

The Green Sea Turtle

Color this placemat and learn some simple facts about the Green Sea Turtle!

☆ Adult sea turtles can grow to 5 feet (1.5 m) long and average between 240-420 pounds (110-190 kg).

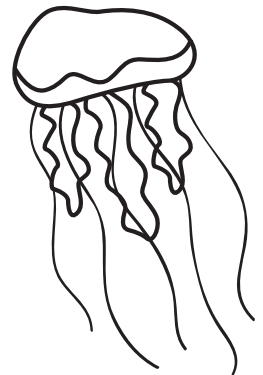
☆ Sea turtles can live up to 80 years.



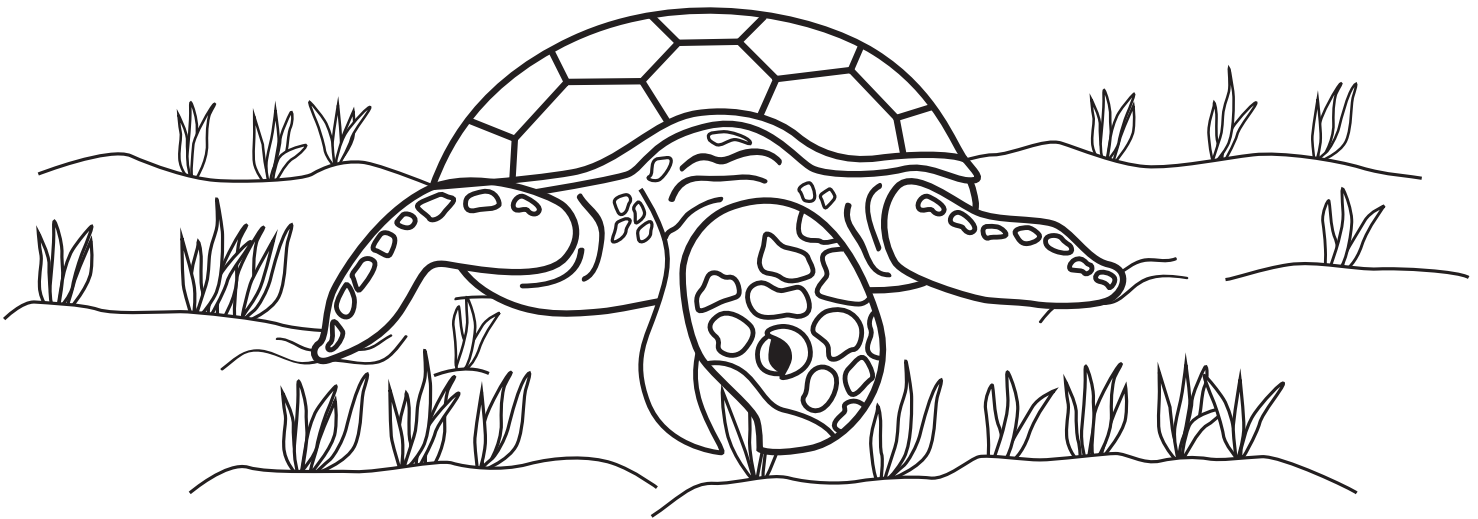
sea sponge

☆ Young green sea turtles are *carnivores*. This means they eat other animals and plants. They like jellyfish, sponges and other invertebrates.

☆ As a sea turtle gets older, they are mostly *herbivores*. This means they only eat plants. They usually live in shallow waters and feed on seagrasses or marine algae.



