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IOTN31 includes papers on a diverse range of topics, from nesting turtles, eggs and hatchlings on the shores of Kenya and Kuwait to fishers and bycatch in the small-scale fisheries of Sri Lanka and conservation activities of a small NGO in India. The issue also presents summaries of recent research on stable isotope studies in sea turtles, the Marine Turtle Specialist Group Regional Reports, and a report on the 39th International Sea Turtle Symposium in Charleston, USA.

The scope of research and conservation relevant to sea turtles and their habitats in this issue prepares us for the breadth of topics sure to be discussed at the forthcoming 40th International Sea Turtle Symposium scheduled for March 2020 in Cartagena, Colombia. While not many of us will be able to make the long journey to Colombia, those who do are encouraged to attend the regional

meeting for the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia. A little closer to home is the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the conservation of Migratory Species of wild animals (CMS COP 13) in Gandhinagar, India, in February 2020 and the 6th International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC6) to be held in Kiel, Germany in August 2020. IOTN hopes to report on relevant research and meetings from these international events and the recent 8th Meeting of the Signatories (MOS8) to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU) held in October 2019, Da Nang, Viet Nam, the 1st National Conference on Marine Turtle Conservation at Kadmat Island, Union Territory of Lakshadweep, in December 2019, in future issues.

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