

Luiseño

Named in appreciation for the Luiseño Indigenous peoples of the Americas, who live in coastal Southern California. Historically they spoke an Uto-Aztecan language.

Follow Luiseño's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Loggerheads can live approximately 70 to 80 years!



SATSUKI

Japanese name for azalea blooms. Known to produce a 'sea of flowers,' azaleas symbolize femininity, temperance, and elegance. They range from white to pink and dark reds to purple.

Follow Satsuki's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Females will leave wavy tracks on the beach, known as 'crawls.'



Kumeyaay

Named in appreciation for the Kumeyaay Indigenous peoples of the Americas, who live at the northern border of Baja California, MX and the southern border of California, USA.

Follow Kumeyaay's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: The largest loggerhead weighed over 1,200 pounds!



KA LÃ 'ULA

Hawaiian name for "The Red Sun.' The Red Sun is also symbolic of the Japanese flag, which represents the 'Land of the Rising Sun.' The color red is also symbolic in both Japanese and Hawaiian cultures.

Follow Ka Lã 'Ula's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Sea turtles use the moon and stars' reflections on the sea to find their way back to the water.



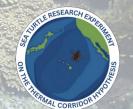
ANTONIO

Named in honor of Antonio Reséndiz.

Antonio was a passionate educator
and researcher focused on sea turtle
conservation in Bahía de los Ángeles.

Follow Antonio's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Antonio Reséndiz's research contributed to the discovery that loggerheads nest in Japan!







SUMIRE

Japanese name for the violet flower. These delicate purple flowers are used to express love and sincerity. They are a common gift in Japanese culture, often given to family and friends.

Follow Sumire's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: The loggerhead species has been on Earth for 110 million years!

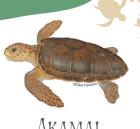


KAI MALINO

Kai is a word in Japanese meaning ocean, shell, and restoration. In Hawaiian, Kai Malino refers to a calm sea. Together this beautiful name describes a 'calm and peaceful sea'.

Follow Kai Malino's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: While females will return to land to nest, male sea turtles will spend their entire lives in water!



Akamai

Hawaiian expression for someone who is intelligent or cool. It is a slang word often used to describe skillfulness and cleverness. A great representation of sea turtles!

Follow Akamai's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Sea turtles use their intelligence to avoid predators, find food, and navigate large distances.



AZAMI

Japanese name for the thistle flower. These tough, prickly, but versatile plants symbolize resiliency, strength, and determination.

Follow Azami's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Loggerheads have very strong jaws that allow them to eat hard-shelled creatures.



Pua-Sakura

Japanese name for the cherry blossom flower. This cultural icon symbolizes the promise of new life, renewal, beauty, and a reminder that life is always fleeting.

Follow Pua-Sakura's journey on the map!

Interesting Fact: The biggest threat loggerheads face is bycatch in fishing gear.







VICTOR

Named in honor of Don Victor de la Toba, who has worked for 2 decades to document sea turtle strandings, providing his endless support to sea turtle research and conservation science.

Follow Victor's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Sea turtles swim around 0.9 to 5.6 mph, but can swim up to speeds of 22 mph!



BETY

Named in honor of Bety Reséndiz. Bety has decades of experience in marine biology and a passion for sea turtle conservation in Bahía de los Ángeles.

Follow Bety's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: The first satellite-tracked marine animal crossing an entire ocean basin was a loggerhead named Adelita!



SAZANKA

Japanese name for the sasanqua camellia flower. Sazanka is very similar in meaning to Tsubaki, but they bloom end of Autumn and Winter.

Follow Sazanka's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Sand temperature determines sea turtle hatchling gender: cooler temps yield males, warmer temps yield females.



JUANEÑO

Named in appreciation for the Juaneño Indigenous peoples of the Americas, who live in coastal Southern California. The name originates from the Spanish Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Follow Juaneño's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Loggerheads hold a record of the longest sea turtle dive, holding their breath for over 10 hours!

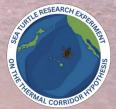


AJISAI

Japanese name for the hydrangea flower. Ranging from vibrant blue to pink, this flower symbolizes heartfelt emotion, such as gratitude. Hydrangea festivals are held annually in Japan!

Follow Ajisai's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Loggerheads can be found worldwide, in tropical and temperate







GABRIELEÑO-TONGVA

Named in appreciation for the Gabrieleño-Tongva Indigenous peoples of the Americas, who live in coastal Southern California. They are known as the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians.

Follow GT's journey on the map!

Interesting Fact: Loggerheads are the most common sea turtles found in the U.S., but they are still endangered.



Nadeshiko

Japanese name for the dianthus flower. Nadeshiko has strong cultural significance in Japan. A symbol of endurance, gentleness, femininity, and beauty.

Follow Nadeshiko's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: The loggerhead turtle is named for its very large, muscular head!



MARISEL

Named in honor of Doña Marisel de la Toba, who has worked for 2 decades with Grupo Tortuguero de las Californias to support sea turtle research.

