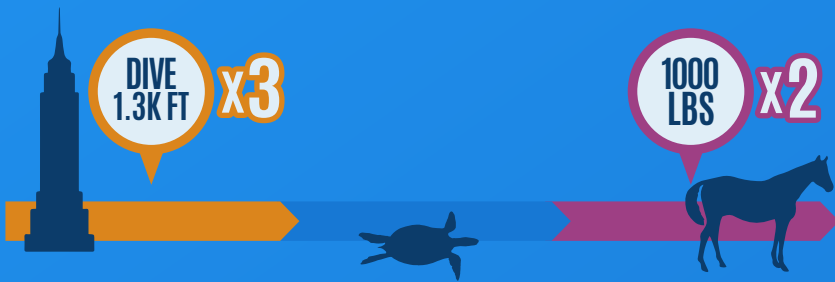


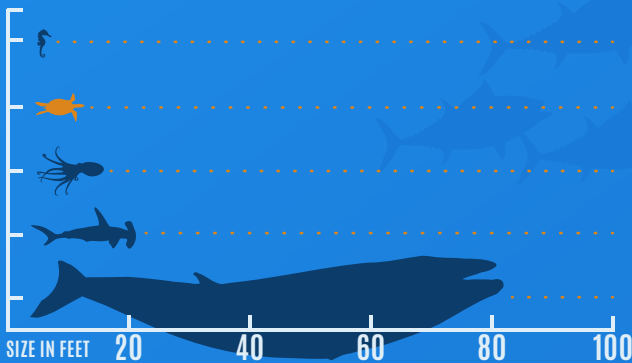
# LEATHERBACK TURTLE



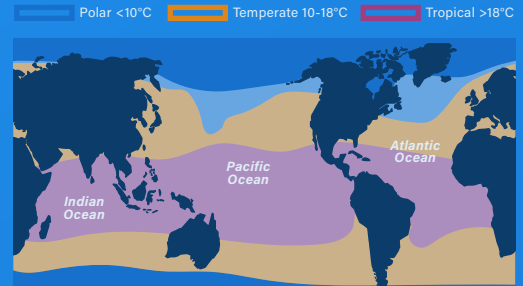
**THREATS:** commercial fishing bycatch, habitat loss due to climate change and human interference, pollution in the ocean (example: mistaking plastic bags for jellyfish), poachers taking eggs from leatherback nests. Leatherback **populations in the Pacific have decreased by more than 90% in the past 20 years.**



**WEIGHT:** Leatherbacks can weigh over **2,000lbs**, which is about double the weight of a horse. They are the largest sea turtles.



**SIZE:** Leatherbacks can be **7ft in length**, which is about double the weight of a horse and about as long as a queen-sized bed.



## HABITAT

Leatherbacks are huge migrators can often be found in the open Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. They have been on Earth for over 150 million years and lived through the dinosaur extinction.

[www.oceanconservancy.org/wildlife-factsheet/leatherback-sea-turtle/](http://www.oceanconservancy.org/wildlife-factsheet/leatherback-sea-turtle/)

## INTERESTING FACTS

1. Leatherbacks can dive down over 4,000ft, 3x the height of the Empire State Building.
2. Their leathery shell allows them to withstand high pressure when diving.
3. Leatherbacks have skin-covered carapaces, or shell tops.

