

Sea Turtles: A Cornerstone of Oman's Environment

Oman's rich environmental diversity makes it one of the world's unique destinations. Sea turtles are among the most prominent animals on its coasts and play an important role in keeping the marine environment in balance. Over the decades, turtles have become part of Oman's environmental identity.

Sea turtles in Oman

Oman's coasts attract many species of sea turtle, especially the green turtle and the loggerhead, which travel from distant oceans to nest on Omani beaches, a sign of the health of the country's marine environment. Turtles help keep the marine environment sustainable by regulating populations of other marine life such as invertebrates and marine plants, and by keeping coral reefs, one of the most sensitive marine ecosystems, healthy.

The role of turtles in ecological balance

By grazing on seagrass, turtles stop it from spreading excessively and keep the marine ecosystem balanced. Digging their nests also renews the beaches and improves the coastal environment. Turtles are also a food source for many marine animals, supporting biodiversity in the sea.

Sea turtles are an inseparable part of Oman's natural environment and one of its tourist attractions, drawing many visitors from inside and outside the country to watch them nest or to see their eggs hatch.