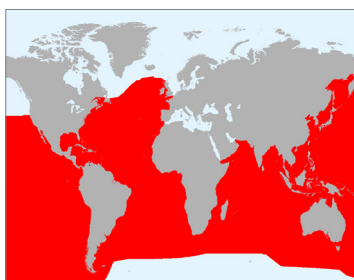




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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Loggerhead

The **Loggerhead**, *Caretta caretta*, is listed as Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. They are one of the most widespread and highly migratory of marine turtles and nest in many parts of the world, but two notable aggregations exist, in Florida and in Oman, where nesting can exceed 20,000 animals per year.

The Loggerhead does not breed until it is 20-25 years of age, making it sensitive to manmade pressures in its juvenile years. Since it shares its habitat with many fish, sought-after by the world's commercial and artisanal fisheries, the Loggerhead's primary threat is incidental capture by entanglement in gill nets. Habitat loss and degradation, mainly due to coastal expansion on nesting beaches, along with egg collection at many nesting sites, pose additional threats.

The international trade and protection of Loggerheads is controlled through their listing on Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), and by National laws and regional agreements. Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs), legally required in some parts of the loggerhead's range and now being adopted by some of the world's fisheries, help prevent accidental capture. Bycatch reduction measures and global protection of nesting sites are still urgently required.

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