

MARINE TURTLES LINKS AND STORY IDEAS FOR MEDIA

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IOSEA Year of the Turtle 2006 campaign: <http://www.ioseaturtles.org/yot2006/>

Year of the Turtle logo and great photos: http://www.ioseaturtles.org/yot2006/media_pack.php

<http://www.ioseaturtles.org/index.php>

News and other information about activities in the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia region. Also links to an information booklet and Year of the Turtle calendar with useful and interesting facts, as well as dates for events relevant to the campaign.

Media resources at http://www.ioseaturtles.org/yot2006/media_pack.php

General information about the campaign prepared for the media. Also photo gallery that can be used – copyright should be acknowledged.

Animals on the edge: marine turtles: BBC resource page at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/conservation/turtles/>

Fascinating detail about each species at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/conservation/turtles/intro.shtml>

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife: http://www.kznwildlife.com/turtle_programme.htm

Information on conservation programme, description of species relevant to South Africa and their biology, photo gallery and other useful links.

South African Journal of Science

Luschi, P *et al.* A review of migratory behaviour of sea turtles off southeastern Africa. SA Journal of Science. 2006. Vol 102 (January/ February), p. 51-58.

Review of migration patterns of SA Loggerheads and Leatherbacks. Also information on tracking techniques.

KwaZulu-Natal marine turtle project

http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/africa/where/south_africa/kwazulu_marine_turtles/index.cfm

Overview of WWF conservation programme in KwaZulu-Natal, information about Loggerheads and Leatherbacks, information about the area and the people involved.

Marine turtle update: Newsletter from WWF Africa & Madagascar Marine Turtle Programme

<http://assets.panda.org/downloads/africanmarineturtleupdate1.pdf>

Published in 2004. Reports on various programmes in and around Africa.

Caribbean Conservation Corporation & Sea Turtle Survival League: <http://www.cccturtle.org/>

Provides lots of basic information as well as links to other useful sites. Specific details refer to US and related research and/or conservation efforts.

Turtle Trax: <http://www.turtles.org/toc.htm> - Basic information and other useful links. Specific details refer to US and related research and/or conservation efforts.

Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_turtle#Threats_to_Sea_Turtles

Brief description of species, threats and recommends further reading and provides links to other sites.

World Wildlife Foundation (WWF)

[http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what we do/species/our solutions/endangered species/marine turtles/index.cfm](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/what_we_do/species/our_solutions/endangered_species/marine_turtles/index.cfm)

Basic information, population numbers and status, distribution, ecology and habitat.

News item at http://www.panda.org/news_facts/publications/index.cfm?uNewsID=62920

Fact sheet at [http://assets.panda.org/downloads/marine turtles factsheet2006.pdf](http://assets.panda.org/downloads/marine_turtles_factsheet2006.pdf)

WWF Report on sea turtle conservation at

<http://assets.panda.org/downloads/0304turtlereport2nded.pdf>

Published in 2004, but relevant information on species

National Geographic: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/ngkids/9911/turtle/>

Also various other news items if you search for "sea turtle" on www.nationalgeographic.com

Rudloe, A & Rudloe, A. *Sea turtles: In a race for survival*. National Geographic. 1994; Vol. 185, no 2, p. 94-120.

Information on Leatherbacks at [http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Dermochelys coriacea/](http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Dermochelys_coriacea/) and images at

[http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Dermochelys coriacea/more still images.html](http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Dermochelys_coriacea/more_still_images.html)

Information on loggerheads at [http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Caretta caretta/](http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Caretta_caretta/) and

images at [http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Caretta caretta/more still images.html](http://www.arkive.org/species/GES/reptiles/Caretta_caretta/more_still_images.html)

EXPERTS LIST

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[http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where we work/africa/where/south africa/kwazulu marine turtles/people/ronel nel/index.cfm](http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/africa/where/south_africa/kwazulu_marine_turtles/people/ronel_nel/index.cfm)

She has recently joined the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; email Ronel.Nel@nmmu.ac.za or office number 041 5042 335 (Note: She plays underwater hockey for the national women's team and will be out of the country for a part of August for a tournament.)

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Project of WWF South Africa: Community-based marine turtle monitoring in Tongaland

The main objective of the project is to utilise local community members to protect and monitor the populations of two species of marine turtles nesting along the Tongaland coastline in Northern KwaZulu Natal. This is one of the few stable populations of turtles in the Indian Ocean. Since the main turtle nesting sites are also within one of South Africa's largest coastal MPAs (the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park), community involvement and jobs created in the project also enhances community buy-in into the management of the MPA. Furthermore, the project seeks to use Turtles as a vehicle to create awareness about marine ecosystems in local communities and schools. In this endeavour, WWF is sponsoring the development of a marine Eco-schools node in the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park that uses the turtles as its flagship species.