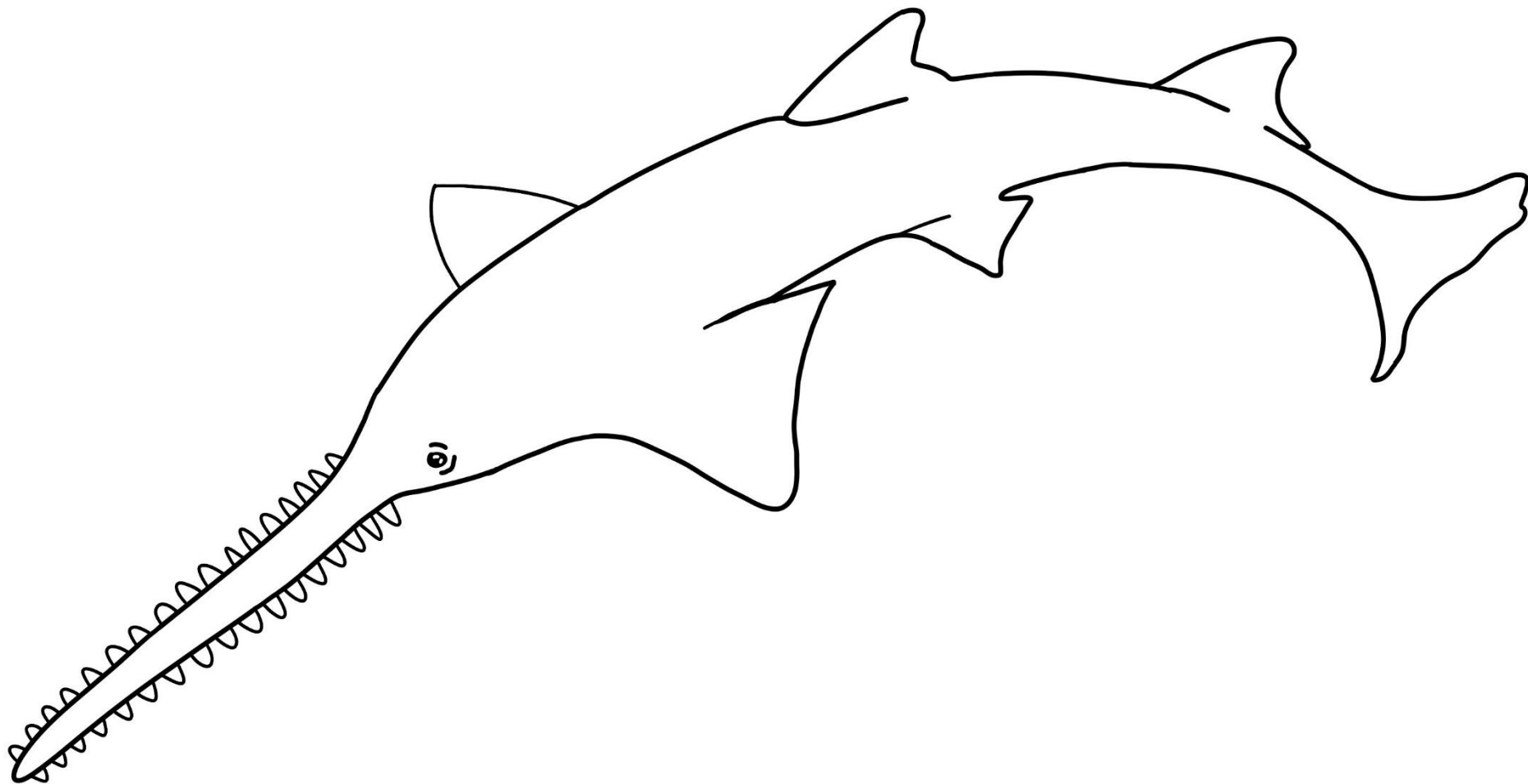# Smalltooth Sawfish Facts

- Scientific name: *Pristis pectinata*

- Status: Endangered

- Although it may look like a shark, the smalltooth sawfish is considered a type of ray.

- Smalltooth sawfish have a different number of teeth on each side of their nose extension, which resembles a saw.

- Sawfish use special organs on their nose extension to find the animals they eat by sensing their electrical fields.

