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SEA TURTLE PROTECTION & CONSERVATION

AT

VISAKHAPATNAM

FOR 2000 – 2001

VISAKHA SPCA

INTRODUCTION

Looming large over the issue of the Sea Turtles habitat at the Visakhapatnam Urban Beach from Naval Coast Battery to Vudapark Beach wherein since the past Four years our observations and voluntary actions have since notified the presence of greater number of Sea Turtles in this stretch more than any other which boasts of according to Biologists the adaptation of complete habitat for the Sea Turtles. Hence, our concentration has been more in this stretch as we felt the need to prove our genuinity that turtles in significant numbers are making their presence with increasing signs of improvement in making this area their safe place disputing all assumptions and dispelling the thoughts that this area is not conducive at all for turtle habitats because of presence of shore lights and too many visitors. To make our facts clear we are making observations of nesting breeding places and to the knowledge of Forest Department, Visakhapatnam.

DETAILS OF SEA TURTLES NESTINGS AT VISAKHAPATNAM URBAN
BEACH (Naval Coast Battery to Vuda Park Beach)
FOR THE YEAR 2000 - 2001 - till date.

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Particulars</u>
01	25-10-2000	Opp.Ameoba, R.K.Beach	laid eggs and hatched on 15-12-2000
02	16-11-2000	Opp.women's college	laid eggs and hatched
03	16-11-2000	Opp.women's college	came at 8.30PM and went back to sea due to heavy crowd
04	23-11-2000	Opp Vuda park Beach	came and went back to sea without laying eggs due to dogs harassment
05	30-11-2000	Opp.Vudapark lighthouse	turtle was wounded and sent away by dogs back to sea
06	22 12 2000	near to the Submarine	Revenue Authorities bulldozed the nest for levelling - laid eggs
07	04-01-2001	Opp.Hawa Mahal	laid eggs
08	24-11-2000	Opp.Panduranga temple	laid eggs and hatched on 08/01/2001
09	17-01-2001	Opp.Vudapark drainage	came and stray dogs chased away
10	20-01-2001	Opp,Coastal Battery down	laid eggs
11	20 01 2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	came but stray dogs chased away
12	23-01-2001	Opp.R.K.Beach drainage	laid eggs
13	23-01-2001	Opp.Women's college	laid eggs
14	24-01-2001	Opp.Vuda Park	laid eggs
15	24-01-2001	Opp. Sagar durga temple	chased away by the crowd

16	25-01-2001	Opp Women's college	two turtles came and laid eggs
17	26-01-2001	Opp.Artisan Village	laid eggs
18	26-01-2001	Opp.Ootagadda drainage	laid eggs
19	26-01-2001	Opp.Women's college park	laid eggs
20	26-01-2001	Beside women's college park	laid eggs
21	26-01-2001	Opp.Bommana Palace	laid eggs
22	27-01-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs
23	27-01-2001	Opp.Forest Guest House	laid eggs
24	27-01-2001	Opp.old MCV park	laid eggs
25	28-01-2001	Opp.Forest Guest House	laid eggs
26	28-01-2001	Opp.old MCV park	laid eggs
27	28-01-2001	Opp.Women's college	laid eggs
28	29-01-2001	Opp.Prince apartments near Coastal Battery	laid eggs
29	30-01-2001	Opp.Sun & Sea	laid eggs
30	31-01-2001	Opp.Sivalayam	laid eggs
31	31-01-2001	Opp.Ladies Hostel	laid eggs
32	31-01-2001	Opp.Women's college	laid eggs
33	31-01-2001	Opp.Prince apartments	laid eggs

34	01-02-2001	Opp.Vuda park	laid eggs
35	01-02-2001	Opp.Vuda park	laid eggs
36	01-02-2001	Opp.Vuda Park	laid eggs
37	01-02-2001	Opp.Artisan village	laid eggs
38	01-02-2001	Opp..Women's college	laid eggs
39	01-02-2001	Opp Prince apartments	laid eggs
40	01-02-2001	Opp.Swimming pool & Opp.Sivalayam	two turtles came and returned without laying
41	02-02-2001	Opp.Vuda park near gutter	laid eggs
42	02-02-2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	laid eggs
43	02-02-2001	Opp.Forest Dept., Board	laid eggs
44	02-02-2001	Opp.Women's college	laid eggs
45	02-02-2001	Opp.Women's college beside old park	laid eggs
46	02-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs
47	02-02-2001	Opp Panduranga temple down	came but returned without laying eggs.

