

Facilitating long-term monitoring and community-based conservation of turtles, and improving management of Turtle Hatcheries

The Conservation and Sustainable Management of Coastal & Marine Protected Areas (CMPA) project in partnership with Mangrove Cell Maharashtra , Sahyadri Nisarg Mitra and Dakshin Foundation conducted research, trainings, commissioned protocols, and conducted awareness programmes to facilitate long-term monitoring and community-based conservation of turtles and better management of turtle hatcheries in a participatory manner in the he Velas to Dabhol coast a CMPA site in Maharashtra.



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- Development of guidelines for management of turtle hatchery and turtle rescue center (English and Marathi)
- A draft was circulated among local community members of the project villages, finalized after feedback, and then distributed
- Development and distribution of guidelines for organization of turtle festival (English and Marathi)
- Handholding of Velas and Anjarle community members in organizing turtle festival in 2016 and 2017
- Film on turtle conservation
- Workshops were conducted for 42 participants including local community members and forest department staff for nest monitoring of the Olive Ridley Turtle.



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