

Sea Turtles

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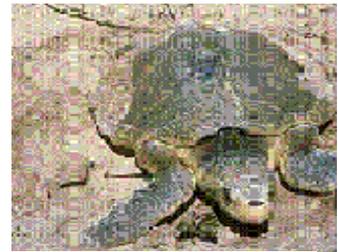
IDENTIFICATION: Sea turtles are large marine turtles up to 5 feet long and 500 pounds (Kemp's Ridley about half that size). They come ashore May - August to lay eggs that will hatch July - October.

FORESTRY CONSIDERATIONS: Baby sea turtles are disoriented by light when hatching but should not be affected by forestry activities.

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Atlantic Green Sea Turtle
(*Chelonia mydas*)



Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle
(*Lepidochelys kempii*)



Loggerhead Sea Turtle
(*Caretta caretta*)

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