

RESOURCE OF INTEREST

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INDIAN OCEAN-SOUTHEAST ASIA MARINE TURTLE MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING GENETICS DIRECTORY (<http://www.ioseaturtles.org/geneticsdb.php>)

The genetics directory was established in May 2008, and provides basic information about sea turtle genetics studies around the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia. Viewers can search the directory by Country, Project Name, Date, and keywords; search results show the project title, investigator contact information, a brief summary/ results to date, and future planned activities. Currently

under-utilised, the genetics directory has the potential to increase collaboration among researchers in the region if information about ongoing genetics research is submitted and updated by investigators. Those able to collect samples, but without the capacity to conduct molecular bench work, could then collaborate with researchers at established genetics labs. Links to resources such as collection protocols, CITES Information, GENBank, and mtDNA sequences at SWFSC and ACCSTR would also ensure facilitate the co-ordinated submission and designation of sequence numbers, and provide assistance to regional biologists entering this field of research.

PHOTO OF INTEREST



First Satellite Tagged Turtle in Sumatra

Green sea turtle '*Maia*' is the first turtle from Sumatra to carry a satellite tag. Released on 14th June 2010, Maia was followed from Pulau Banyak, Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia ; her track can be seen at <http://www.seaturtle.org/tracking/index.shtml?keyword=Maia>. As reviewed by FitzSimmons and Limpus in this issue of IOTN, satellite telemetry complements molecular genetic studies to establish the habitat range of genetic stocks.

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