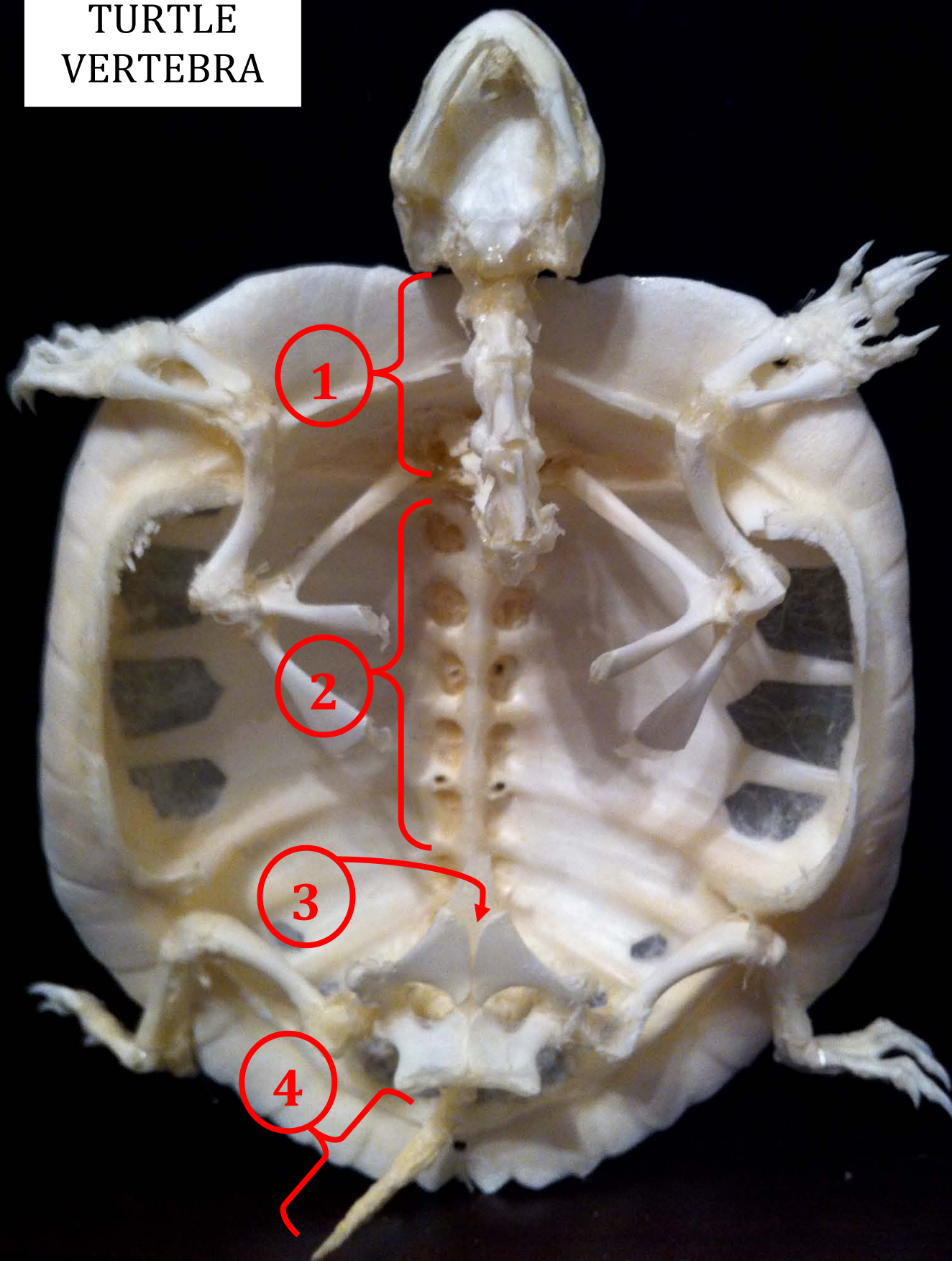


TURTLE
VERTEBRA



Turtle (Reptile) Vertebra

Overall Functions

- Movement on land and water

Organization of Vertebra

1

- **Cervical Vertebra:**
 - 8 vertebra
 - Function:
 - Very flexible for folding of the neck

2

- **Dorsal Vertebra:**
 - 10
 - Function:
 - Attachment for ribs that attach to the carapace (shell)

3

- **Sacrum:**
 - 2-3 vertebra
 - Not fused to the carapace

4

- **Caudal Vertebra**
 - similar to the coccyx in mammals
 - 12+ vertebra
 - Tail
 - Function: stability
 - Males are usually longer than females

