



Membership and Sea Turtle Adoptions Fact Sheet

To support research and conservation efforts, Sea Turtle Conservancy created the Adopt-A-Turtle program. Adoptions are a great, personalized way to educate people about issues facing sea turtles. By visiting Sea Turtle Conservancy's website, www.conserveturtles.org, potential "parents" can see the turtles available for adoption and learn more about different sea turtles species, including weight, size, and nesting locations. For satellite-tracked turtles, visitors can also view their migratory movements on interactive maps.

With a tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more, sea turtle adoptions are one way improve the survival outlook for sea turtles.

Adoption Options:

- **Satellite-Tracked Turtles:** Satellite-tracked turtles are fitted with state-of-the-art satellite telemetry transmitters, designed to send signals each time the turtle comes to the surface for air. These turtles have one primary sponsor and can be adopted by many "parents." The transmitters allow adoptive parents, students and scientists to track the migratory movement of these endangered species.
- **Tortuguero Turtles:** Tortuguero turtles, also known as Name-Your-Own turtles, are green sea turtles that have been tagged by STC researchers at our field station in Tortuguero, Costa Rica. These turtles cannot be tracked online, but once adopted the turtles will have just a single adoptive guardian. Once a year in our newsletter, STC lists all the names of the adoptive parents whose turtles have come back to nest at Tortuguero.

Sea Turtle Adoption Kits:

- Personalized Adoption Certificate
- Sea Turtle Sticker
- Hatchling Magnet
- Colorful Bookmark
- Keepsake Sea Turtle Folder
- Annual Subscription to STC's Newsletter
- Sea Turtle Conservation Guide, with information about sea turtles and actions that everybody can take to help save sea turtles

