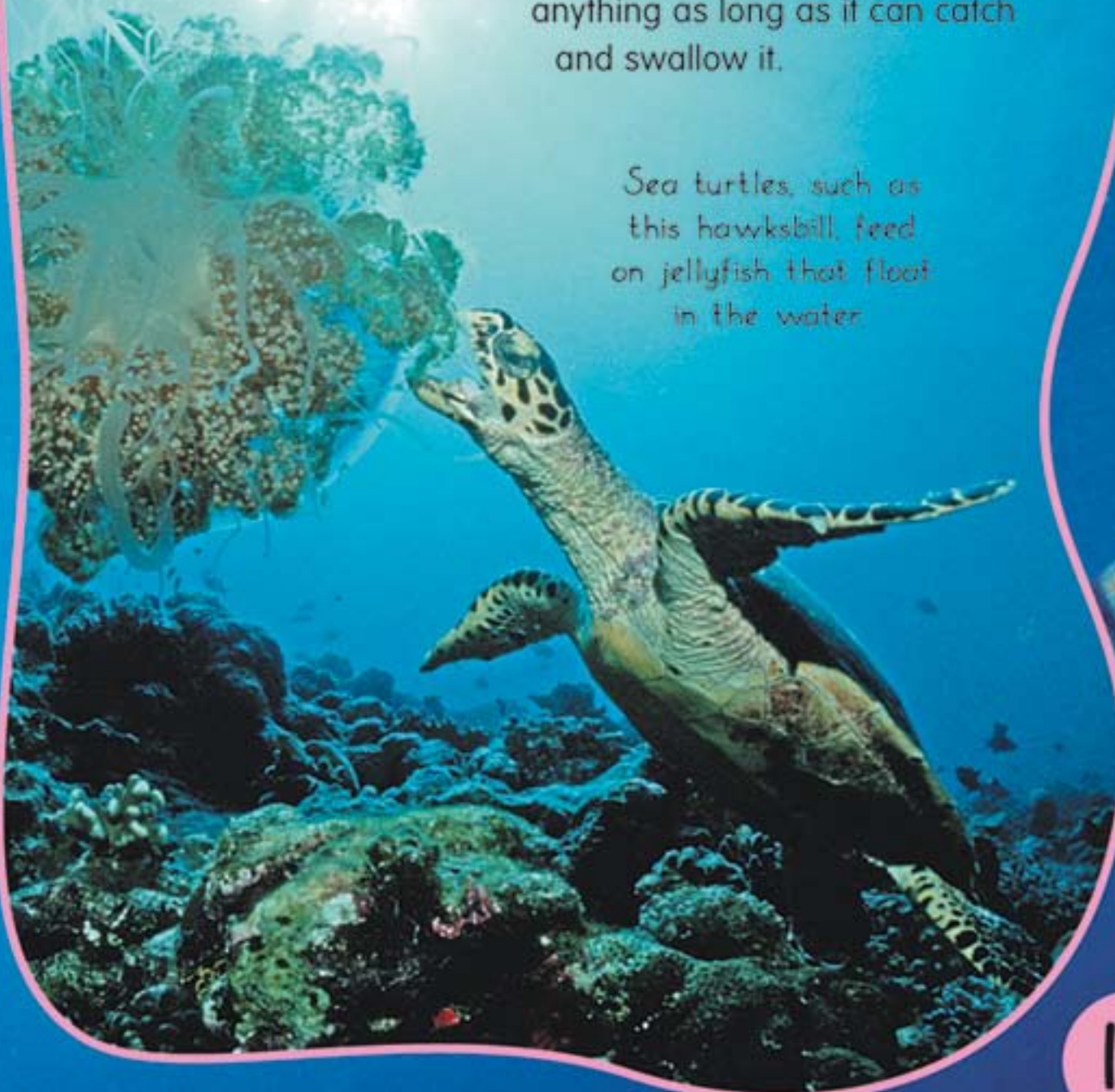


Hunting

Tortoises and most freshwater turtles move too slowly to hunt prey. Some get around this problem by lying in wait for prey animals to pass by. One of the most aggressive turtles is the snapping turtle, which eats almost anything as long as it can catch and swallow it.

Sea turtles, such as this hawksbill, feed on jellyfish that float in the water.



Feeding

Adult green turtles are unusual as they feed only on plants such as algae and sea grass.

Tortoises and turtles do not have any teeth. Instead, they have a beak-like structure around their strong jaws. Tortoises eat mostly leaves, fruit and slow-moving animals, such as snails and worms. Sea turtles eat a variety of animal foods including jellyfish, corals, sea urchins, crabs and fish.

Tortoise and

The matamata, a type of freshwater turtle, lies in wait for a fish to come by. Then it opens its mouth wide and expands its throat, sucking the fish straight into its mouth!

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