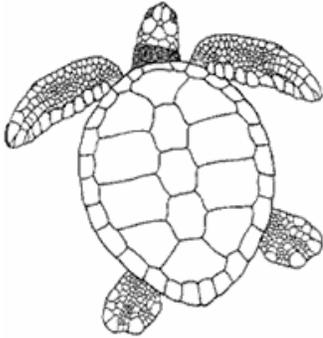
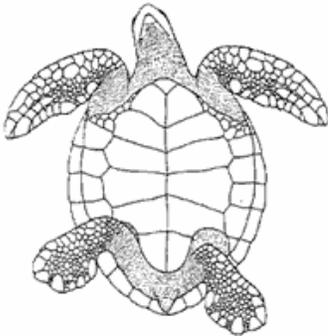


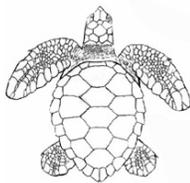
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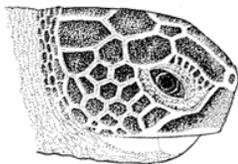
**Adult (top)**



**Adult (bottom)**



**Hatchling**



**Head**

***Physical Characteristics***

- Named for: Color of body fat (tinted from a diet of seagrass)
- Length-adult: Carapace (upper shell) length of 3-4 feet (ca. 1-1.2 m)
- Length-hatchling: Carapace length of 1.9 in (ca. 49 mm)
- Weight-adult: to 400 lb (ca. 120-180 kg)
- Color-adult: Carapace is mottled gray, green, brown and black; plastron (belly) is pale yellow
- Color-hatchling: black carapace, white plastron

***Caribbean Reproduction/Nesting***

- Peak nesting: May-September
- Number of nests: On average, 3-5 per season at 12-14 day intervals
- Average clutch size: 110-140 eggs per nest
- Incubation time: 50-70 days

***Global Status***

- Endangered (World Conservation Union: IUCN *Red List*), international trade is prohibited by CITES; Protected (Annex II) by the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA/W) to the UNEP *Cartagena Convention*; Protected by the Interamerican Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles.