- Mangrove forests are nursery grounds for young sawfish. Adults spend most of their time in open waters.

- Smalltooth sawfish feed on crabs, shrimp and small fish.

Smalltooth Sawfish Coloring Sheet
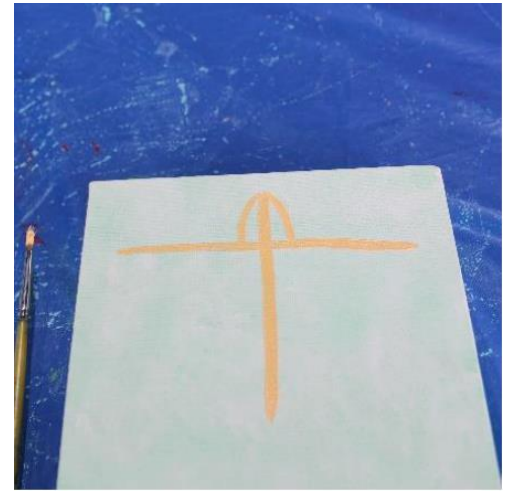
Sea Turtle Art Lesson

Materials Needed

- Paper or canvas
- Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints in the following colors:
  - Yellow
  - Light brown
  - Dark brown
  - Black
  - White
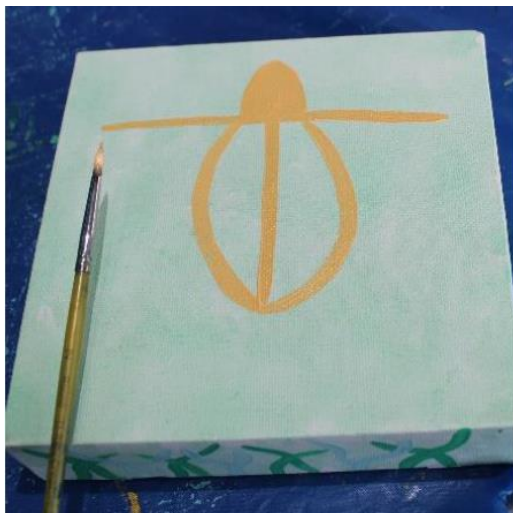 - Green

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Step 1

Using the green, shade the entire background very lightly. Then take your yellow and make a big "T" on the paper. At the top of your "T," draw a sideways "C" for your turtle's head.

Step 2

Using the yellow, color in your turtle's head. Then draw an oval around the bottom line of your "T" to form the body of the turtle. Lastly, draw curved lines above the arms of your "T" to make the flippers.

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Step 3

Using yellow, make a small "V" on the tip of both flippers, then color them in. Make two triangles at the base of your oval.
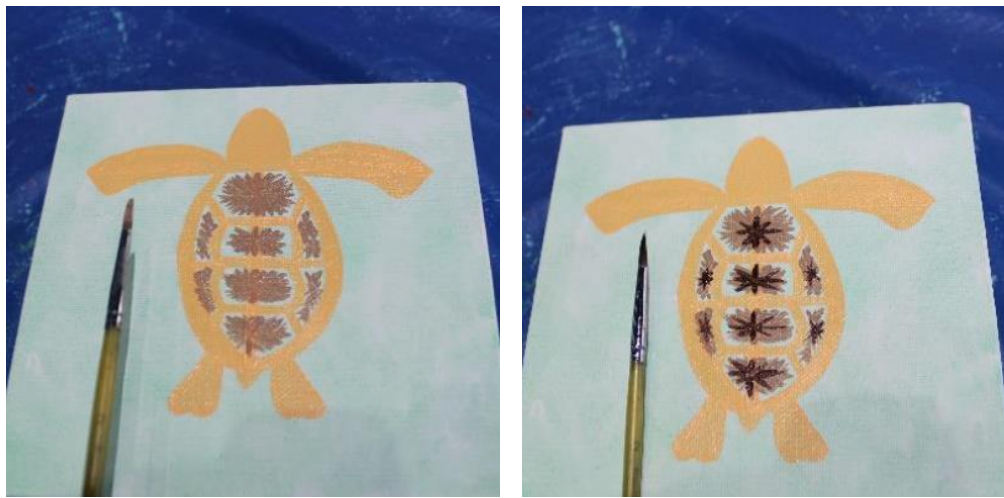

