



No. WII/RTI/CPIO/2023-24/(Qtr-I)/02

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

To,

Ms. Surbhi Das  
Ch 15 , Bakultala Chowk, Bakultala,  
North & Middle Andaman,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands,  
Pin:744205

Sub.: Information under RTI Act, 2005—reg.

Ref.: Your RTI no. WLIOI/R/E/23/00012 dated: 12.04.2023.

Dear Madam,

Please refer to your application cited above under RTI Act, 2005. In this context, the required information has been received from concerned authority / department of WII and is being furnished below:

Information Sought	Reply of WII
I seek information on the grounds of denotification which was ratified by the Wildlife Institute of India, which recommended the development of a mitigation plan so that marine turtles continue to nest on the beaches near Galathea Bay during both construction as well as operational phases of the International Shipment Project.	Information sought by you is attached as Annexure-1.
I seek information on the prior works done by WII regarding the development of a mitigation plan so that marine turtles continue to nest on the beaches near Galathea Bay during both construction as well as operational phases of the International Shipment Project.	

In case, you are not satisfied with the aforesaid reply, you may appeal to the Appellate Authority as per details given below within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

Dean, FWS  
First Appellate Authority & Dean  
Address: Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun  
Phone No.: 01352646202

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

[Dr. Manoj Kumar Agarwal]  
CPIO

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Response to online RTI by Surbhi Das (WLIOI/R/E/23/00012) dated 12/04/2023

**Information Sought:** I seek information on the grounds of denotification which was ratified by the Wildlife Institute of India, which recommended the development of a mitigation plan so that marine turtles continue to nest on the beaches near Galathea bay during both construction as well as operational phases of the international shipment project.

**Response:** Wildlife institute of India did not ratify any denotification process.

**Information Sought:** I seek information on the prior works done by WII regarding the development of a mitigation plan so that marine turtles continue to nest on the beaches near Galathea bay during both construction as well as operational phases of the international shipment project.

**Response:** Wildlife Institute of India have three decades of expertise in working on the marine turtles across India and have sufficient expertise to develop a conservation plan. A feasibility report titled "**An assessment of the environmental sensitiveness of sea turtle nesting beaches of the Great Nicobar Island**" and a research proposal for information required for conservation planning titled "Conservation and long-term monitoring of Sea Turtles of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with a special focus on the Leatherback Sea Turtle" are the two documents submitted by WII with regard to the holistic development plan for Great Nicobar Islands.

A list of research on marine turtles conducted/collaboratively participated by WII is provided below:

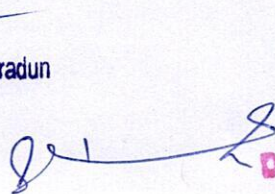
1996 - Mass hatching of Olive ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) at the Rushikulyamuhana, East coast of India

2000 - Conservation and management of Olive ridley sea turtle population along the Orissa coast

2000 - Behavioral ecology of the olive ridley sea turtle *Lepidochelys olivacea* (Eschscholtz, 1827) during the breeding period

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CPIO, Wild Life Institute of India, Dehradun

  
**Dr. R. Suresh Kumar**  
 Scientist-F  
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INFORMATION PROVIDED  
UNDER RTI



2000 - Behavioural ecology of olive ridley sea turtle *Lepidochelys olivacea* (Eschschotz, 1892) hatchlings at Rushikulya Rookery, Orissa

2003 - Tracking olive ridley turtles from Orissa

2005 - A study on the ecology and conservation of olive ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) at the Rushikulya rookery of Orissa coast, India

2006 - Incidental capture and mortality of olive ridley turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) in commercial trawl fisheries in coastal waters off Orissa, India

2009 - Lighting the way: Towards reducing misorientation of olive ridley hatchlings due to artificial lighting at Rushikulya, India

2009 - Nest site selection and effects of anthropogenic changes to the Rushikulya nesting beach, Orissa on olive ridley sea turtles

2010 - Determining the Offshore Distribution, Migration and Movement of Olive Ridley Sea Turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) along the East-coast of India

2012 - Monitoring post-tsunami coastal ecosystem recovery in the Nicobar Islands and developing site-specific restoration measures

2013 - Age estimation of a breeding population of olive ridley turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) along the Odisha Coast, eastern India using skeletochronology

2014 - Impact of artificial illumination on sea-finding behavior of olive ridley sea turtle at Gahirmatha rookery, Odisha

2019 - Patterns of foraging in Olive Ridley Sea turtles (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) population on the east coast of India and habitat characteristics of Arribada nesting ground at Rushikulya

2021 - An assessment of the environmental sensitiveness of sea turtle nesting beaches of the Great Nicobar Island

2022 - Pan-India population assessment of marine turtles. Funding: Integrated development of Wildlife Habitats program of the MoEF&CC (on-going).

2022 - Satellite tracking of marine turtles in Maharashtra. Funding: Mangrove Foundation (on-going)

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