

15th October 2018



To

Mr. Govind Ram

Director of Tribal Welfare Department

A&NI Administration

Port Blair - (744101)

Re: Permission for Video Documentation of monitoring activities at the Leatherback Turtle Camp at Little Andaman Island (January 2019 to March 2019) for Education and Outreach.

Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of Emaho Films, a documentary-film-making unit devoted to environmental and wildlife centred films. Based out of Pune, we are currently working on a project titled "The Turtle Walkers", a film documenting the story of sea turtle research and conservation in the A&NI through the years. The film follows the life of wildlife environmentalist Satish Bhaskar, and his work with turtle conservation in the Andaman and Nicobar islands. Supported by the Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department, Satish journeyed to various uncharted islands to survey turtle populations for the first time. Today, these efforts are being carried forward by the A&NI Forest Department, the Centre for Ecological Sciences, the Andaman and Nicobar Environmental team (ANET), and Dakshin Foundation at the Little Andaman leatherback turtle camp. The film hopes to share some of the experiences and efforts of these wildlife heroes.

The primary objective of the film is to educate audiences on the relentless efforts of the A&NI Forest department, ANET, Satish Bhaskar and the above mentioned groups in wildlife conservation - specifically in relation to the leatherback turtles that breed in the island's coastal habitats. Our second objective is to facilitate a conversation amongst the youth in India to pursue a livelihood in wildlife research and conservation.

As a pivotal part of the "The Turtle Walkers", we would like to visually document the activities at the Leatherback turtle camp situated at West Bay, Little Andamans from **January 2019 to March 2019**. We would like to film the work and functions carried out by the A&NI Forest Department, the ANET Leatherback turtle camp staff, and interview relevant persons associated with the project. Additionally, we hope to document the turtle surveying and monitoring activities, tagging methods and nesting behavior of the leatherbacks. Through the course of this film, we hope to work closely and in coordination

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