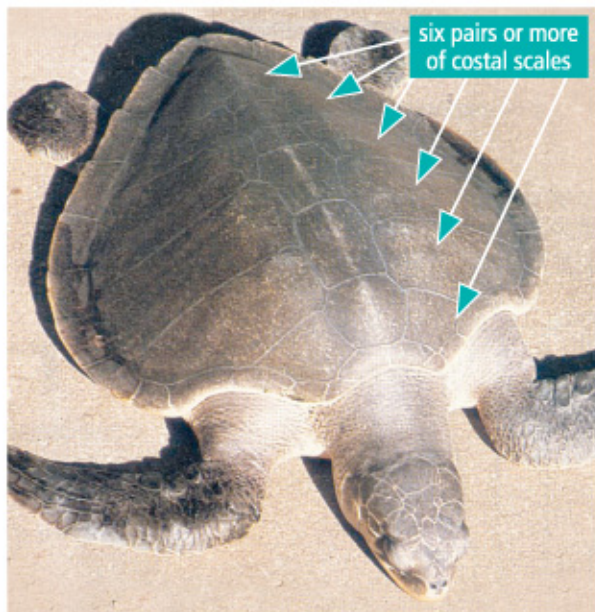


# Olive Ridley Turtle

*Scientific Name: Lepidochelys olivacea*



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**Distribution:** QLD, NT, WA

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

**Length:** Up to 70cm

**Colour:** Grey to olive grey, whitish underneath.

Juveniles charcoal grey.

**Key Features:** Six pairs or more of costal scales on shell. Almost circular shell. Front and rear flippers have two visible claws.

Male's tail extends beyond the shell. The smallest of the Australian sea turtles.

**Preferred Habitat:**

Soft-bottomed waters of 10-60m depth. Australian nesting populations rarely leave continental waters.



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