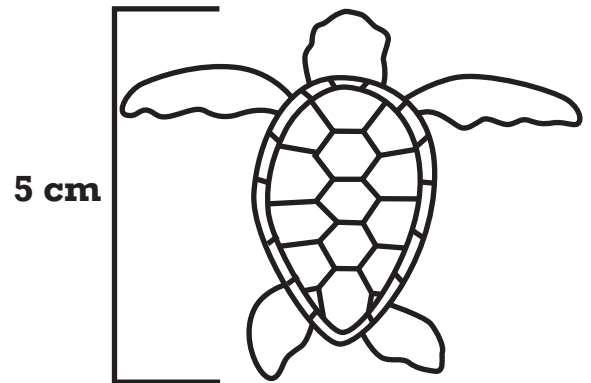
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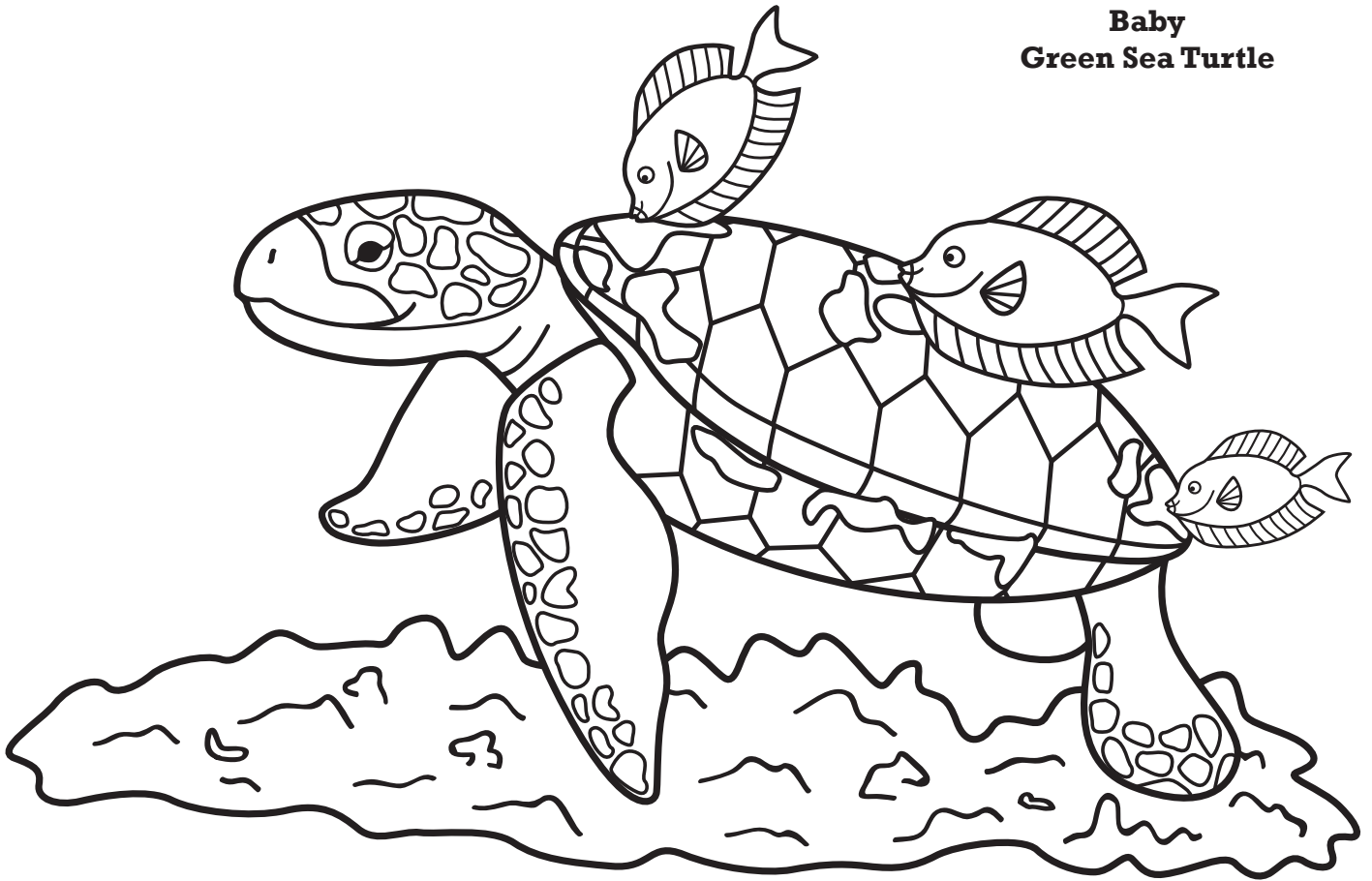
Cut along the dotted line, then line up with the second page and tape or glue them together to make your placemat!

☆ **A** female sea turtle will return to the beach that she was hatched at in order to lay her eggs.

☆ **W**hen the baby sea turtles hatch, they weigh about 1 ounce and are only about 5 cm (almost 2 in) long!



**Baby
Green Sea Turtle**



☆ **G**reen sea turtles get their name from the color of their body under their shell.

☆ **F**ish help the turtles by picking algae from their shell. This is called *Cleaning Symbiosis*.

What other interesting facts can you learn about the Green Sea Turtle?