

soft tooth brush. Electrol powder was administered to revitalize the dying animals and induce feed intake. They were also soaked in Terramycin antigerm sol. Infection first appeared on 19.6.83 and by 6.7.83 disappeared with no mortality.

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Sea turtle workshop

The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), the Madras Crocodile Bank and the Indian Sea turtle Specialist Group jointly organized a sea-turtle workshop from 27 to 29 February in Madras, as a first step toward coordinating sea turtle conservation and research in India. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. S.A. Subramani, Secretary, Forests and Fisheries, Tamil Nadu and attended by about 40 representatives from the CMFRI, MSPT, MCBT, various State Forest Departments, universities, non-governmental organizations and naturalists. The following papers were presented and discussed:

Problems of sea turtle conservation in India and the goals of this workshop	J C Daniel B N H S
Sea turtles in India, their status and distribution	Satish Bhaskar WWF-India
Mass nesting beaches of Orissa Value of sea turtles to India	C. Kar M. Rajagopalan CMFRI
The threats to sea turtles in India	Shekar Dattatraya MSPT
Recovery and management programmes for sea turtles in India their value, logistics and problems	Rom Whitaker MSPT
Contemporary problems in sea turtle biology and conservation- the urgent need for regional cooperation.	J G Frazier Smithsonian

The afternoon sessions of the last day were devoted exclusively to hearing State Status Reports from participants and recommendations for future research and conservation strategies for India. The proceedings of the workshop will be published as a special bulletin by the CMFRI (Post Bag 1912, Cochin 682 018, India).

Special sea turtle publications

The CMFRI has produced two sea turtle bulletins, "Special issue on management and conservation" (Marine Fisheries Information Service, No. 50, June 1983) and "Sea turtle research and conservation" (CMFRI special bulletin No. 35, February 1984). Of the 17 assorted papers on sea turtle conservation, management and research, two- "Turtle poisoning" and "Observations on mass nesting and immediate post nesting activities of the olive ridley at Gahirmatha, 1984" are of special interest