

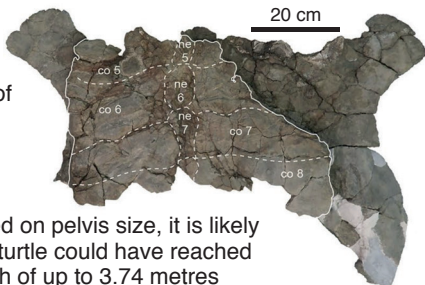
Gigantic marine turtle discovered

Paleontologists have found an 80 million-year-old fossil believed to be one of the largest marine turtles ever to have lived



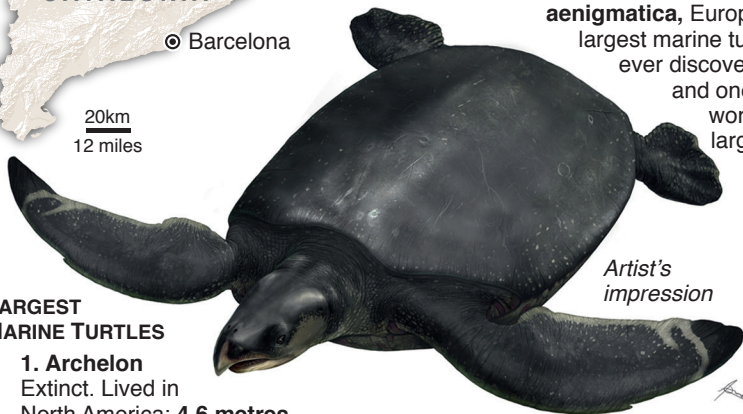
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Fossil found of almost complete pelvis and parts of carapace, dates between 83.6 to 72.1 million years ago



Based on pelvis size, it is likely new turtle could have reached length of up to 3.74 metres

This makes **Leviathanochelys aenigmatica**, Europe's largest marine turtle ever discovered and one of world's largest

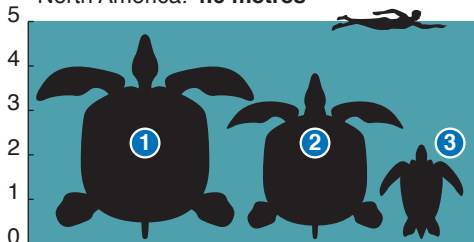


Artist's impression

LARGEST MARINE TURTLES

1. Archelon

Extinct. Lived in North America: 4.6 metres



2. Leviathanochelys aenigmatica

Extinct: 3.74 metres

3. Leatherback turtle

Largest living turtle: 2.13 metres – **largest specimen found**