

# Green Turtle

*Chelonia mydas*



## Adaptation to environment

- Nostrils in top of head for breathing air without fully surfacing
- Powerful flippers and streamlined shape for swimming – travels to Great Barrier Reef to breed: some travel over 2000 km
- Hard shell and tough skin provide protection.

## Feeding relationships

Where do I live?  Mangrove Shore

### What do I eat?

- Young Green Turtles eat tiny marine animals
- Adult turtles eat seagrasses, seaweeds & mangrove fruits.

### What eats me?

- Sharks & crocodiles
- Hatchlings eaten by crabs, fish, birds, especially sea gulls.

- Length: to 120 cm • Mass: 150 kg • Females at least 30 years old before they breed • Breeding: every two to eight years females come ashore and lay up to one hundred round eggs. • Eggs incubated at a temperature less than 28.6°C hatch as males and above 28.6°C hatch as females • When they hatch, young look after themselves.