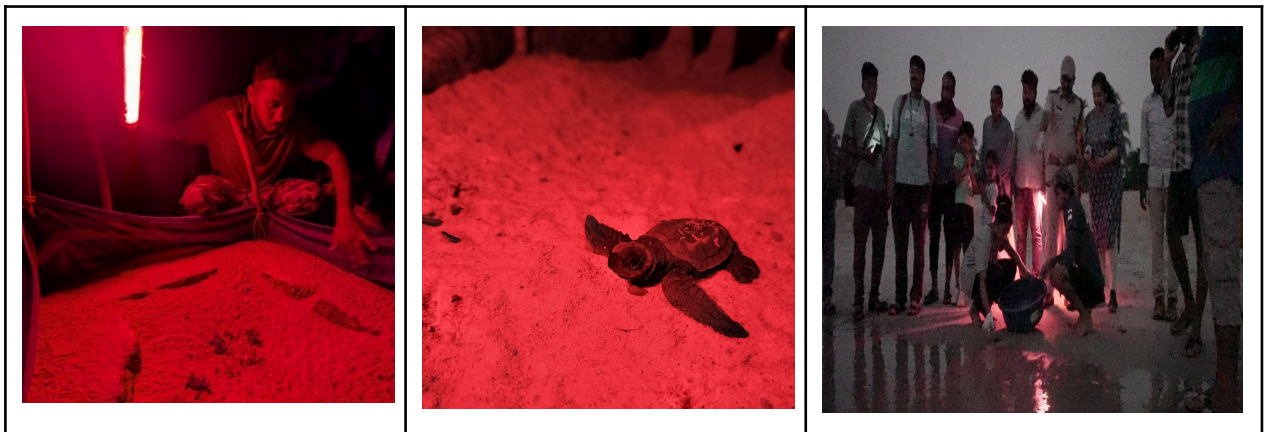


Volunteer/Internship Opportunity

We are excited to offer structured opportunities for individuals passionate about marine conservation along the coast of Karnataka. Our programs are designed to provide hands-on field experience, practical learning, and to make meaningful contributions to marine wildlife conservation. We currently offer three types of opportunities.

1. Volunteering – Olive Ridley Nesting Season



One of the aims of our volunteer programs is to provide opportunities for lay people interested in the ocean and conservation to actively give back while learning about marine ecosystems.

Focused on the nesting and hatching season of the Olive Ridley sea turtle, this program offers a rare opportunity to witness one of nature's most powerful life cycles. As the responsibilities of this role involve overnight monitoring, participants should be prepared to stay outdoors on the beach during the night. They should also anticipate modest shared accommodation at the base and simple local coastal Karnataka cuisine being provided.

What You Will Do

- Monitor nests and hatcheries
- Observe and document hatching activity
- Assist in the safe release of hatchlings
- Support awareness activities with local communities and visitors



What You Will Gain

- First-hand exposure to sea turtle conservation practices
- Practical understanding of hatchery management and monitoring techniques
- Field experience in data recording and wildlife protocols
- A **Certificate of Achievement** upon successful completion
- The opportunity to directly contribute to increasing hatchling survival rates

General Requirements

- Minimum age: 18 years
- Participants must be adaptable to field conditions
- Minimum Duration: 4 days
- Opportunity period: Feb-May

This program is ideal for individuals who wish to experience sea turtle conservation firsthand while contributing directly to the survival of hatchlings during this critical life stage. Respect for wildlife protocols and conservation ethics is mandatory.

How to Apply

Volunteer applications are announced via our official Instagram page during the hatching season. Interested individuals must fill out the application form shared during the announcement period.

Accommodation and food will be provided.

2. Internship – Stranding Season





This internship is conducted during the marine animal stranding season and is intensive and field-oriented. It involves significant physical work and direct assistance in rescue and rehabilitation operations. Please note that the presence of live animals undergoing treatment at the rehabilitation base is contingent upon active strandings during the season. Intern responsibilities may include:

- The role involves assisting in rescue operations and supporting the safe handling and transport of animals when required. Responsibilities also include feeding, tank cleaning, maintaining hygiene standards, and helping with stretcher transport during rescues. In addition, participants will support documentation, medical inventory updates, and other operational and logistical tasks at the rehabilitation base. Direct involvement in medical treatment is generally limited to **veterinary students or qualified personnel**, under supervision.
- Transporting injured turtles or other marine animals to the rehabilitation base
- Maintaining rehabilitation and treatment area
- Supporting monitoring, and record keeping

What You Will Gain

- Structured exposure to marine wildlife stranding response systems
- Understanding of rehabilitation protocols and conservation management
- Experience in field logistics and rescue coordination
- Mentorship from conservation practitioners
- A **Certificate of Achievement** upon completion of the internship and submission of a final report



This internship is specifically intended for

- Marine Biology students and researchers
- Veterinary students
- Paravets
- Individuals with relevant scientific or animal care backgrounds

How to Apply

Send the following to: projectcoordinator.ka@reefwatchindia.org

- Letter of Interest
- Updated CV
- Preferred dates and duration

Selection is based on availability, suitability of background, and operational capacity.

General Requirements

- Minimum age: 18 years
- Participants must be adaptable to field conditions
- Opportunity period: Jun-Sep
- Minimum Duration: 2 weeks (mandatory)
- Cost: Rs. 1000 per day (For Accommodation and Food)*

Due to the nature of the work, interns must be physically fit, committed, and prepared for unpredictable field conditions.

3. Personalised Internship Program

The Personalised Internship is made for individuals from diverse professional backgrounds who wish to contribute their skills to marine conservation. Interns may request for specific internship design, duration of stay, area of contribution, and scope of work according to their requirements and interest.

Students in the fields of Marine and wildlife research, technology and data management design and media, communications, education and outreach, documentation and filmmaking, environmental policy or project development etc. are welcome to apply.



What You Will Gain

- Tailored internship aligned with your professional interests
- Direct exposure to marine conservation programs and field operations
- Opportunity to apply your expertise in a real-world conservation setting
- Interaction with conservation professionals
- A **Certificate of Achievement** upon completion and submission of a final report

What We Expect

- Clear proposal or area of interest
- Professional commitment and accountability
- Respect for conservation ethics
- Adaptability to field-based environments

How to Apply

Email us at projectcoordinator.ka@reefwatchindia.org with:

- Letter of Interest (mention proposed focus and duration)
- Updated CV

Duration and scope will be mutually decided based on feasibility and project needs.

Cost: Rs. 1000 per day (For Accommodation and Food)*

Duration: Flexible and mutually decided

For interns undergoing specific technical or structured training, a facilitation fee will be applicable, depending on the nature and intensity of training provided.

Accommodation

We provide basic but comfortable accommodation and food at subsidized rates at our base. As part of your program, you will spend time with various people in the field of marine conservation, management and exploration; you will receive talks and presentations on our ongoing project activities.



General Requirements

- Minimum age: 18 years
- Participants must be adaptable to field conditions
- Respect for wildlife protocols and conservation ethics is mandatory

For further details, please contact:
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