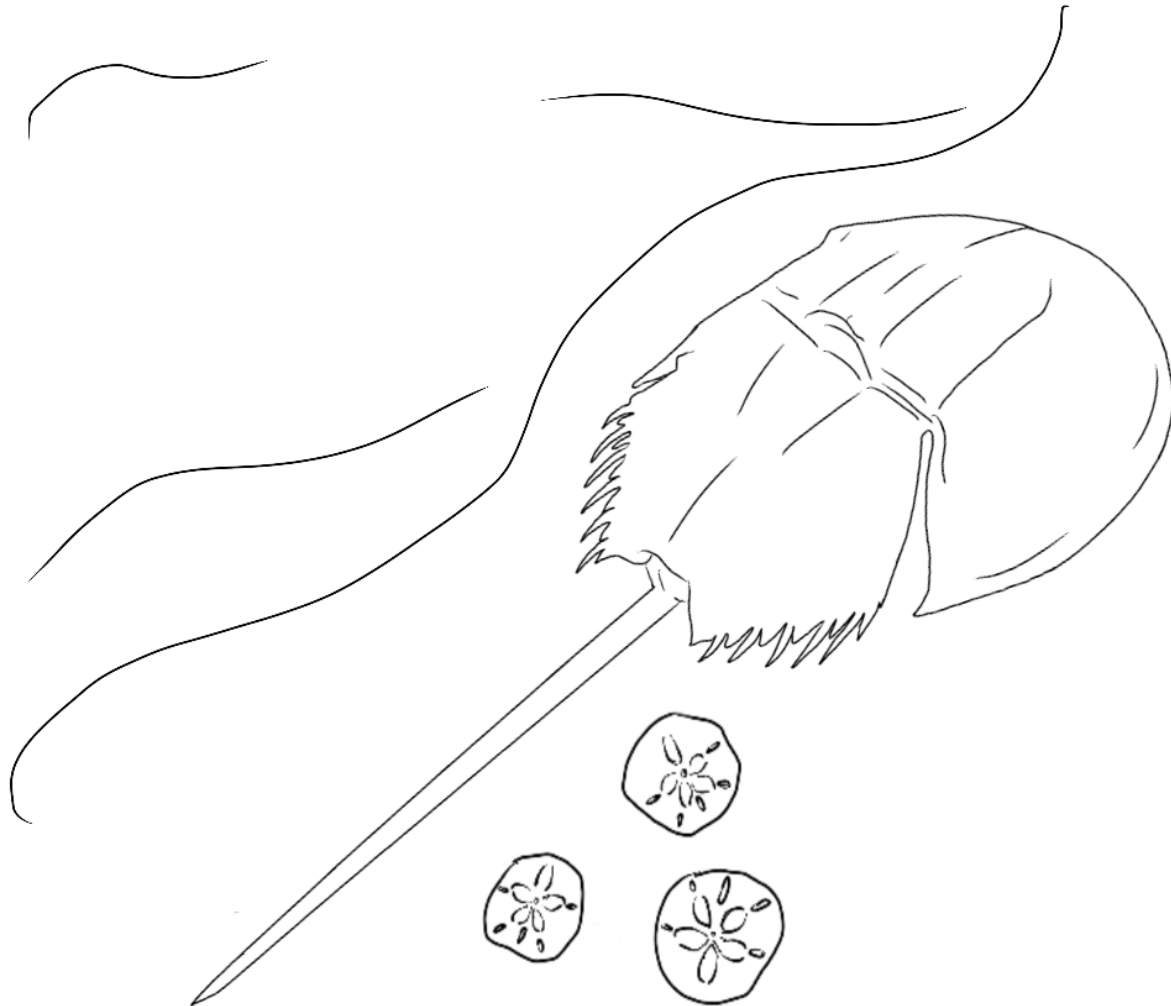


Horseshoe Crab

Limulus polyphemus

The horseshoe crab is a species of marine arthropod found in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic coast. Having been on Earth since before the dinosaurs and surviving the past five major extinctions, horseshoe crabs are not true crabs but are more closely related to spiders, ticks and scorpions. Often, they are confused with stingrays because of their telson. However, this spine-like tail is used for flipping themselves over as they have no stinger or barb like a stingray. They also have the ability to re-grow lost limbs, similar to sea stars.



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