48	03-02-2001	Opp.Vudapark drainage	laid eggs
49	03-02-2001	Sun & Sea Backside	laid eggs
50	03-02-2001	Opp.Panduranga down	laid eggs - 94 ft
51	03-02-2001	Opp.Sivalayam new park	laid eggs - 36 ft.
52	03-02-2001	Opp,Women's college down	laid eggs L shape 10/27
53	03-02-2001	Opp.Krishna temple	laid eggs -- 37 ft.
54	05-02-2001	Opp.Yoga Village	laid eggs
55	05-02-2001	Opp.Sagar Tarangini Auditorium.	laid eggs.
56	06-02 2001	Opp. YMCA	laid eggs.
57	07-02-2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	One nest hatched.
58	07-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs.
59	07-02-2001	Opp.A.N.Beach Hospital down	laid eggs.
60	07-02-2001	Opp.Women's college	laid eggs.
61	07-02-2001	Opp.YMCA park	One dead turtle came.
62	08-02-2001	Opp Taj Hotel	laid eggs.
63	08-02-2001	Opp.City Kababs restaurant	laid eggs.
64	08-02-2001	(Opp.Women's college	laid eggs.
65	08-02-2001	Opp.Bommana palace	laid eggs.
66	08-02-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	One dead turtle came and taken away by Forest Dept., and buried at Forest Dept., office.

67	10-02-2001	Opp.Taj Hotel	laid eggs.
68	10-02-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
69	10-02-2001	Beside Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
70	12-02-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
71	12-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs.
72	12-02-2001	Opp.Kali temple	laid eggs.
73	13-02-2001	Opp.Amoeba	laid eggs.
74	13-02-2001	Opp.Aeroplane park	laid eggs.
75	13-02-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
76	13-02-2001	Opp.Kali temple	laid eggs.
77	13-02-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
78	13-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
79	13-02-2001	At Submarine spot	laid eggs, Forest Guards informed to VSPCA turtle watcher.
80	14-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
81	14 02 2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
82	14-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
83	14-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	returned without laying eggs.
84	15-02-2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	returned without laying eggs.
85	15-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	returned without laying eggs.
86	15-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	chased by dogs, returned without laying eggs.

87	16-02-2001	Near Submarine Fencing	laid eggs.
88	16-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	One dead turtle came.
89	18-02-2001	Opp.Aeroplane park	laid eggs.
90	18-02-2001	Opp.Aeroplane park	returned without laying eggs.
91	18-02-2001	Opp.Potti Sriramulu park	laid eggs.
92	18-02-2001	Opp.Naval Coast Battery	returned without laying eggs.
93	20-02-2001	Opp.Old Sun & Sea	laid eggs.
94	20-02-2001	Opp.Old Sun & Sea	laid eggs.
95	20-02-2001	Near Submarine	laid eggs.
96	20-02-2001	Near Submarine	laid eggs.
97	20-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs.
98	20-02-2001	Opp.Aeroplane Park	laid eggs.
99	20-02-2001	Opp.Amcoba park	laid eggs.
100	20-02-2001	Opp.YMCA	laid eggs.
101	20-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
102	22-02-2001	Opp.Sivalayam	laid eggs.
103	22-02-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
104	25-02-2001	Opp.Police Mess	laid eggs.
105	25-02-2001	Opp.Sivalayam	laid eggs.
106	25-02-2001	Opp.Sivalayam	laid eggs.
107	25-02-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.

