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Launching fisheries co-management in Lakshadweep

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After a two month-long election frenzy, midway through the month of Ramadan, in the muggy heat of Lakshadweep, and with a disordered circadian rhythm, we officially launched “fisheries co-management” jointly with the Lakshadweep Fisheries Department, in Kavaratti, the capital of Lakshadweep, earlier this year. Fisheries Co-management is an approach that brings together government agencies, resource users and other related stakeholders to make locally relevant decisions and share responsibilities for resource management. [Read more](#)



Tourism in the Andaman Islands

[Deepika Sharma](#)

Since the 1980s, tourism has been one of the main focus areas of development in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (ANI). It was first promoted to reduce dependence on forest resources such as timber and later due to direct economic benefits such as increased revenue and employment. In recent years too, the NITI Aayog has identified tourism in the ANI as a “key economic driver”. Some of the recent efforts to promote tourism include development of 5 star resorts in select locations, relaxation of certain regulations for foreign tourists, and improved inter-island connectivity to turn the islands into a popular international destination such as Singapore or Maldives. [Read more](#)



Effect of Nest Environment on Olive Ridley Hatchlings

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Nest environment influences various life history parameters in sea turtles such as embryonic development, gas exchange, sex determination, hatchling morphology and physiology etc. With growing sand temperatures around the world, sea turtle hatchlings face an eminent threat in the form of reduced size and locomotor ability due to high nest temperatures, leaving them vulnerable to predators on land and sea. [Read more](#)



and habitat characteristics at Rushikulya

[Mohit Mudaliar](#)

Studying sea turtle biology is a difficult task due to sea turtles' way of life. Since these animals take a long time to attain sexual maturity and spend most of their lives at sea, knowledge of their life is scarce. These turtles appear on the shore only for nesting or when they are dead. [Read more](#)



The year of dialogue: Current Conservation in 2019

[Greta Ann Sam](#)

2019 has been a year of opportunities and growth for Current Conservation. We have been joined by 2 more employees this year, Shruti Sunderraman taking on the role of Executive Editor and Greta Ann Sam as the Assistant Managing Editor. Their addition is an endeavour to expand the presence of Current Conservation on stands. This year, we published 13.2, the annual marine issue and 13.3 which discuss major conservation topics such as habitat loss, conflict, and coexistence among the wild and the humans, the effects of trawling on marine fauna and ecosystems and more. [Read more](#)

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