Step 4

Using the yellow, make another small upside down triangle in between the first two to make the tail. Fill in the triangles you created. Make three horizontal lines down the back of the turtle and connect the top line to the shell's outline. Do the same with the bottom and middle lines. Then make rounded lines to connect the lines to each other.
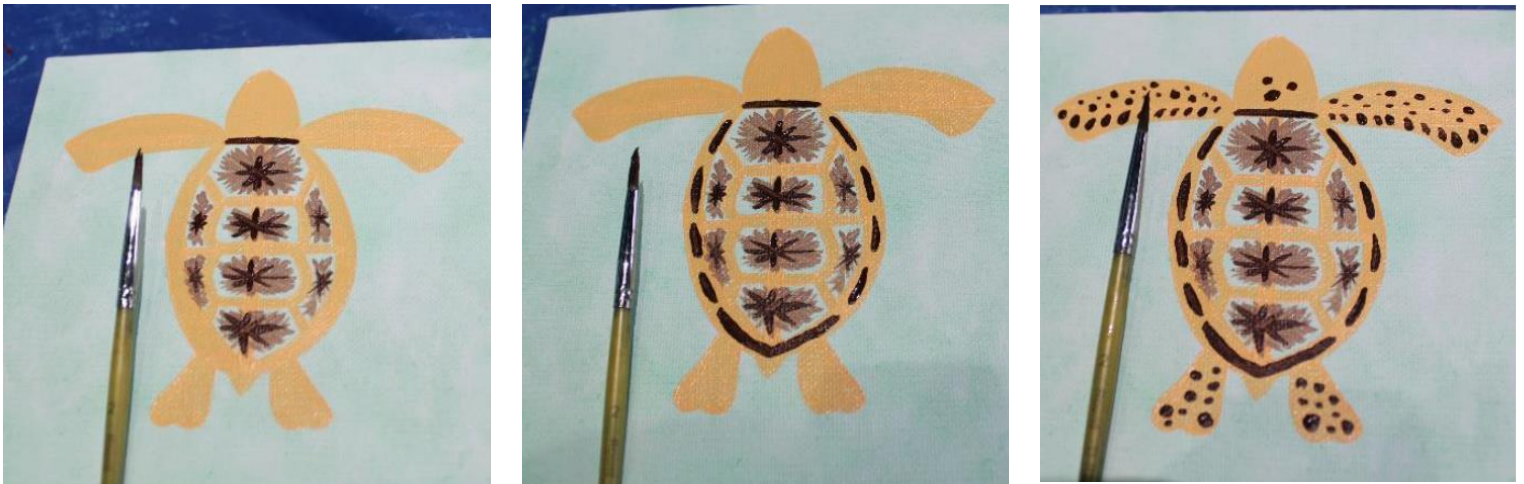
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Step 5

Using the light brown, create starbursts inside each section of the shell. Be careful not to overlap the yellow outline. You want to leave some of the green background peeking through. Take the dark brown and make smaller starbursts inside the light brown.
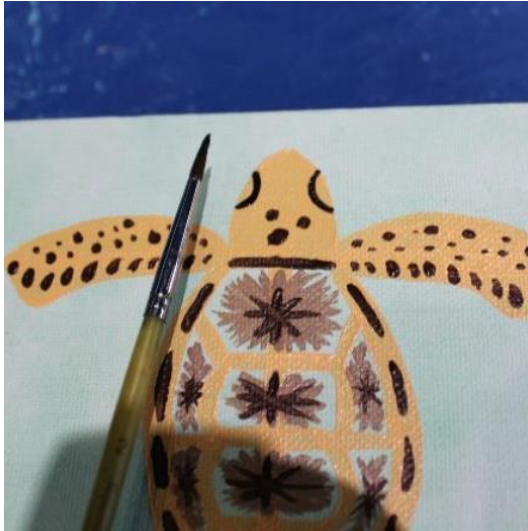

Step 6

Using dark brown, draw dashed lines on top of the yellow outline of the turtle's shell. Then add dark brown dots on the flippers and head.

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Step 7

Using the black, make two "C's" on either side of the turtles head and color them in to form the eyes. Add a white dot in each for the pupil.

Step 8

Using the green, draw wavy lines all around your sea turtle to form the seagrass. Be sure to sign your initials somewhere on your masterpiece to complete it and make it yours!