



IOSEA Marine Turtle Site Network – Preliminary list of suggested candidate sites

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Country	Suggested priority sites	Suggested by:	Remarks / Clarification
<i>IOSEA non-signatories are shown in italics</i>	<i>(Indicate well-recognized name of site and other information to identify its geographic location)</i>		
Australia	East Australia Current Extension (EAC)	Manjula Tiwari	Benson et al. 2011; Foraging areas for W.Pacific leatherbacks
	Torres Strait (plus PNG as well)	Mark Hamann	5 species foraging & 3 species nesting
	Sir Edward Pellew Islands	Mark Hamann	3 species nesting & 4 species foraging
Bahrain	Foraging between Eastern side of Bahrain and Hawar Islands	JD Miller	No known nesting. However, Bahrain territorial waters are important foraging areas for Hawksbills, greens, loggerhead turtles. ** this is regionally important foraging area
Bangladesh	St Martin's Island	JD Miller	Olive ridley, also along mainland
	Sonadia, Kutubdia, Hatiya, Sandweep Islands	JD Miller	Green nesting
			** these are regionally important nesting areas
<i>Brunei Darussalam</i>			
Cambodia			
<i>China</i>			
Comoros	Itsamia	WIO-MTTF	
<i>Djibouti</i>			
<i>Egypt</i>	Beaches of southern Sinai Peninsula	JD Miller	Hawksbill & Green Nesting
	Shadwan Island, Big Giftan Island	JD Miller	Hawksbill & Green Nesting
	Wadi El Gemal	JD Miller	Hawksbill & Green Nesting
	Zabargad Island	JD Miller	Green & Hawksbill Nesting
			** these are regionally important sites
Eritrea	Mojeidi Island	JD Miller	Hawksbill nesting** this is a regionally important site
France	Mayotte	Manjula Tiwari, WIO-MTTF	Green turtles & hawksbills
	Europa	Manjula Tiwari, WIO-MTTF	Green turtles & hawksbills
	Glorieuses	WIO-MTTF	
	Tromelin	WIO-MTTF	

India	Rushikuliya, Odisha (East coast of India)	B.C. Choudhury (ex-WII) K. Sivakumar, Bivash Pandav, K. Suresh Kumar, WII Basudev Tripathy, ZSI Kartik Shanker, IISC and Dakshin Foundation C. S. Kar, Satyaranjan Behera, Subrat Kumar Behera, Odisha Forest Department Sajan John, Dakshin Foundation Muralidharan, MCBT/Dakshin Foundation	Mass nesting ground of Olive Ridley
	Gahirmatha, Odisha (East coast of India)	Manjula Tiwari. BC Choudhury et al.	Mass nesting ground of Olive Ridley
	Devi River Mouth, Odisha (Orissa), East coast	BC Choudhury et al.	Mass nesting ground of olive ridley. (<i>But no mass nesting here for the last 15 years</i>).
	Galathea, Indira point, InHingloi, Alexandria, Dagmar, and Renhong, beaches of Great Nicobar Island (Southern Nicobars)	Manish Chandi, Nature Conservation Foundation Kartik Shanker, Naveen Namboothri, IISc and Dakshin Foundation	Largest leatherback turtle nesting ground in India (<i>No green turtles nest at this site</i>)
	Bahua, Muhincohn and Kiyang beaches of Little Nicobar Island (Southern Nicobars)	Manish Chandi, Nature Conservation Foundation	Leatherback turtles, Green sea turtle, Hawksbill and Olive ridleys
	West Bay, Jackson Creek beaches Little Andaman Island	Naveen Namboothri, Kartik Shanker, IISc and Dakshin Foundation Manish Chandi, Nature Conservation Foundation	Leatherback nesting ground, currently largest in the Andaman group. <i>This is currently the only site being monitored annually. IISc ANET and Dakshin have a monitoring programme here from 2008.</i>
	Cuthbert Bay, Middle Andamans	Manish Chandi, Nature Conservation Foundation Kartik Shanker, IISc and Dakshin Foundation	Leatherbacks, Green, hawksbill, and olive ridley turtles
	South Reef Island, Middle Andamans	Manish Chandi, Nature Conservation Foundation	Best hawksbill turtle nesting ground in India
Indonesia	Jamursba-Medi Beach, Papua	Manjula Tiwari	Leatherback nesting beach
	Wermon Beach, Papua	Manjula Tiwari	Leatherback nesting beach
	Indonesian seas as defined in Benson et al. 2011	Manjula Tiwari	Foraging area for W.Pacific leatherbacks
	Birds Head Peninsula, Papua	Mark Hamann	Leatherback nesting
	Aru Islands	Mark Hamann	Green turtle nesting + important foraging
Islamic Republic of Iran	Hendourabi Island	Manjula Tiwari	Hawksbills
	Ommoikaram Island	Manjula Tiwari	Hawksbills
	Shivdar Island	Manjula Tiwari	Hawksbills
	Nayand Bay	JD Miller	Hawksbill nesting
	Nakhiloo Island	JD Miller	Hawksbill nesting
			** all these are locally important sites
Japan	42 nesting sites throughout Japan	Alexis Gutierrez	Loggerheads & greens (Kamezaki et al. 2003)
	Inakahama and Maehama, Yakushima Island	Alexis Gutierrez	Loggerhead nesting beaches

