



EDITORIAL

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Many thanks for your complimentary emails about the two papers on sea turtle genetics in South and South-East Asia in IOTN Issue 20; we hope future genetics research in the region can be informed by recommendations from the authors.

As we begin 2015, Issue 21 of IOTN reports events from the previous years' sea turtle nesting season. The Students' Sea Turtle Conservation Network describe their ominous start to 2014 and success by the end of the season; we hope their current season is as productive. Two new nesting sites were reported for olive ridley sea turtle in the Andaman and Nicobar Island chain,

and the recovery of an injured turtle at Reunion Island was tracked using photographic-identification. Sadly, Chandrasekhar Kar, the turtle man of Odisha, passed away in April of 2014. His efforts in studying and conserving the olive ridley sea turtle nesting population at Gahirmatha are recognized in reflections about his life and work by close associates, peers and students.

Looking ahead this year, we hope to see many IOTN readers at the 35th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation in Turkey. Those working in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia are encouraged to attend the regional meeting on the 19th April 2015.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Indian Ocean Turtle Newsletter was initiated to provide a forum for the exchange of information on sea turtle biology and conservation, management and education and awareness activities in the Indian subcontinent, Indian Ocean region, and south/southeast Asia. Issue 22 of IOTN will be a special joint issue with Marine Turtle Newsletter with a focus on fisheries bycatch; if you would like to submit a research article, project profile, note or announcement, please email material to iotn.editors@gmail.com before 1st May 2015. Guidelines for submission can be found at <http://www.iotn.org/submission.php>.