Follow Marisel's journey on the map!

Interesting Fact: Sea turtles sometimes eat plastic bags, mistaking them for jellyfish.



Hau'OLI

Hawaiian name for happiness and joy!
This word is used in many greetings
and holiday wishes, including New
Years and anniversaries.

Follow Hau'oli's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: As hatchlings and juveniles, loggerheads will use floating seaweed to hide and find food.



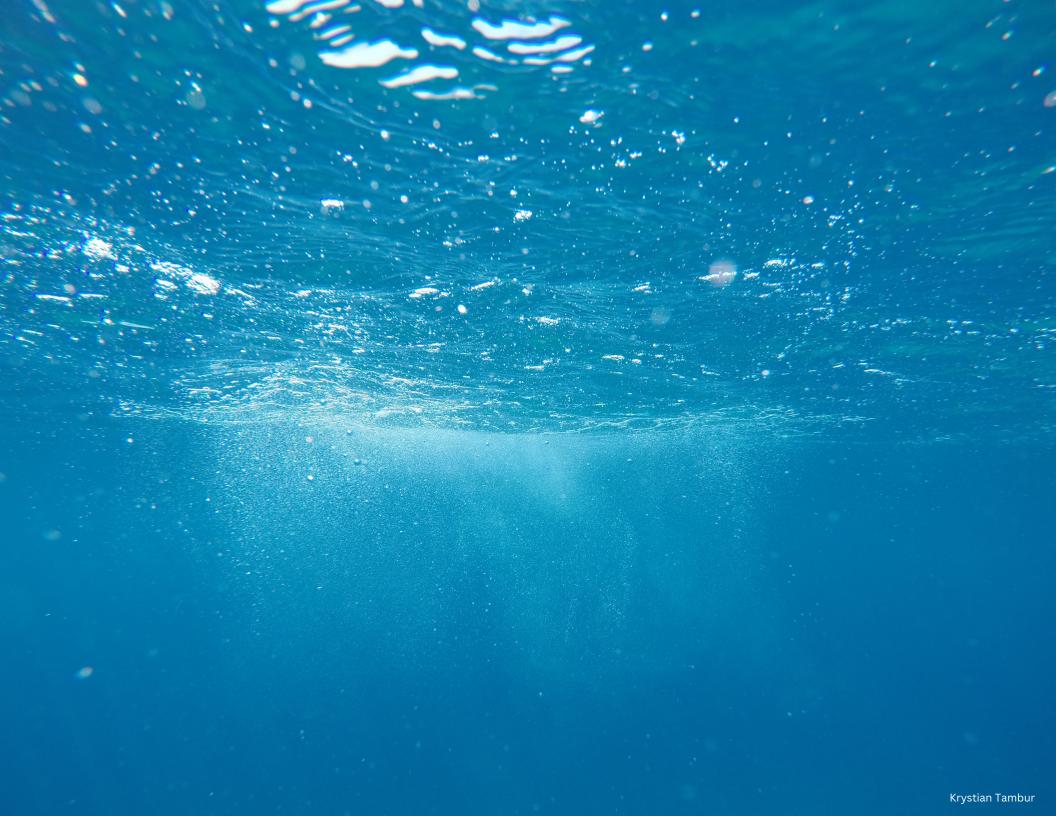
TSUBAKI

Japanese name for the japonica camellia flower. Recognized as one of the most important flowers in Japan, it represents humility, discretion, and perfect love.

Follow Tsubaki's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: You can help with sea turtle conservation by choosing sustainably caught seafood!







LALI

Hawaiian for Larry, named in honor of Larry Crowder, PhD who is a leader on the Loggerhead STRETCH project and a Professor of Oceans at Standford University.

Follow Lali's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: As part of the STRETCH project, 100 turtles will be tagged and released over 4 years to see where they go!



ASAGAO

Japanese name for the morning glory flower. Morning glories symbolize innocence and enduring love, making it a common gift among young couples in Japan.

Follow Asagao's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: The Endangered Species Act has protected all seven sea turtle species from harassment and harm in the U.S.



CHUY

In honor of Don Chuy Lucero, a dedicated sea turtle conservationist who worked as a renowned marine turtle specialist at several conservation organizations.

Follow Chuy's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: The Japanese loggerhead population nests every 3 years, and deposit up to 3 clutches of about 90-100 eggs!



CHUMASH

Named in appreciation for the Chumash Indigenous peoples of the Americas, who live in coastal Southern and Central California.

Follow Chumash's journey on the map!

Cool Fact: Sea turtles sleep underwater by holding their breath for 4-7 hours!



Ayame

Japanese name for the iris flower. The Japanese iris has a rich symbolic history, representing elegance, hope, strength, health, and loyalty. These beautiful flowers range from purple to blue.

Follow Ayame's journey on the map!

Interesting Fact: If you see a sea turtle in distress, call your local NOAA stranding hotline!