Jordan	Gulf of Aqaba		No known nesting. However, Gulf of Aqaba reef habitat is important for foraging hawksbills
Kenya			
Kuwait	Umm Al-Maradim Island	JD Miller	Hawksbill & Green nesting
	Qaruh Island	JD Miller	Hawksbill & Green nesting
			** these are locally important sites
Madagascar	Nosy Iranja	WIO-MTTF	
Malaysia	South China sea	Manjula Tiwari	Benson et al. 2011; Foraging areas for Papuan leatherbacks
	Sabah Turtle Islands	JD Miller	Hawksbill & Green nesting
			** these are regionally important sites
Maldives	Kunfunadhoo, Maadhoo, Hukuruelhi, Gaadhoo, Isdhoo Islands	JD Miller	Green nesting
	Kunfunadhoo, Baros Islands	JD Miller	Hawksbill nesting
			** these are locally important sites
Mauritius	St. Brandon	WIO-MTTF	
	Agalega	WIO-MTTF	
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro Marine Partial Reserve	Mark Hamann, WIO-MTTF	Leatherback & Loggerhead nesting (perhaps extension into SA)
	Bazaruto Archipelago	Mark Hamann, WIO-MTTF	Nesting & foraging
	Inhaca Island Special Control Zone	WIO-MTTF	
	São Sebastião MPA	WIO-MTTF	
Myanmar	Thameehla Island and other islands	JD Miller	Olive Ridley, green and hawksbill nesting
	Off-shore foraging throughout area	JD Miller	
Oman	Masirah island	Manjula Tiwari, Mark Hamann	Loggerheads
	Ras-Al-Hadd	Manjula Tiwari	Green turtles
	Daymaniyat Islands	Manjula Tiwari	Hawksbills
Pakistan	Sandspit/Hawkesbay (Sindh Province)	Fehmida Firdous	Mating and nesting grounds for Green and Olive Ridley Turtles Globally important nesting site for Green Turtle
	Ormara (Baluchistan Province)	Moazam Ali Khan	Mating, nesting and feeding of Green Turtle
	Jiwani (Baluchistan Province)	Moazam Ali Khan	Nesting and feeding grounds of Green Turtle
Papua New Guinea	Huon Gulf beaches	Manjula Tiwari	Leatherback nesting beach
	North coast – leatherback sites	Mark Hamann	Leatherback nesting beach
	Torres Strait – see for Australia	Mark Hamann	
Philippines	South China sea; Sulu sea	Manjula Tiwari	Benson et al. 2011; Foraging areas for W.Pacific leatherbacks
Qatar	Northern Peninsula beaches	JD Miller	Low density nesting by Hawksbills & greens
	Fuwairit Beach	JD Miller	Low density nesting by Hawksbills & greens
			** these are locally significant sites

<i>Republic of Korea</i>			
Saudi Arabia	Arabian Gulf - Karan Island	JD Miller	High density green, Mid density Hawksbill nesting: regionally significant site
	Arabian Gulf - Jana Island	JD Miller	High density Hawksbill, Mid density green nesting: regionally significant site
	Red Sea – Ras Baridi	JD Miller	Low density Green nesting: locally important site
	Red Sea – coastal fringing reef & flats	JD Miller	Regionally important foraging area
	Red Sea – Farasan Island		Low density hawksbill nesting: locally important site
Seychelles	Aldabra Atoll	WIO-MTTF	
	Amirantes Island Group	WIO-MTTF	Selection might eventually be narrowed to D'Arros island / St. Joseph Atoll
	Cosmoledo, Astove, Assomption	WIO-MTTF	
	Farquhar Atoll and Providence islands	WIO-MTTF	
	Inner Islands Group	WIO-MTTF	Strict Nature Reserves: Aride Island and Cousin Island
<i>Singapore</i>			
<i>Somalia</i>			
South Africa	iSimangaliso National Park (Kwazu-Natal)	WIO-MTTF, Manjula Tiwari	Leatherbacks and loggerhead
Sri Lanka	Rekawa	Mark Hamann	Turtle nesting sites
	Southern rim of island has at least 8 important nesting beaches	JD Miller	Multiple species nest along the coastal beaches; multiple species forage in near shore areas
<i>Sudan</i>			
Thailand	Andaman coast - Phrathong Island, Ko Korkhao Island, Thaimuang Beach, Surin Islands, Similan Islands, Phang-nga Province; Maikhaw Beach, Phuket Province; Ko Tarutao, Ko Adang Rawi, Satun Province	JD Miller	Wide-spread, low density green and lower density hawksbill nesting
	Gulf of Thailand - Kram Island, Chonburi Province; Kra Island, Nakhonsrithammarat Province	JD Miller	Wide-spread, low density green and lower density hawksbill nesting
<i>Timor Leste</i>			
United Arab	Sir bun Na'ir Island	JD Miller	Green & hawksbill nesting

Emirates	Zirku Island	JD Miller	hawksbill nesting
	Arzannah Island	JD Miller	hawksbill nesting
			** All of off-shore UAE is regionally significant foraging area
United Kingdom	Diego Garcia	WIO-MTTF	
United Republic of Tanzania	Rufiji Delta	WIO-MTTF	
United States	Guam beaches	Alexis Gutierrez	Green and hawksbill nesting habitats
	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) beaches (Saipan, Rota, Tinian)	Alexis Gutierrez	Green and hawksbill nesting habitats
	Waters of the Mariana Archipelago	Alexis Gutierrez	Green and hawksbill nesting habitats
Viet Nam	Con Dao islands	Mark Hamann	Green nesting
Yemen	Socotra	Mark Hamann	Loggerhead turtle nesting

N.B. The depiction of these suggested sites or areas does not imply any endorsement or undertaking by the countries concerned to formally nominate them for inclusion in the Network; though there is a good possibility that this will eventually happen for many of the sites.

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