

# THE SEA TURTLE REPORT FOR THE SEASON 2008-2009 FROM THE COAST OF VISAKHAPATNAM URBAN TO ENDADA

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## I. INTRODUCTION:



Our 13<sup>th</sup> year of field campaign for the protection of Sea Turtle have been of immense promise of increasing nesting within a range of 10 kms. The incidence of Sea Turtle nesting have increased from that of the last year and is the largest increase ever since we have begun the protection since 1996. This is despite the fact that there have been huge disturbances due to increased tourism and entertainment events at the beach. Other disturbances include industrial and tourism development pollution. Yet the Sea Turtles have the habit of nesting in this most disturbed beach.

## II. WORK SHOPS:



- A.** November 2009 - Under the aegis of Andhra Pradesh Bio-diversity and Forest Department a workshop was held and the major topic was related to the discussion of the Sea Turtles. It was unanimously decided that the Sea Turtles would be given protection under the hatchery system . We are hoping that this would begin soon.



- B.** From 10 Feb.2009 to 11-Feb. 2009 we participated in an ambitious and the first of its kind to have a better networking and effective networking through out the Indian Coasts workshop was held at Chennai with 30 members participating from all over India. 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 our community based campaign. In spite of these financial difficulties within this year with all our determination and commitment we still have continued to protect the Sea Turtles within the most vulnerable areas. We look forward for professional support that would allow us to gain further entry into major Northern Andhra Pradesh bordering Orissa Coast with a higher level of protection level of the Sea Turtles.

**IV. Statistic data for the year 2008-09:**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Numbering</b>
Coastal Battery to Vuda	237
Vuda to Sagar Nagar	192
Sagar Nagar to Endada	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>587</b>

## **CONCLUSION:**



As we know every kind of Sea Turtle faces extinction in the near future. They are sad victims of much different kind of predation and loss which is now taking a heavy toll to their population. It is very clear that unless there is a committed form of help to address the situation is in grave danger. 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.