

## Olive Ridley Turtles on Mangaluru Beaches

## **Source: DTE**

After a gap of nearly 40 years, Olive Ridley turtles (Lepidochelys olivacea) returned to nest on the beaches of Karnataka's Mangaluru division in February 2024, overcoming environmental challenges such as increased salinity and pollution.

- Olive Ridley turtles, typically laying around 150 eggs per site, have pleasingly nested on Sasihithlu and Tannerbavi beaches.
- The Olive Ridley turtles, named for their olive-coloured shell, are the world's smallest and most populous sea turtles.
  - They are known for their mass nesting practice called 'Arribada'.
  - Protection Status:
    - <u>IUCN</u>- Vulnerable
    - Wildlife Act of 1972- Schedule 1
- the Vision, • They feed on iellyfish, play a role in controlling the jellyfish population.





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