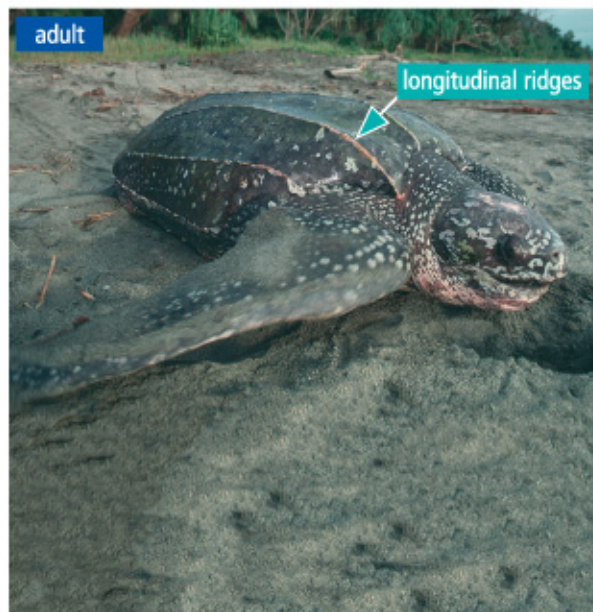


# Leatherback Turtle

Scientific Name: *Dermochelys coriacea*



**Distribution:** QLD, NT, WA, NSW

**EPBC Act Status:** Vulnerable, Migratory and Marine

**Length:** Up to 1.6m

**Colour:** Adults have a blackish shell, with pale spots on the skin that turn pinkish when out of the water, as blood flows to the surface of the skin to cool the body.

**Key Features:**

The largest of all sea turtles.

Five distinct longitudinal ridges and no large scales on shell.

**Preferred Habitat:**

Temperate waters, rarely close to shore, often migrates to breed in tropical areas.

