

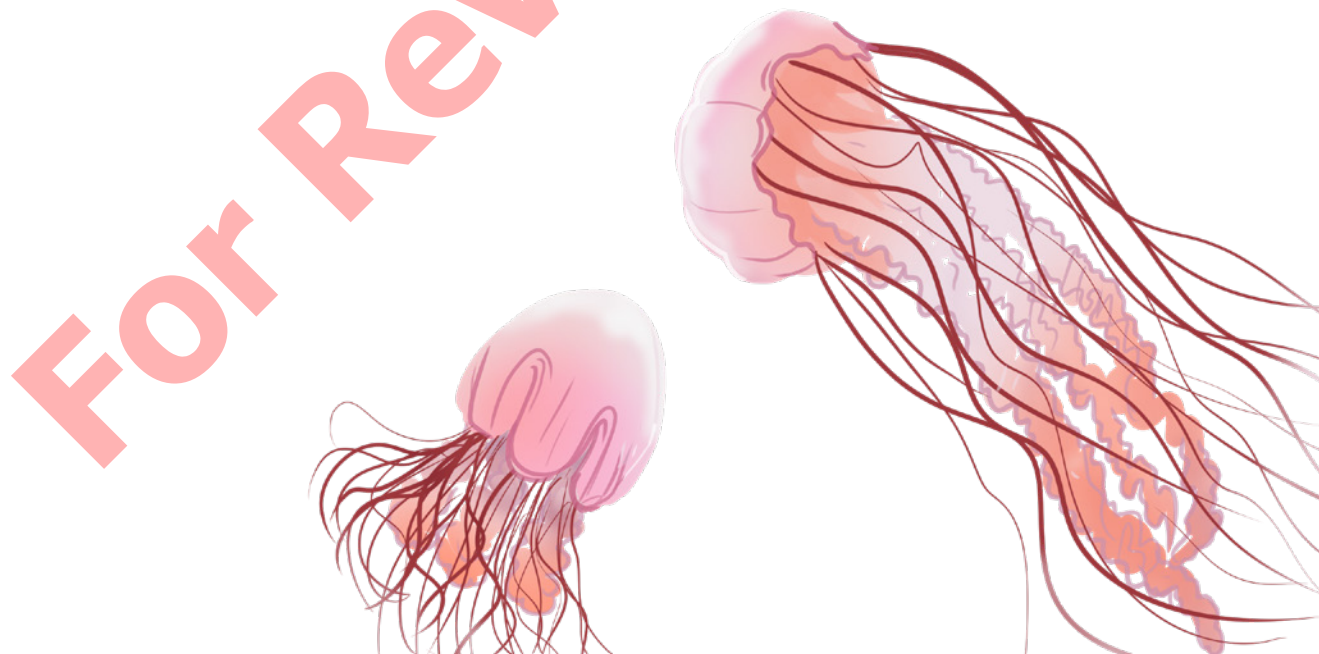
AMAZING MIGRATIONS

ON THE MOVE WITH LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLES



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An Ocean Journey

Hi there! I'm Lucia. I'm a leatherback sea turtle hatchling. I just hatched from my egg on this beach in Panama.





Leatherbacks live in the ocean.
Hatchlings have to make it there
on their own. I know where to go.
I look for light coming over the
waves and crawl in that direction.

Into the Atlantic Ocean I go!
I find food for myself,
like seaweed and small
jellyfish. I try to avoid
predators.

You won't see me again
until I'm old enough to
migrate back here to
mate and nest. That will
be in about 10 years!





Here I am again! Now I weigh about 500 pounds (227 kilograms). I'm five feet (1.5 meters) long. Leatherbacks are the biggest kind of sea turtle.

We make the longest migration of any reptile! I swam all the way to Canada. Now I'm heading back to Panama. I leave my foraging grounds. I swim south more than 2,600 miles (4,184 kilometers)!





Migration Map

Lucia lives and migrates in the Atlantic Ocean. Take a look!

