OLIVE RIDLEYS: ENVIRONMENT

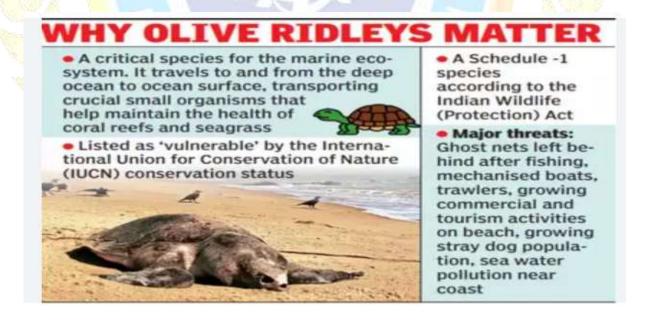
NEWS: Carcasses of Olive Ridley turtles continue to wash ashore in Visakhapatnam

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

Carcasses of Olive Ridley turtles are washing ashore along Visakhapatnam due to marine pollution and trawling, threatening their vulnerable population. Despite hatcheries and conservation efforts, accidental captures during breeding season remain a significant issue.

Olive Ridley Turtles and Conservation Challenges

- Species Details: Olive Ridley turtles are the smallest and most abundant sea turtle species globally, known for their unique "arribadas" (mass nesting events).
- Conservation Status: Listed as 'Vulnerable' by the IUCN, they inhabit tropical and subtropical waters across the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans.
- Diet: They are omnivores, feeding on jellyfish, crabs, shrimp, snails, and algae.
- Threats: Major threats include entanglement in fishing nets, habitat destruction, marine pollution, and climate change.
- Conservation Efforts: Hatcheries and awareness programs are in place, but trawling and pollution during the breeding season near Visakhapatnam persist as significant challenges.



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