

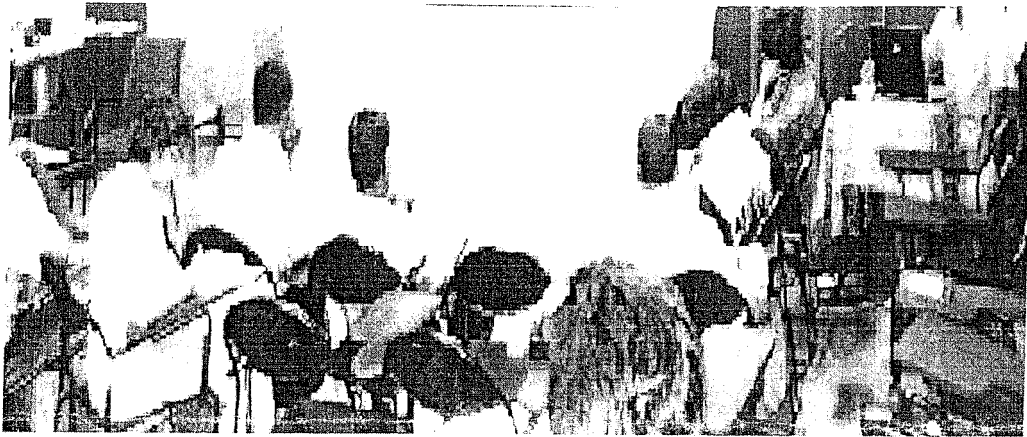
THE SEA TURTLE REPORT FOR THE SEASON 2008-2009 FROM THE COAST OF VISA KHAPATNAM URBAN TO ENDADA

I. INTRODUCTION:

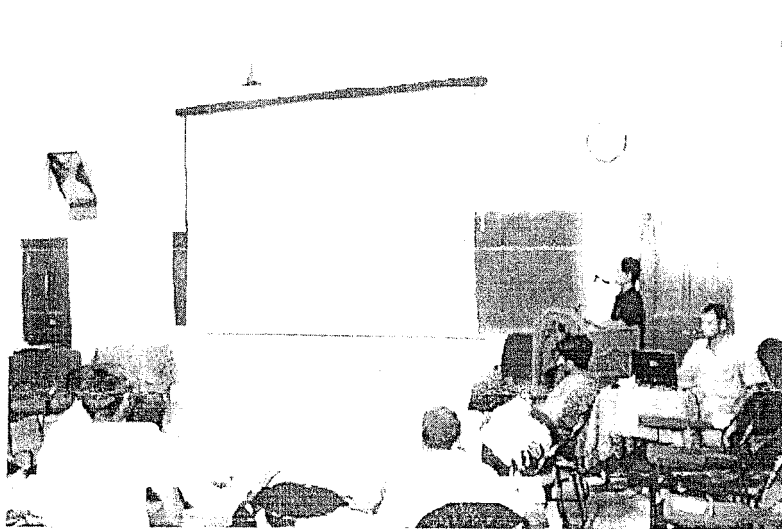


Our 13th year of field campaign for the protection of Sea Turtle have been of immense promise of increasing nestings with in a range of 10 kms. The incidences of Sea Turtle nestings have increased from that of the last year and is the largest increase ever since we have begun the protection from 1996 and this despite the fact that there have been huge disturbances due to increasing Tourisms and consequent events, entertainment events at the beaches. This apart there have been other disturbances that include Industrial pollution and Tourism development pollution. Yet the Sea Turtles seem to demand their existence in this most disturbed beach.

II. WORK SHOPS:



- A. Under the aegis of Andhra Pradesh Bio-diversity and Andhra Pradesh Forest Department a work shop was held and the major topic was related to the discussion of the Sea Turtles. And it was unanimously decided that the Sea Turtles would be given protection under the hatchery system supported by the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department. And we are hoping that this would in all probability would begin from this enduring season



- B. An ambitious and the first of its kind to have a better networking and effective networking through out the Indian Coasts a work shop from dt:10-01-2009 to 11-02-2009 was held at Chennai with 30 members participating from all over India and a working committee network link was initiated. We are hopeful that this emerging of like minded groups would give more strength to support the cause of the Sea Turtles to our coasts.

III. SUPPORT:



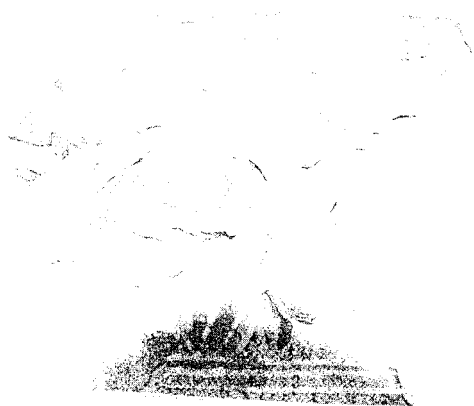
One of the many community based meetings towards protection of the Sea Turtles

This time our protecting level has been limited to 15 kms only because we have not received or could not gain any support for this season to proceed further into Srikakulam by community based campaign. Thus this year with all our determination and commitment we have continued to protect the Sea Turtles with in most vulnerable areas. We do look forward for professional support that would allow us to gain further entry into major Northern Andhra Pradesh bordering Orissa Coast with more higher protection level of the Sea Turtles.

IV. Statistic data for the year 2008-09:

Area	Numbering
Coastal Battery to Vuda	237
Vuda to Sagar Nagar	192
Sagar Nagar to Endada	158
Total	587

CONCLUSION:



As you are aware the Sea Turtles of all kinds in the Ocean face extinction in the near future. They are sad victims of much different kind of predation and loss which is practically now taking a heavy toll to their population. It is very clear that unless there is a committed form of committee to address the situation is in danger. On our part in our area we seem to have gained more Sea Turtle nestings and these positive results motivated us to consolidate and increase our area or protection and towards this end we call for all like minded supporters help us to achieve our goals in our most effective method of protecting this endangered species.