





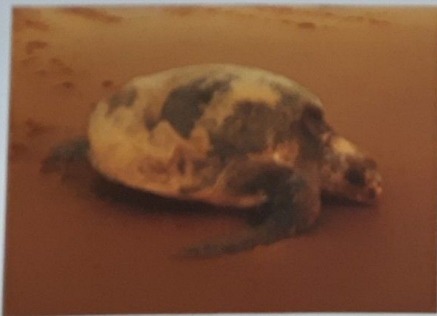
Malvan Marine Wildlife Sanctuary Dhamapur Lake

Malvan is known for its historical heritage and scenic beauty and hence has a good potential for tourism development. It is famous for the Sindhudurg Fort, standing in open sea constructed by the Maratha King Chatrapati Shivaji in the 16th century. The fort is declared as a national monument and is under the control of the "Archaeological Survey of India". Several tourists visit this place every year. The marine biodiversity in the region has been reported to be relatively rich and hence the Government of Maharashtra has declared port of Malvan coastal waters as Marine Sanctuary in 1987. The total area of Marine Sanctuary is about 29.12 sq. km. The buffer zone is approximately 25.95 sq. km. The North East border of the buffer zone is about 50 m from the seashore near Malvan Port. In the East, semi-circular sandy beach is about 500 m parallel to the shore at Malvan. In the South, the area covers the buffer zone near "Mandal Rock" of Malvan Port. In the West, the buffer zone area touches the area of Malvan rock. The core zone covering the area of Sindhudurg Fort, Padamaged Island along submerged exposed rocks extends to about 3.2 sq. km.

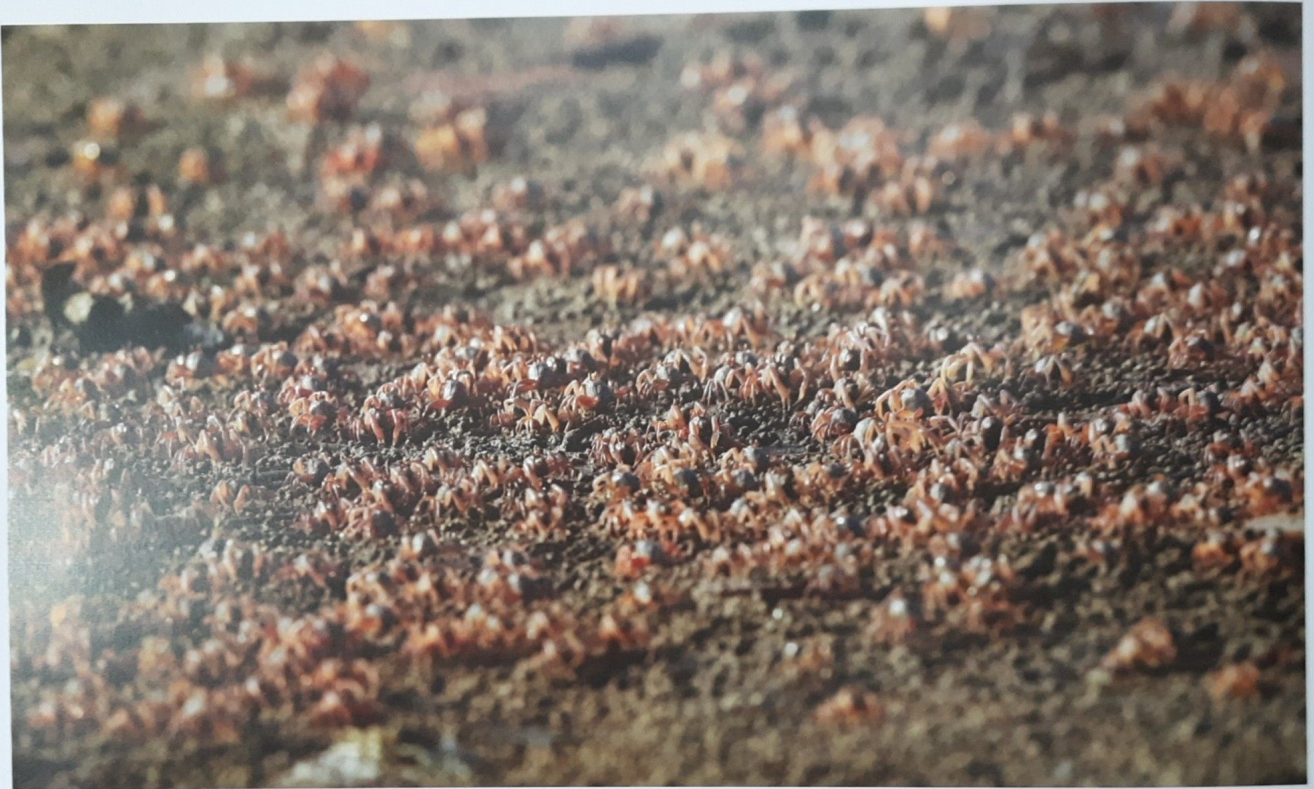




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Left top to bottom photo : *Siganus vermiculatus*, *Magil aphalus*, Olive Ridley Turtles
Right top to bottom photo : *Acanthopagrus berda*, Blue Murret Crab, Horned Ghost Crab
Left page photo : Western Reef egret



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Left page - Top photo : Crab movement of the tide out to sea., Bottom left photo : Snorkeling, Bottom right photo : Dolphin
Right page photo : Sunrise