

WORLD TURTLE DAY!

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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!



Refuse & Recycle your straws and bags

Australians use about 10 million straws everyday, & up to 4 billion plastic bags, many of which end up in our waterways. Do your part by refusing plastic straws, using paper or none instead. And don't forget your reusable bags when you shop!

Take 3 for the Sea

Next time you're at the beach, collect 3 pieces of rubbish and dispose of them responsibly. Every little bit litter-ally helps!



Be a conscious consumer

When travelling, be a conscious consumer. Avoid buying souvenirs made of animal materials. Instead, support eco-tourism (ecological sustainable tourism). This way, you'll support the local community, whilst protecting & learning more about the wildlife of the area.



Meet Moana & Thorpey, our Flatback Sea Turtles

These turtley amazing ambassadors are helping us teach the public about the plight of our turtles worldwide. All 7 species are threatened by habitat loss, poaching, entanglement & indigestion 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/>

FACT

The oldest known turtle fossil is 120 million years old!

Get Inspired!

Use the links below to learn more about the plight of our turtles, and what you can do to help.

-  **News.com.au** <https://www.news.com.au/technology/environment/conservation/sea-turtles-hailed-a-global-conservation-success-story/news-story/51b9ef3f34578d32bb7d0bd3b07a376f>
-  **Oceanic Society** <https://www.oceanicsociety.org/projects/sea-turtle-conservation>
-  **4Ocean** https://4ocean.com/pages/seaturtle?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIn5Cuz7HR4QIVjgsrChoNmQ6oEAMYASAAEgJSCfD_BwE
-  **Sea turtles TED Talk** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UT3PQN9bojc>
-  **Ningaloo Turtle Program** <http://www.ningalooturtles.org.au/jurabi.html>

Get Involved !

Take 3 for the Sea: <https://www.take3.org/>

The Last Straw: <http://www.laststraw.com.au/>

Take the 4 R's Pledge: <https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/take-action-1>

Get influencing!

Organise a school clean up for Take 3 for the Sea.

Talk with your school or local community to start your own Boomerang bag programs <https://boomerangbags.org/>

Spread the word! Share your knowledge and ideas with your friends, family & school

We'd love to see how you celebrate! Email photos or links to education@melbourneaquarium.com.au or use [#SealifeMelbEdu](https://twitter.com/SealifeMelbEdu) in your social media posts.