

Endangered Sea Turtles Laying Eggs & Hatching During Quarantine

Under the relative peace and privacy afforded to animals during the CoVID-19 lockdown, panadas are finally “screwing to save their own species,” and Sea Turtles are also benefitting from the pandemic.

Odisha’s Rushikulya rookery, a coastal beach in India, is where the endangered Olive Ridley sea turtle lay their eggs.

At least 50% of the world’s population of Olive Ridley turtles come to the state’s coasts for nesting, according to the Odisha Wildlife Organisation.

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This event happens once a year and is typically a tourist attraction, but India is under a stay-at-home order. Every year, the Forest Department creates hatcheries along the Indian coast. Authorities aren’t having to work as hard to protect the hatcheries from human intervention. Last year a cyclone severely damaged the hatcheries and the sea turtles were unable to reproduce at normal levels.

According to the Forest Department, over 70,000 Olive Ridelys arrived to take part in the unusual event of day-time mass nesting. Normally, throngs of people – tourists and locals – generally show up to watch the sea turtles and authorities have to deploy considerable resources to keep them away from

the habitat.

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While locals have been forbidden from gathering on the shoreline since last weekend because of the partial shutdown, 97 critically endangered hawksbill sea turtles have hatched on a deserted beach in Brazil.



According to Brazil's Tamar conservation project, which protects sea turtles, hawksbills lay their eggs along the country's north-eastern coast and are considered a critically endangered species.

They can grow up to 110cm in length, weigh 85kg and owe their Portuguese name, which translates as "comb turtles", to the fact that their shells were once widely used to make combs and frames for glasses.

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