



Karuna

[A newsletter about the activities of Action for Protection of Wild Animals (APOWA)]

From the APOWA Team:

APOWA is a registered non profit animal welfare organization that committed to engaging and building a community of people to support...[the] welfare of animals and [the] environment and [to] improve relationships between man, animal and environment. It is providing comprehensive programs and services to compassionately serve all of the stages of an animal's life. Our mission is to engage the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help animals in distress. We receive, provide care for and rehabilitate injured and orphaned animals. An important part of our work is protection of endangered Olive Ridley sea turtles along the Orissa coast each year.

As always, we would like to thank all our volunteers and our member for the wonderful work they continue to do for animal welfare. Our thanks go out to many kind people who donate and to the thoughtful people who provide materials in their will. Help the animals so that we can reduce the misery that we witness every day. Our belief has always been the welfare of all animals and the care, safety and protection of them is our priority. We warmly welcome your contribution!

Sincerely,

APOWA Team, Odisha, India

Rescue of Animals in Distress

Animal rescue is one of the most important parts of our work; since this is what we really stand for-rescuing



any animal in distress. Whenever we find injured, sick or wounded animals, we treat and rescued that animals. In several cases we take it to our rescue home to rehabilitate. The rescue animals from operational are bring to shelter for the proper care and rehabilitation. The animal help service is provided day and night – 24 hours a day. APOWA is at animal welfare service all the time. This period the APOWA Team attended a total of 215 stray animal cases out of which some animals were given immediate first aid and some were treated at the animal care center.

As summer is more hard for animals and stray cattle, dogs and other animals thirst for water in the sweltering heat. This year, APOWA launched 'water for animals' initiative which involves building water troughs, supply of water bowls. The water bowls have been give away to our members and friends . These people have installed the bowl in appropriate places & filled with water every day. Now the thirsting cow or stray dog have drinking water facility.

Animal Rescue/Treatment Report (April 2011 and May 2011)		
Category of Animals	Mobile Treatment in the spot/First Aid	Treatment at the Animal Care centre/ Rescue Home
Stray Bulls	14	9
Cows	20	14
Bullocks	24	21
Stray Dogs	35	24
Goats	15	13
Others	16	10



Affection has no age!



Over the years APOWA has been promoting the Bhagwan Mahavir's Immortal teaching of Live & Let Live is as relevant today as it was about 2600 years ago. Lord Mahavir was a great teacher who taught humanity the true path of happiness. APOWA was established in 1999 with the intention of preventing cruelty to animals in all walks of life. APOWA has been alleviating fear, pain and suffering in countless animals' lives, and committed to welfare of all the animals for the past twelve years. The organization also works for the promotion of vegetarianism. Humanity cannot be without vegetarianism and non-violence. This is no exaggeration, but this is our perception we experimented.

Student's Training Programme on Humane Education and Ahimsa (Non-violence):

Special prayers were offered by the Kindness club members in the starting of the programme at USAK High school on 16th April 2011. The highlight of this programme was the wide range of enthusiasts. Sri Ashok Kumar Bal, head master of the school was delivered an inspiring speech. In his speech, he was highlighted the prevention of cruelty to animals, animal welfare, avoidance of leather items. Mr. Manoj Satapathy, Karuna club in charge teacher explained the role and duty of students in performing Karuna Club activities. Mr. Bijaya Kumar Kabi, Director, APOWA insisted students to show kindness towards all living beings. He also explained the nutritional values of vegetarian diet. Mr. Somanath Mohapatra spoke about the Lord Mahavir's birth, childhood days; quest for truth highlighted the social reforms preached by him thousand years ago. He stressed on Lord Mahavir's teaching of non-violence. The programme came to an end, with the vote of thanks.



Olive Ridley Sea Turtle and their Habitat conservation Programme in Orissa:

Sea Turtles, one of the oldest living species on this planet are a symbol of wisdom in many cultures. These species use a wide range of habitats, thus playing a critical role for the conservation of the oceans' ecosystems and diversity. Every year Orissa is stunning with the arrival, mass nesting and hatching of the Olive Ridley Sea Turtles. Orissa is one of the three most important nesting sites for the Olive Ridley Sea Turtle around the world. After mating in offshore waters, females come ashore to lay their eggs. The hatchlings normally emerge after a period of about 45-50 days or so later when tiny baby turtles emerge from the nest and take their first intrepid steps towards the sea. They have a long journey ahead of them; some will not survive the treacherous journey, others will travel thousands of ocean miles to return as adults and complete the cycle.



Journey of baby turtles towards the sea

A) Rescue and safely release to disoriented Baby Turtles:

The hatchlings normally emerge after a period of about 45-55 days depending upon the ambient sand temperature and climatic conditions. According to scientific research, only one out of every 1,000 survives to become an adult sea turtle. Turtle hatchlings normally emerge in the evening hours and night only and move towards the Sea under the cover of darkness. The artificial lights disorient them and make them travel towards the wrong way instead of the Sea. But, our turtle guards, volunteers and members have been taken care of this problem with the appropriate measurers at the nesting beaches of Siali, Ramtarpatana, Sandhakud, Padmapur. They had been rescued disoriented baby turtles and released them safely into the Sea. More than 2,00,000 hatchlings saved from predators and safely released back to the sea by the team. Unfortunately, some nests and eggs had lost due to beach erosion caused by strong summer winds and high waves and unseasonal rain in some beaches at Siali, Jagatsinghpur.



Hatchlings Emerging from pits

B) Sea turtle awareness programme at fishing and coastal villages:

A major focus of the Olive ridley sea turtle conservation programme was involved a broadly based community awareness campaign and awareness about the need to protect the endangered Olive ridley turtles. The commu-



Community meeting on Sea Turtle conservation organised at Siali, Jagatsinghpur

nity awareness campaign's objective was to begin the difficult process of changing community perceptions and attitudes towards turtles. The public awareness programme, through which residents and visitors were informed about the plight of the olive ridley sea turtles and how they can utilize the beaches without disturbing turtles and nests. The awareness and education programme have organized at various places of the nesting areas. The public awareness programme has conducted in a variety of formats: publication of educational materials, informal community meetings, involvement of school

children, inform visitors on the beaches etc.

The important and perhaps most enjoyable activities were the education and community outreach work we have been done. The sea turtle awareness and education effort in the operational area directly reached at community through meetings and smaller scale village gatherings.



Sea Turtle Awareness to beach visitors at Information Station installed at Pentha beach

Table 1. Number of People informed during APOWA's Community Awareness Programme

Places	Pentha	Paradeep	Sandhakud	Siali
Activity				
Beach Patrols	-	653	346	520
Community Meetings	61	82	80	106
Information Stations	638	-	-	452



Safely release of rescue turtles to sea

Training on Nest/Habitat Management:

APOWA team has participated in Turtle Action Group's field training workshop on 28th April 2011 at Rushikulya sea turtle rookery, Ganjam, one of the mass nesting sites of Olive Ridley Turtles. Turtle Action Group (TAG) is nation-wide network of Sea Turtle conservation organizations. The objective of the training programme was on safely release of hatchlings and management of nests. A group of technical experts from TAG was attended as resource person.

Please Support our Work

We invite you to see for yourself the work we do and appeal for donations to support our on going animal welfare and nature conservation work. All donations are entitled to exemption under section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

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3. **Donations in kind** : As medicine and other medical supplies, animal feed etc on the following address:

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