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Sub: Sea turtle research in South & West Bay, Little Andaman Island

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that we are conducting a long-term research project on leatherback sea turtles of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands since 2007, in collaboration with the Forest Department, Andaman and Nicobar and with the Andaman and Nicobar Environmental Team (ANET). Our work is currently concentrated at two pristine localities viz. South and West Bay, Little Andaman Island. The Andaman and Nicobar administration has been supportive of our activities by providing the necessary permits to work at these sites. The support has helped generate some very crucial information about sea turtles in this region. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your sustained support of our sea turtle monitoring programs at Little Andaman Island in the previous years.

We are looking to start our camps at South and West Bay, Little Andaman Island for the upcoming nesting season (from December 18th 2015 to March 1st, 2016) and we have received all necessary permits (copies enclosed) from the Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department (No.CWLW/WL/134 (A)/125) and the 'no objection certificate', received in 2009, to the project from the Department of Tribal Welfare, Andaman Administration (No.1-272/208-TW/794). Also enclosed is a copy of the report submitted to the Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department.

I am writing to you to extend your support by issuing a 'no objection certificate' for the current season.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully,

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