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## FOREWORD

The UNESCO - MAB National Committee set up jointly by the Ministries of Science and Technology and Education, and functioning under the aegis of the Natural Resources, Energy & Science Authority of Sri Lanka (NARESA) has been sponsoring the publication of handbooks, guides, checklists etc., on various groups of plants and animals.

This bibliography contains references of literature on marine turtles of Sri Lanka from the 18th century onwards. I am sure this document would be of immense value to researchers working on turtles.



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## INTRODUCTION

My intention in compiling this bibliography was to collect literature relating to marine turtles of Sri Lanka, from as far back as possible up to 1993 (inclusive). With a growing interest in conservation of marine turtles, this bibliography will hopefully be an asset to the research workers in Sri Lanka and abroad.

This bibliography includes sections of books, published articles, abstracts from Proceedings of Symposia and unpublished investigation reports written between 1700 and 1993 by Sri Lankan and foreign authors. A few articles not relating primarily to turtles of Sri Lanka (but containing general information on marine turtles), which are published in local journals, are also included. References to turtles in book reviews and news paper articles on turtles have been omitted.

The bibliography consists of an author index containing 150 entries and a separate subject index.

## ARRANGEMENT OF REFERENCES

In the author index, entries are listed alphabetically, first by single author followed by joint authors (last name followed by initials). Entries of a single author are listed in chronological order based on the year of publication. Anonymous contributions are listed under "ANON."

The majority of references are in English, with some in French, German and Sinhala. Titles of the articles are in the language of origin except for the three in Sinhala which have been transliterated into English to provide uniformity of presentation. The English translations of the titles of these articles are given in parenthesis. A serial number is assigned to each entry in the author index. All the entries have been personally examined except for five which are marked with an asterisk.

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#### KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED

Ceylon J. Sci. (B)	Ceylon Journal of Science (Section B).
J.R.A.S.C.B.	Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (Ceylon Branch)
MTN	Marine Turtle Newsletter.
Proc. SLAAS	Proceedings of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science.
S.Z.	Spolia Zeylanica: Bulletin of the National Museum of Ceylon (Colombo)

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