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NESTING SITE AND HATCHING OF OLIVE RIDLEY REPORTED FROM PALSHET, RATNAGIRI, N. KANARA COAST*

On 26 - 12 - '89 about 100 to 150 hatchlings (young ones) of the Olive ridley turtle *Leptochelys olivacea* were observed on the beach of Palshet landing centre in Ratnagiri district. Enquiries with the local fishermen revealed that about 150 - 200 hatchlings had moved towards the sea at that spot on 25 - 12 - '89. Thus about 250 to 350 young ones were present on the beach of Palshet landing centre on 25th and 26th December, 1989. The sand pits (nesting pits) 10 to 20 m from the shore contained many empty shells. About five live young ones were brought to Ratnagiri and kept in marine aquarium.



Fig. 1 A few hatchlings of Olive ridley turtle.

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