108	26-02-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs.
109	26-02-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
110	26-02-2001	Opp.City Kababs canteen	laid eggs.
111	26-02-2001	Opp.Womens College	laid eggs.
112	27.02-2001	Opp.Vuda park	laid eggs.
113	27-02-2001	Opp.Vuda park drainage	laid eggs.
114	27-02-2001	Opp.Vuda Park	laid eggs.
115	27-02-2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	laid eggs.
116	27-02-2001	Opp.Yoga Viilage	laid eggs.
117	27-02-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
118	27-02-2001	Opp.Sivalayam	one nest hatched.
119	01-03-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
120	01-03-2001	Opp.Vuda park drainage	laid eggs.
121	01-03-2001	Opp.Vuda park	laid eggs.
122	01 03 2001	Opp.Vuda Park	laid eggs.
123	02-03-2001	Opp.Ladies Hostel	laid eggs.
124	02-03-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
125	04-03-2001	Opp.Potti sriramulu park	laid eggs.
126	05-03-2001	Opp.Aeroplane park	laid eggs.
127	07-03-2001	Opp.ISKCON down	laid eggs.

128	13-03-2001	Opp Taj Hotel(fish canteen)	laid eggs.
129	13-03-2001	Opp.Elephant park	laid eggs.
130	13-03-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.
131	13-03-2001	Opp.Womens college side	laid eggs.
132	14-03-2001	Opp.Old Sun & Sea	laid egg.
133	14-03-2001	Opp.Old Sun & Sea	laid eggs.
134	14-03-2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	laid eggs.
135	14-03-2001	Opp.Police Mess	laid eggs.
136	14-03-2001	Opp.Swimming Pool	laid eggs.
137	14-03-2001	Opp.Victory at Sea	laid eggs.
138	14-03-2001	Opp.Taj Hotel down	laid eggs.
139	15-03-2001	Opp.Ameoba	laid eggs.
140	15-03-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
141	15-03-2001	Opp.Ladies Hostel	laid eggs.
142	15 03 2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
143	15-03-2001	Opp.Vuda park Dhobi ghat	laid eggs.
144	15-03-2001	Opp.Ladies Hostel	laid eggs.
145	15-03-2001	Opp.Vuda Park	laid eggs.
146	17-03-2001	Opp.Police Mess	laid eggs.
147	17-03-2001	Opp.Ameoba	laid eggs.
148	17-03-2001	Opp City Kababs canteen	laid eggs.

149	17-03-2001	Opp.Womens college	Dogs killed turtle.
150	17-03-2001	Opp.Kali temple	Dogs killed turtle.
151	18-03-2001	Opp.Police Mess	laid eggs.
152	18-03-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
153	19-03-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
154	19-03-2001	Opp.Radha Krishna statue	laid eggs.
155	21-03-2001	Opp.MCV New park	laid eggs.
156	22-03-2001	Opp.Police Mess	laid eggs.
157	22-03-2001	Opp.Panduranga temple down	laid eggs.
158	22-03-2001	Opp.Boat Jetty, Dibbapalem	laid eggs.
159	27-03-2001	Opp.Guest House, Dibbapalem	laid eggs.
160	28-03-2001	Opp.Womens college	laid eggs.

CONCLUSION

Our protection measures have been extended to Srikakulam area beside Bheemili, Gangavaram and Pudimadaka but we would like to provide in elaborate terms and in question that the worrying factor of disputed area of the construction in the R.K.Beach has made us to submit this report only for this stretch keeping in abeyance and to our records the protectionary measures at other areas. We are happy to note on this count that poachings have been eliminated from the most vulnerable area Pudimadaka and Chilakapeta, Visakhapatnam. This year our awareness campaign had been made effective in the Coastal Villages bearing in mind the necessity of showing the authorities that Sea Turtles have a pre-dominant place in the urban Visakhapatnam. The coordination was made with Forest Department and as such this report is based to this coordination effort. In future we wish and hope that these measures would be extended to Bheemili, Gangavaram and Pudimadaka.

Would it not have been to undertake the question and analyse to improve what should be done by responsible people in improving the conditions further because of the preferences of these endangered species here. I leave to you for seeking justified justice on their behalf.

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