

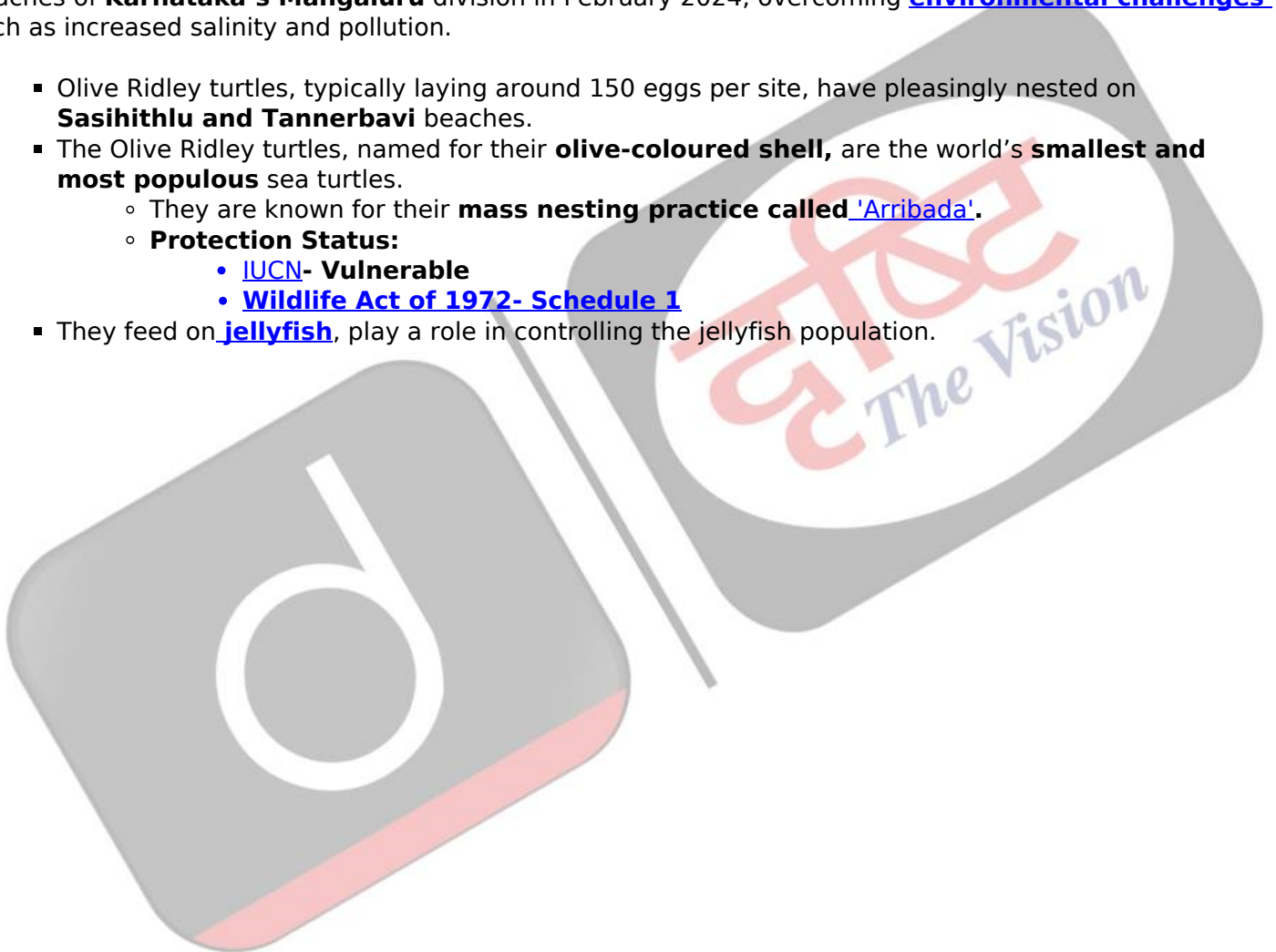


Olive Ridley Turtles on Mangaluru Beaches

Source: DTE

After a gap of nearly 40 years, [Olive Ridley turtles](#) (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) returned to nest on the beaches of **Karnataka's Mangaluru** division in February 2024, overcoming [environmental challenges](#) such as increased salinity and pollution.

- Olive Ridley turtles, typically laying around 150 eggs per site, have pleasingly nested on **Sasihithlu and Tannerbavi** beaches.
- The Olive Ridley turtles, named for their **olive-coloured shell**, are the world's **smallest and most populous** sea turtles.
 - They are known for their **mass nesting practice** called '[Arribada](#)'.
 - **Protection Status:**
 - [IUCN- Vulnerable](#)
 - [Wildlife Act of 1972- Schedule 1](#)
- They feed on [jellyfish](#), play a role in controlling the jellyfish population.



Few Turtle Species



Loggerhead Sea Turtle

- Species of oceanic turtle
- Spend most of their life in saltwater and estuarine habitat
- IUCN status: **Vulnerable**

Leatherback Turtle

- The largest of the seven species of sea turtles
- Able to maintain high body temperature using metabolically generated heat
- IUCN status: **Critically Endangered**



Green Turtle

- Named after the greenish colour of their cartilage
- Found in tropical and subtropical waters
- IUCN Status: **Endangered**

Olive Ridley Turtle

- Smallest and most abundant of all sea turtles
- Carnivores
- They practice Unique Mass Nesting called Arribada
- IUCN Status: **Vulnerable**



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