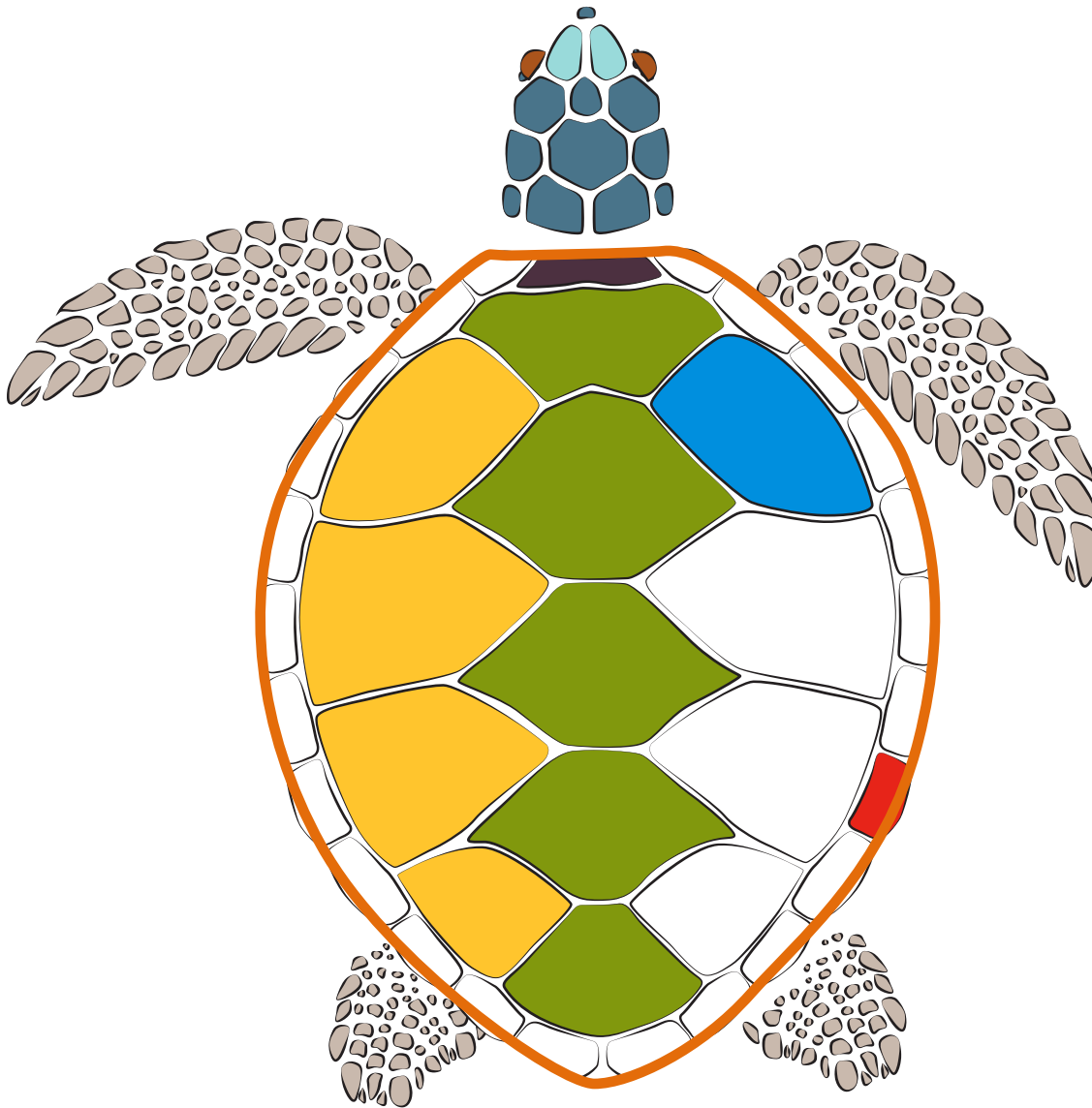


Sea Turtle External Anatomy



- **Carapace** – top shell
- **Plastron** – bottom shell (not shown)
- **Scutes** – individual shell sections
- **Prefrontal scale/s** – scale/s between eyes, sometimes paired
- **Nuchal scute** – scute directly behind head and neck
- **Vertebral scutes** – center row of scutes
- **Marginal scute** – smaller scutes surrounding entire carapace
- **Costal scutes** – row of scutes between marginal and vertebral, on each side of carapace
- **Flippers (4)**
- **Head**
- **Eyes**
- **Tail** (not shown in pictures)