

A large group of sea turtles, likely hawksbills, are seen on a sandy beach. The turtles are scattered across the foreground and middle ground, with some resting and others in motion. The background shows the ocean with waves breaking on the shore under a clear blue sky. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

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## **PREFACE**

The Cuthbert Bay Sanctuary though small in area is one of the most important protected areas of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The area is visited every year by three of the four marine turtles which visit these Islands for nesting. Hundreds of marine turtles come here and nest. It is for the purpose of providing suitable nesting habitat to the turtles, the area was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1997.

The past management plan prepared & approved for this sanctuary was for a period of five years (2008-2013). A revised management plan for a period of ten years (2013 – 2023) is being prepared. **Chapter-1** Introduction to the Area. **Chapter-2** Background Information and Attributes. **Chapter-3** History of Management and Present Practices. **Chapter-4** The Sanctuary and the Interface Land use situation. **Chapter-5** Vision, Objective and Problems. **Chapter-6** the strategies. **Chapter-7** Eco-tourism, Interpretation and Conservation Education. **Chapter-8** Eco-development. **Chapter-9** Research, Monitoring and Training. **Chapter-10** Organization and Administration. **Chapter-11** The Budget Outlay. There are 10 Appendixes & 09 Annexure providing supplementary information.

I am sure that this document would provide valuable information not only to the Park Manager and the staff for effective management of this Protected Area but also to researchers, scientists, environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts.

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