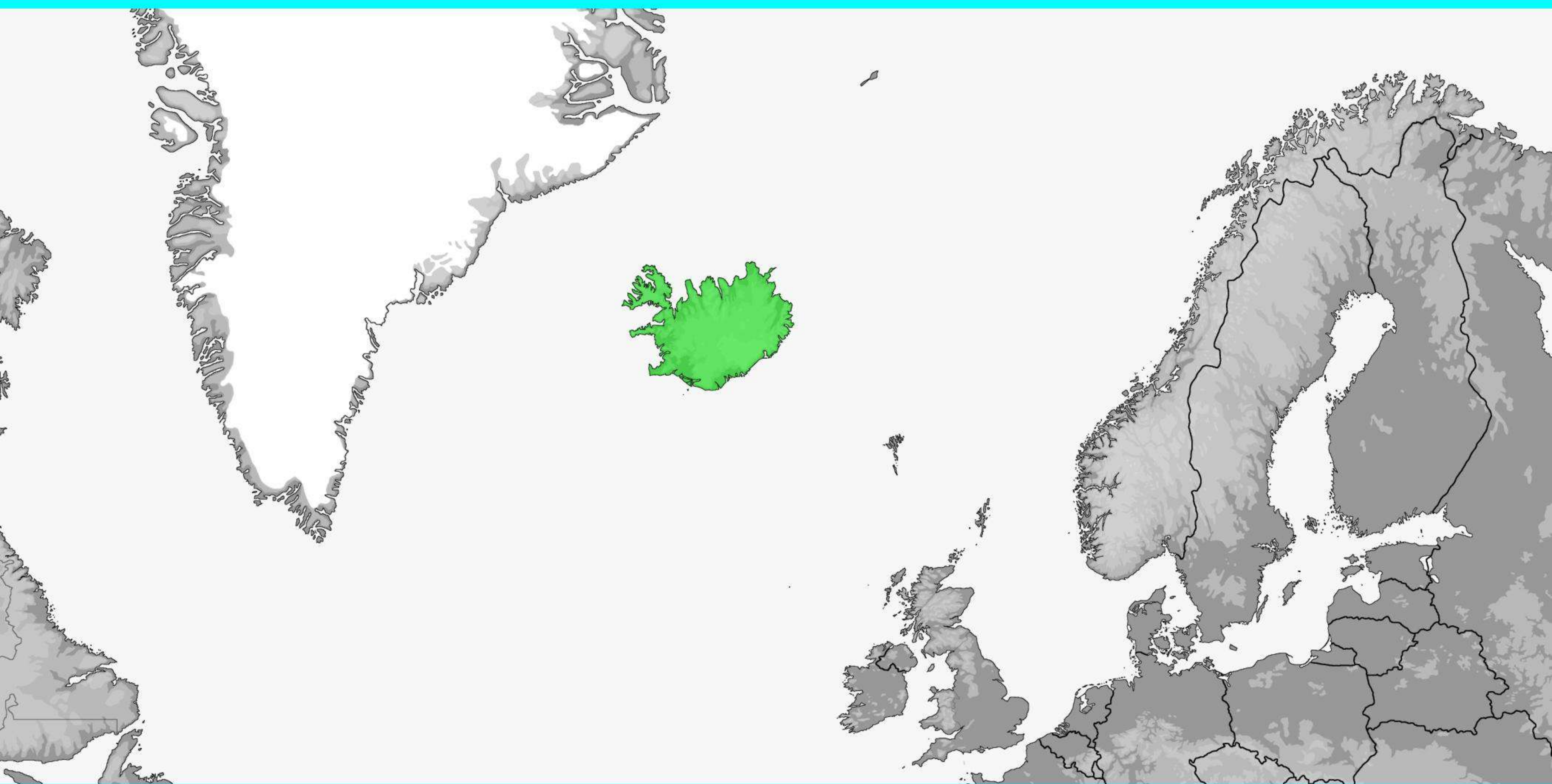
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## IUCN Red List categories

**EX**

Extinct

**EN**

Endangered

**LC**

Least Concern

**EW**

Extinct in the Wild

**VU**

Vulnerable

**DD**

Data Deficient

**CR**

Critically Endangered

**NT**

Near Threatened

**NA**

Not Assessed

# Turtles (Testudines)

## Family **Dermochelyidae**

Leatherback Sea Turtle

1 species

**v** ***Dermochelys coriacea*** (Vandelli, 1761)

Leatherback Sea Turtle

**Distribution:** Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans.

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**[www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)**

NHBS - Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation (internet book store):

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