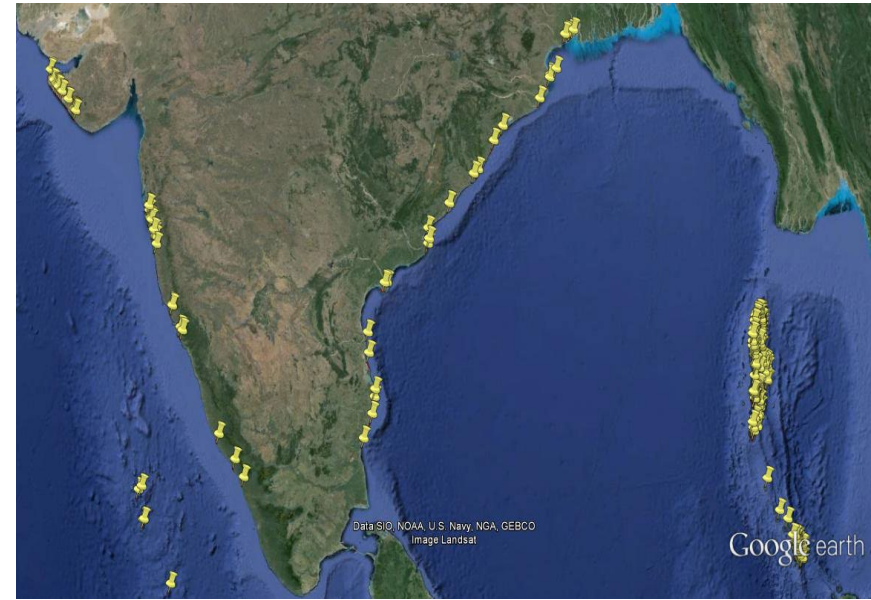




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1. New research or conservation projects related to marine turtles and/or their habitats

- Country wide survey on nesting and hatchery management by WII.
- Work on micro-plastics initiated by DF and IISc and smaller site projects by multiple agencies.
- Aerial monitoring of offshore aggregations and AI based automated detections and abundance estimation (DF, WWF-India, TfWF)
- Leatherback and other sea turtle monitoring action plan in the Nicobars by WII.
- Flipper tagging in Odisha and Lakshadweep by ZSI.
- Satellite tagging planned for leatherbacks and other turtles by IISc, DF and WII.





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2. Large infrastructure developments affecting marine turtles and/or their habitats (proposed or underway)

- Trans-shipment terminal planning adjoining leatherback nesting site in Nicobars being planned along with a long-term conservation action plan for sea turtles, corals and other wildlife being developed by WII.
- Proposed expansion of port near mass nesting site at Rushikulya being discussed but not yet finalised

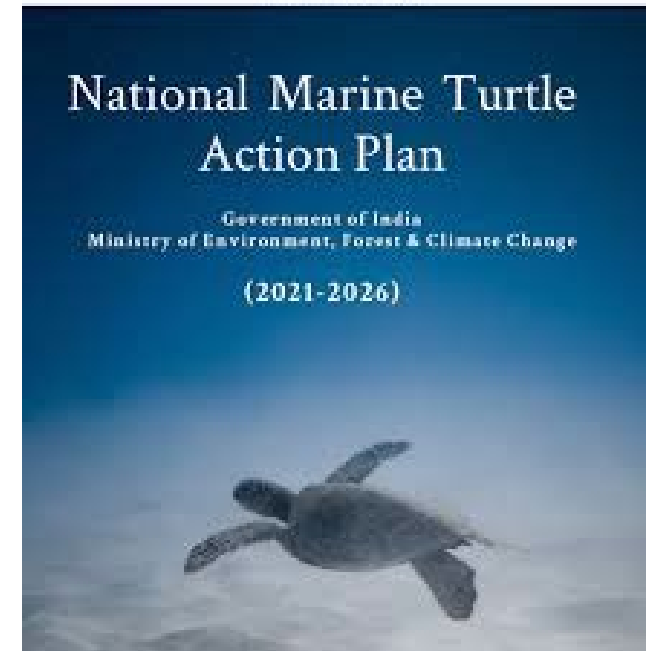




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3. Changes in national policy, laws, or management frameworks affecting marine turtles and/or their habitats

- Review of sea turtle action plan for next cycle being planned.
- Broad scale policy efficacy of laws regarding fisheries effects on sea turtles through bycatch being discussed.
- Detailed information on stranding being recorded additionally by fisheries agencies and not just environmental and wildlife agency

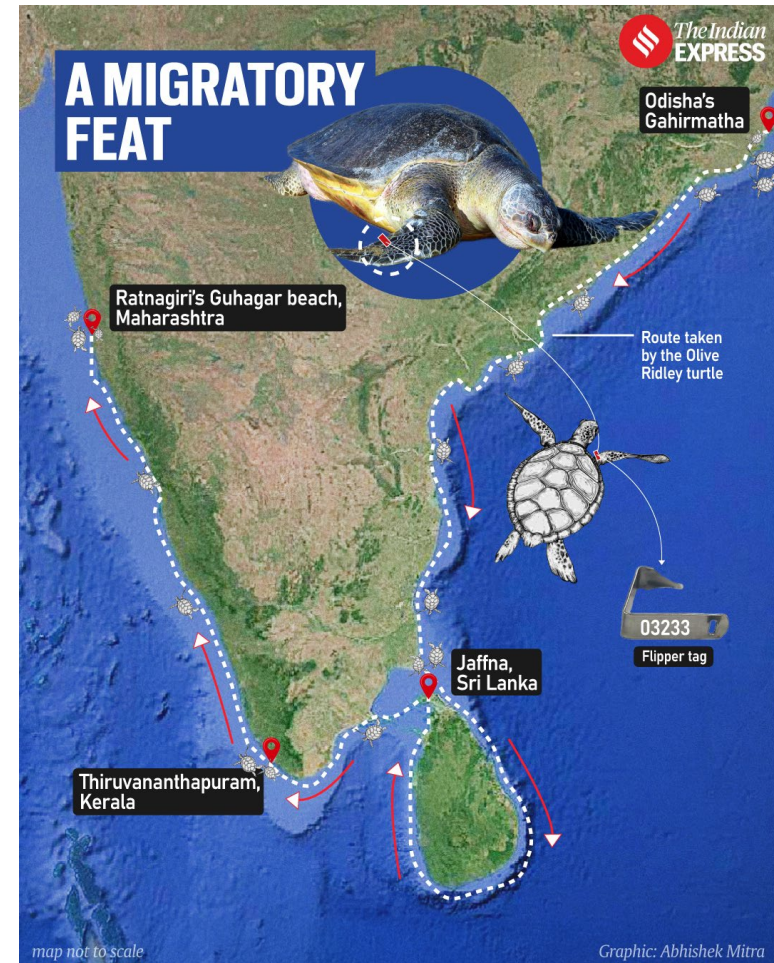




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4. Emerging challenges

- While almost all known nesting sites have been mapped and identified, further area-based management practices need to be implemented at these areas.
- Need to further identify the major foraging grounds for the olive ridley populations in the Bay of Bengal Region.





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5. Achievement/Success story

- Compilation of long-term monitoring information of index turtle populations published by IISc and DF.
- Largest nesting season of olive ridleys across the Indian coast and at the mass nesting sites in 2025 but also had large mortalities being recorded earlier in the season.

