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About

Turtles play a significant ecological role by providing various ecosystem services. However, most species are under high threat of extinction due to various anthropogenic activities. A severe dearth of knowledge exists among citizens on the importance and the threats faced by turtles and tortoises.

KURMA is a digital platform developed under the aegis of the Indian Turtle Conservation Action Network. Named after the Sanskrit word for the tortoise ‘avatar’ of Lord Vishnu, the aim of the website, mobile app and the associated system is to promote awareness and increase the conservation range and subsequent efforts for all Indian species of freshwater turtles and tortoises. KURMA was developed to provide a platform to aid reporting of turtle species from across the country. Data acquired through this collaborative system will help in understanding the current status and distribution of imperiled chelonian species of India.

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