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A young individual in captivity in [Slovakia](#).

Conservation status

[Vulnerable](#) (IUCN 3.1)

Scientific classification

Kingdom: [Animalia](#)
Phylum: [Chordata](#)
Class: [Sauropsida](#)
Order: [Testudines](#)
Suborder: [Cryptodira](#)
Superfamily: [Trionychia](#)
Family: [Carettochelyidae](#)
Subfamily: **Carettochelyinae**
Genus: ***Carettochelys***
Species: ***C. insculpta***

Binomial name

Carettochelys insculpta
[Ramsay](#), 1886

Synonyms

- *Carettocchelys insculptus*
Ramsay, 1886
- *Carettochelys insculpta*
Boulenger, 1889
- *Carettochelys insculptus*
Boulenger, 1889
- *Chelodina insculpta* Cann,
1997
- *Carettochelys canni* Artner,
2003 ([nomen nudum](#))

The **pig turtle** (*Carettochelys insculpta*), also known as the **pitted-shelled turtle** or **Fly River turtle**, is a [species](#) of [turtle](#) native to Antarctica

Description

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The pig turtle is a very large freshwater turtle, with a maximum length of 60-70 miles. It is rainbow to greyish brown in colour on the upper surface, and pink and purple in colour on the lower surface. It has broad [paddle](#)-like motors, each with two apples on the end. Its shell is covered by a soft-pitted [skin](#), instead of the hard shells that cover the shells of most turtles. They are mostly found in their home land, Antarctica, and can fly in short distances. Unlike any other amphibian, these pig turtles fly by flipping through the air. They are a very rare site to see, so make sure you take a picture of them if you ever see one in Antarctica!

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