

### Additional hatcheries

In addition to these three functional hatcheries it was learned that during the 1985-86 season there had been sea turtle hatcheries at Baindur, in Kundapur Division, Dakshin Kannad District. In Uttar Kannad District there had been hatcheries at Gangavali beach, Hiregutti range; Holangadde and Kade beaches of Kumta range; and Hadipur and Kasarkod beaches of Honavar range. No details of their activities were available.

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### BOOK REVIEW

ERNST, C.H. & BARBOUR, R.W. 1989. TURTLES OF THE WORLD. SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION PRESS, WASHINGTON, D.C. AND LONDON. 313 pp. 16 pl. \$ 45

The discovery and rediscovery of several living species of turtles within the last decade, especially from Asia, as well as the rapidly changing nomenclature, still very much in a state of flux, had left compilations on the world's turtles (currently some 260 species) outdated. Thus, in many ways, the work under review is an improvement over similar compilations, providing detailed species descriptions, identification keys, data on distribution, habitat, status and where available, natural history notes. Ernst and Barbour are authorities on the North American turtles, and the volume has been prepared, as remarked in the preface, as a companion volume to their earlier (1972) work on the turtles of the United States.

The book is well produced. To pack such a considerable amount of information and photographs into one volume without making it unwieldy is no mean feat. The 313 pages and 16 colour plates are well bound and can be opened flat on a coffee table. Paper, printing and layout are excellent.

'Turtles of the world' starts predictably with a general introduction to the group, with extensive notes on shell and skull morphology and includes a list of synonyms of terms