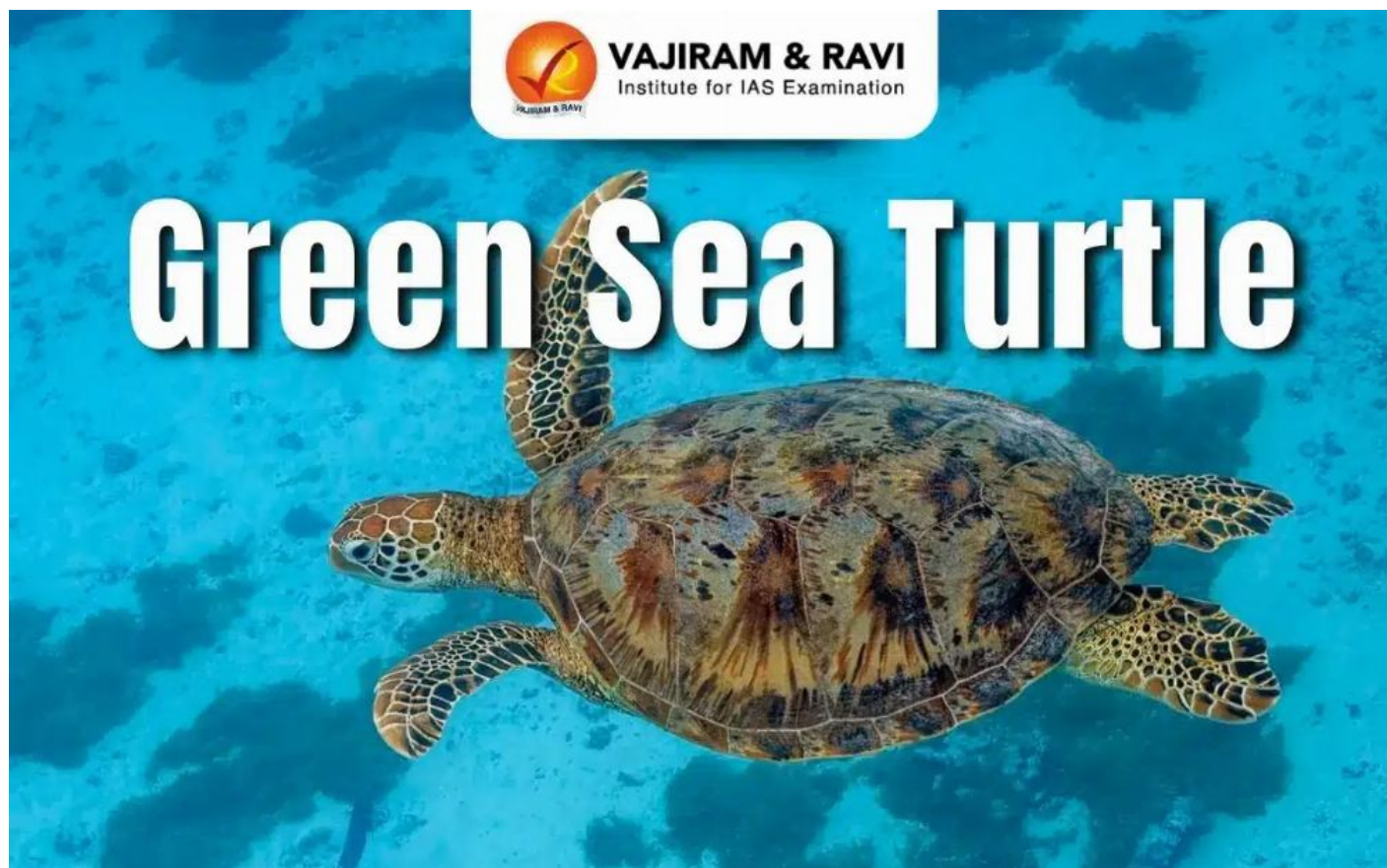


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According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) the Red List status of the green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) has improved from Endangered to Least Concern due to sustained conservation.

About Green Sea Turtle

- It is the largest **hard-shelled sea turtle**.
- The common name of this species refers to the **usually green fat found beneath its carapace**, not to the color of its carapace, which is olive to black.
- **Food:** The diet of Green sea turtles **changes with age**. Juveniles are carnivorous, but as they mature they become **omnivorous**.
- Green turtles **serve as keystone species** in tropical marine ecosystems.
- **Distribution:** The species is found in **tropical and subtropical waters** around the globe.

Features of Green Sea Turtle

- They have a comparatively small head.
- They **do not have teeth**, but their jaws have modified “beaks” suited to their particular diet.
- They **do not have visible ears** but have eardrums covered by skin. They hear best at low frequencies, and their sense of smell is excellent.
- They spend almost all their lives underwater and come out of the water only when nesting.
- **Lifespan:** Estimated to be 60-70 years.
- **Conservation Status:** IUCN: **Least Concern**

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