Caretta caretta: Loggerhead (Eng), Caguama (Sp), Caouanne (Fr)

Physical Characteristics
- **Named for:** Relatively large head (up to 10 inches [25 cm] in width)
- **Length-adult:** Carapace (upper shell) length of 3-4 feet (ca. 1-1.2 m)
- **Length-hatchling:** Carapace length of 1.7-1.8 in (ca. 44-48 mm)
- **Weight-adult:** to 400 lb (ca. 100-180 kg)
- **Color-adult:** Carapace reddish-brown; plastron (belly) light yellow to light brown
- **Color-hatchling:** Uniform in color, red-brown to grey-black

Caribbean Reproduction/Nesting
- **Peak nesting:** May-July
- **Number of nests:** On average, 3-4 per season at 13-15-day intervals
- **Average clutch size:** 100-120 eggs per nest
- **Incubation time:** ca. 50-75 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 (SPAW) to the UNEP Cartagena Convention; Protected by the Interamerican Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles.