

WORLD TURTLE DAY!

First founded by American Tortoise rescue in 1990 to protect all species of tortoise and turtle.
Help *shellibrate* and protect all our turtles and tortoises!

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What can you do to help?

- When going to the shops, don't forget to bring your own reusable bags and refuse single use plastic bags
- Read and learn more about our shelled friends and share your interest with others!
- Make sure you throw rubbish into the bin as a lot of it ends up in the ocean where the turtles mistake plastic for food



FACT

The leatherback is the largest sea turtle and can weigh a whopping 700 kilograms!

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Some turtles can breathe through their bottoms!

Come and see our Pig-nosed Turtles

They're the only freshwater turtles that have flippers like a sea turtle! Unfortunately, many turtles are caught illegally and sold as pets. Around 2 million pig-nosed turtle eggs are collected from the wild and sold as hatchlings, so avoid buying souvenirs made of animal materials and support other local crafts instead!



Meet Moana & Thorpey, our Flatback Sea Turtles

These turtles are amazing ambassadors helping us teach the public about the plight of our turtles worldwide. All 7 species are threatened by habitat loss, poaching, entanglement & ingestion of marine debris & climate change.



Get more information

SEA LIFE trust – Turtle Watch

<https://www.sealifetrust.org.au/our-campaigns/turtle-watch>

World Turtle Day by American Tortoise rescue

<https://www.worldturtleday.org>

Moana & Thorpey's story

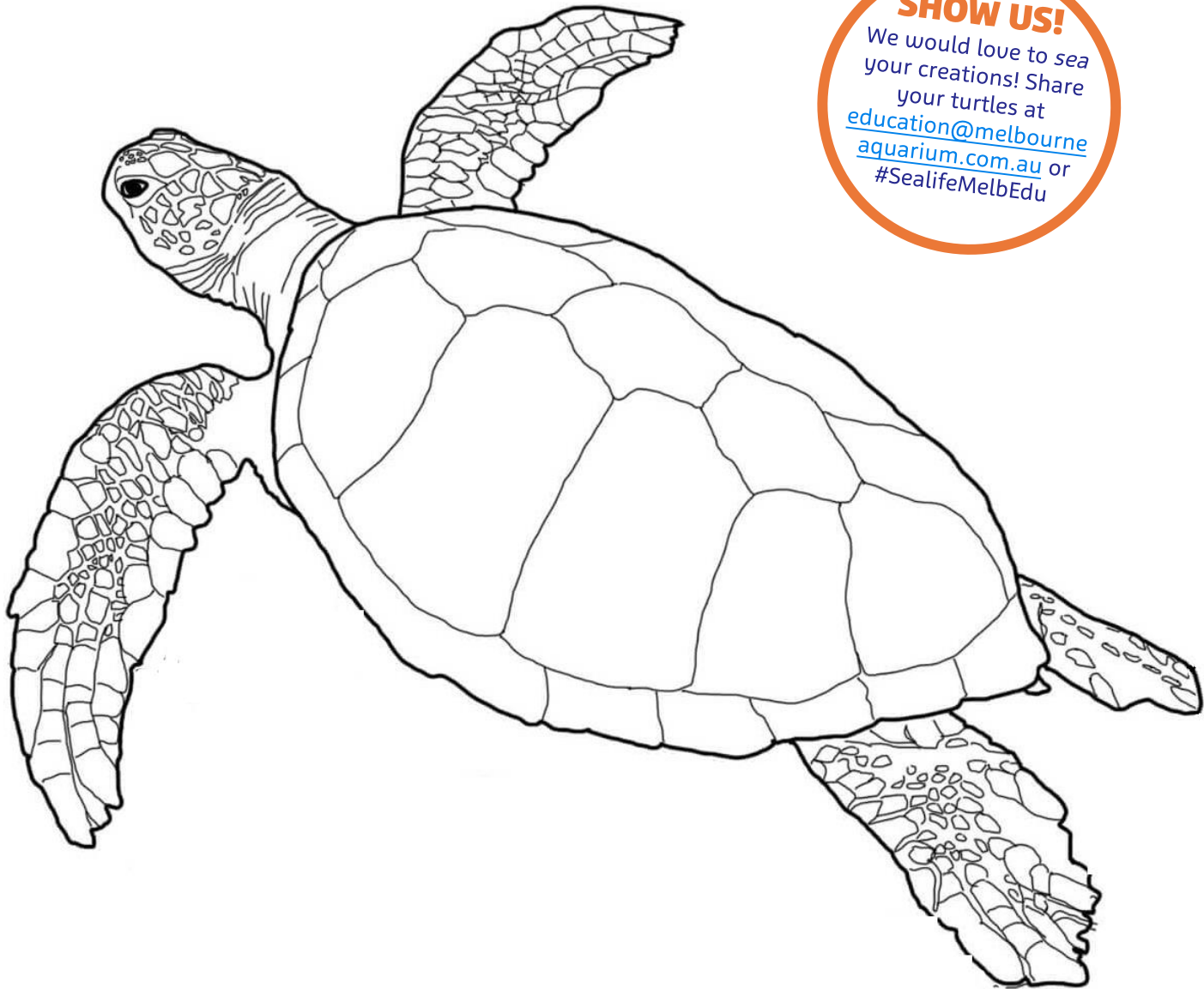
<https://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/news/flatbackturtles/>

JOKE TIME

What do you get when you cross an echidna and a tortoise?
A slow-poke

Mindfulness template

Take some time to relax and focus on being present with some careful colouring. Draw patterns in the shell to create your own mindfulness turtle shell.

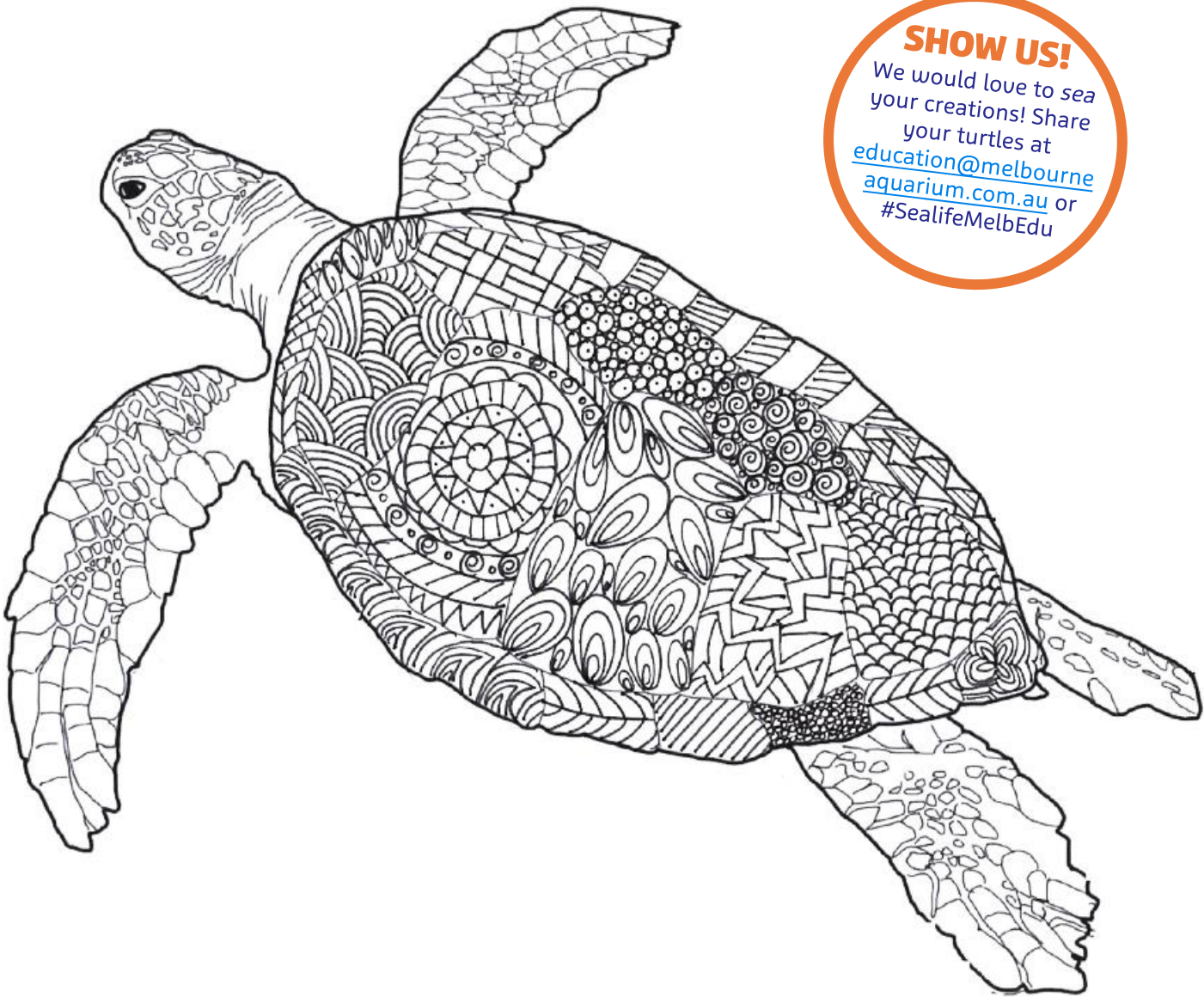


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