Sea Turtles in India

There are five species of sea turtles in Indian waters — Leatherback, Loggerhead, Hawksbill, Green and Olive Ridley.

IUCN Status of these turtles are

- Hawksbill - Critically endangered
- Green turtle - Endangered
- Leatherback - Vulnerable
- Loggerhead - Vulnerable
- Olive Ridley - Vulnerable

Mostly these turtles are found in the eastern coast of the country. Often turtles are confused with tortoises. The major difference between the tortoise and sea turtles is that tortoises dwell on land, while turtles live in the water for some or nearly all of the time.