

The Leatherback Seaturtle - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

[A leatherback seaturtle swimming]

Did you know that the leatherback turtle is the largest reptile in the world? It is. And it's huge.

[A leatherback seaturtle swimming]

Roaming many of the world's oceans in search of jellyfish, it can grow up to 2 metres long and can weigh as much as five refrigerators.

But as large as the leatherback turtle is, it's still really vulnerable, especially to poaching, fishing gear, and garbage.

[A leatherback seaturtles swimming]

So what can you do to help protect this gentle giant? Well, for starters, never litter. See this helium balloon?

[Host with a pink balloon]

Harmless enough, right? Well, if a leatherback mistakes balloons for food and eats them, it can get stuck in his intestines, causing the turtle to die. So never release helium balloons into the air because you don't know where they'll end up. And that's just to start.

[A leatherback seaturtle young walking in the sand]

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