



EDITORIAL

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IOTN Issue 18 (July 2013) contains articles and summaries of sea turtle research and conservation activities from Eritrea, Egypt, India and South Africa. Also included are two articles that complement the interests of IOTN readers, the first on seagrass biology and the second on the role of citizen science in wildlife monitoring and conservation. Four programs that allow free or low cost access to international journals and books are described in the Resources of Interest. As you enjoy the reports from the sea turtle symposium in Baltimore, remember to begin preparing for registration, abstract submission and visa application

to attend the next ISTS meeting in New Orleans.

Many of the research articles and project reports in IOTN describe the use of hatcheries to protect sea turtle eggs and aid in conservation. Readers involved with hatcheries throughout the Indian Ocean and south-east Asia are encouraged to request and complete the survey described by Phillott *et al.* on page 8, to determine the number, and activities, of the hatcheries in the region. A summary of the results of this survey will be included in a future issue of IOTN. ■

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Indian Ocean Turtle Newsletter was initiated to provide a forum for 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. The newsletter also covers related topics such as coastal zone management, fisheries, and marine biology. If you would like to submit a guest editorial, research article, project profile, note, announcement or photo for Issue 19 of IOTN, please submit material to iotn.editors@gmail.com before 1st October 2013. Guidelines for submission can be found on the last page of this newsletter or at <http://www.iotn.org/submission.php>.
