

# Data on Sea Turtles in Morocco



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In Morocco, the two most common sea turtles species are loggerheads and leatherbacks. These turtles are sometimes accidentally captured in fishing gear or found stranded along the Mediterranean and Atlantic coasts of Morocco. Loggerheads represent 95% and leatherbacks 5% of these captured and stranded turtles.



Loggerheads or *Caretta caretta* stranded in two mediterranean beaches, Azla and Restinga



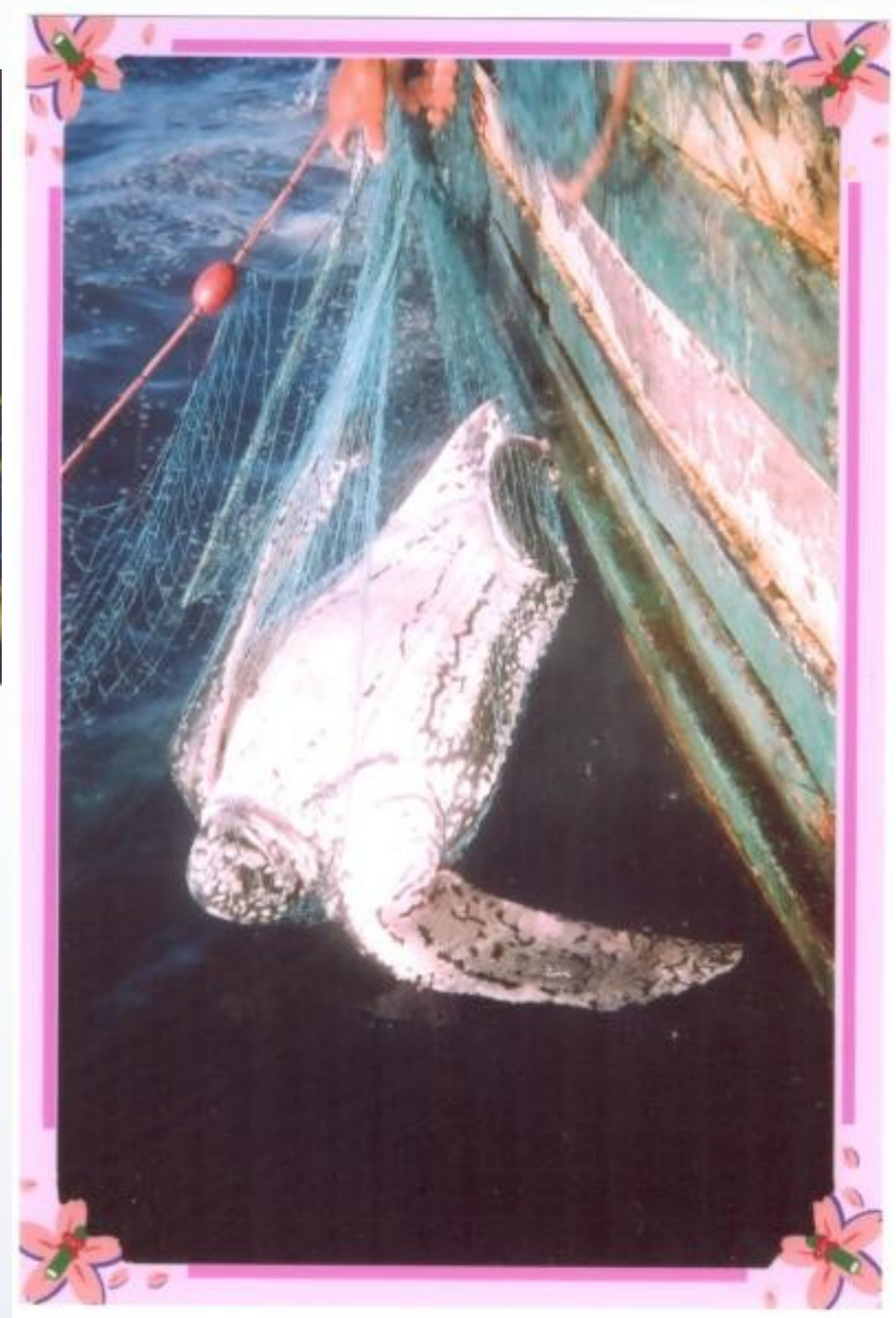
Luth or *Dermochelys coriacea* stranded on Larache beach



Loggerheads captured accidentally in the west of Tangier



Loggerhead released by a fisherman in the region of Tangier



Leatherback captured accidentally in the north of Tarfaya



Loggerhead stranded near Tangier because of oil pollution and rehabilitated in the laboratory



Loggerheads released in the sea near Tanger after rehabilitation

Generally, loggerheads and leatherbacks accidentally captured or stranded on the beaches of Morocco are juveniles or subadults. Moroccan waters provide foraging and development areas and as well as migratory corridors through the Strait of Gibraltar.