



EDITORIAL

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An eager reader of *Kachhapa* and the Indian Ocean Turtle Newsletter since I was a postgraduate student, it was an honour to receive Kartik and Chloe’s invitation to join IOTN. As a university lecturer assisting the next generation of biologists in countries bordering the Indian Ocean, IOTN illustrates for me the challenges and rewards facing those who work for the conservation of sea turtles and their habitats, and the coastal communities for whom natural resources are so important. I hope to help IOTN continue to grow as an important source of information for sea turtle biologists and conservationists in this region.

The previous editors have set an impressive standard for me to match, with the assistance of our experienced editorial and advisory board. My first editorial duties would not have been successful without the generous

assistance of Seema Shenoy, who contributed greatly to the production of this issue of IOTN and the design of our new website. My sincere thanks also to Karen Arthur and Amrita Tripathy, who helped with the transition between editors. In the next issue I will introduce a new co-editor for IOTN, and several new members of the editorial board and country representatives on the advisory board.

IOTN will continue to disseminate regionally-specific studies and management strategies that will aid NGOs, community groups, university researchers and students, fisher associations, government departments and agencies, and other individuals interested in sea turtles and their habitats in the Indian Ocean and South Asia. We hope that you will continue to provide suggestions (and content) for future issues. ■

The screenshot displays the IOTN website interface. On the left, there is a large graphic of a sea turtle. The main content area features the newsletter title 'INDIAN OCEAN TURTLE NEWSLETTER' and a search bar. Below this, there is introductory text about the newsletter's purpose and distribution. The current issue is identified as 'No. 14 | JAN 2012' with ISSN 0973-1695. A featured article is titled 'Early accounts of marine turtles from India and neighbouring waters' by Jack Frazier, with a download link for the complete PDF (114 kb) and a link for the PDF without cover (94 kb). A small thumbnail image of the cover is shown. At the bottom, it states 'THIS ISSUE WAS PRODUCED WITH SUPPORT FROM:'. On the right side, a vertical navigation menu includes links for Home, About, Submission, Editorial Board, Subscribe, Acknowledgements, Donate, Current Issue, Past Issues, Bibliography, and Kachhapa.

IOTN is pleased to announce the launch of its revamped website (www.iotn.org). The website retains all of its previous features; the new look is intended to reflect the simplicity in design and accessibility of the newsletter.

Our hard copy version also dons a new look. In addition to sending in articles, we would like to request our readers to consider submitting photographs to be featured on the covers of future issues; photos should be based broadly on the theme of sea turtles/sea turtle habitats and be relevant to the Indian Ocean region. Please send in your photos along with appropriate captions to iotn.editors@gmail.com.

Here’s wishing our readers happy browsing and reading!