

## Olive Ridley turtle washed ashore

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A carcass of an olive ridley turtle, *Lepidochelys olivacea* (Eschscholtz, 1829) was found washed ashore on Cherai beach on 12.01.16. It was in a badly decomposed state, with only the head, front flippers and part of the carapace intact, making it difficult to take morphometric measurements. Enquiries with local fishers indicated that a small number of turtles had laid eggs on this beach 12-15 years ago but there is no evidence of nesting here for the past 10 years.



Carcass of Olive Ridley turtle