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Welcome to Sea Turtles of India! Here you will find information about sea turtles in the Indian subcontinent. Read about the species found here and their distribution. We also have a 101 section on sea turtle biology, life history and identification. Find out about various sea turtle conservation organisations and individuals in India. Feel free to look through the resource section for manuals, posters, popular articles and a detailed bibliography.


If you would like more information or have any suggestions, do contact us, we will be happy to hear from you.



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Leatherback turtles of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands - Research and conservation

Kartik Shanker, Naveen Namboothri, Manish Chandi and Adhith Swaminathan | CES, IISc | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 2007-ongoing

In early 2008, the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, initiated a research and monitoring programme on leatherback turtles of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India, in collaboration with the Andaman and Nicobar Environmental Team and the Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department. The programme includes long-term monitoring of nesting trends, capture-recapture studies using clip and PIT tags, genetic studies and studies on the inter-nesting and post-nesting movements of leatherback turtles using satellite telemetry. The programme also... read more

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Determining the offshore distribution and migration pattern of olive ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) along the east coast of India

B.C. Choudhury & K. Sivakumar | Wildlife Institute of India | Orissa | 2006-ongoing

A better understanding of the distribution, habitat requirement and movement pattern of olive ridley sea turtles *Lepidochelys olivacea* in the coastal waters off Orissa coast is essential for their long term conservation and also for rational planning of development

### Talking Turtles

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#### What to do with dead turtles?

By Matthew H. Godfrey May 8, 2012 Leave a comment

As in most cases, it started with a phone call. Somebody saw a sea turtle, washed up on some rocks along a town creek near the ocean. This time, the location is close: just down the street from my home, so it takes only five minutes to get to the turtle spot. Immediately I see that it is a juvenile loggerhead, and I first check if it is alive (I gently touch its eyelid to see if it blees). The turtle is alive and I hear it take a breath. I carry the animal to a patch of grass, to check for other injuries or anomalies, but I find none except for redness around the eye. However, the animal is lethargic - nothing like the boisterous and falling wild juvenile loggerheads I have seen pulled out of the estuarine waters around here, which want nothing more than jump back in the water and on the way take a bite from your leg for good measure. Lethargic likely means sick or injured. So, I transport the animal to Craig Harris, an aquatic wildlife veterinarian who works with sea turtles. At his laboratory, he takes a blood sample, applies eye ointment and gives antibiotics to the turtle. Initial blood analyses show that the pack cell volume (PCV) is lower than normal, and the white blood cell count is higher than normal, both confirming that the turtle is sick. The next day does not bring good news: the turtle died overnight. Subsequent examination revealed that the animal had not been eating for many days, and that it had froth in its lungs, suggesting it also had pneumonia. The turtle was also a female, which is true about 67% of the time we examine the sex organs of juvenile turtles found in our waters. I recorded several basic morphological details about the turtle, and collected a bone sample for Larisa Avens, a local researcher who is interested in growth and aging of sea turtles. I entered the details of this turtle into our state database and also transferred the information to the national database.

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We are pleased to announce the launch of the website: Sea Turtles of India (www.seaturtlesofindia.org). The website collates information about sea turtles and their habitats in the Indian subcontinent. The main features of the website include a state-wise account of distribution, status and threats; a resources section with freely downloadable material such as manuals, posters and policy briefs for education and outreach, a collection of articles and reports, and an extensive bibliography; a research section which profiles research and conservation projects carried out along the coastline and the islands; and a directory of conservation groups and individuals in the subcontinent. For beginners, there is a 101 section on identification, sea turtle biology and life history. The website also features a blog "Talking turtles", where we hope to receive regular contributions from our readers.

The website, maintained by members of Dakshin Foundation, Bangalore, in collaboration with the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, Mamallapuram, is also a platform to showcase the activities of the Turtle Action Group, a network of NGOs and other local and community based organisations dedicated to the cause of sea turtle conservation and coastal protection in India. Coming soon is an online interactive database for TAG members for monitoring sea turtles in India, a photo gallery, and much more!

Please visit the site and feel free to look around and send us your inputs and comments. You can reach us at seaturtlesofindia@gmail.com.

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