SEA SNAKES OF SINDHUDURG

LOCAL NAME: MARUZO OR MARANDO

Sea snake diversity is the highest among marine reptiles with over 60 species found over the world.

20 species are found in India. 7 species have been observed along the Sindhudurg coast.

Most sea snakes live their lives underwater. They are found in coral reefs, mangroves, shallow waters, seagrass meadows, and even in rivers. Their diet is mostly fish and invertebrates such as sardines, mackerels, prawns, gastropods etc.

Globally, sea snake populations are declining due to habitat loss from coastal development, as well as climate change and commercial overfishing. In Sindhudurg, they are unintentionally caught in large numbers, mostly in trawl and gill nets.