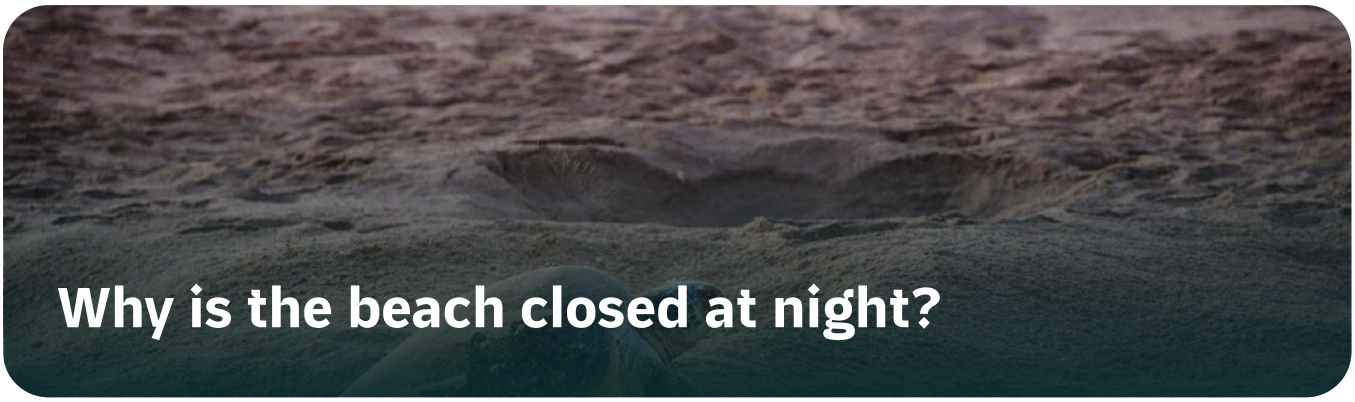


Why is the beach closed at night?

Oman is one of the most important turtle nesting sites in the world. For this reason, the area stretching from Khor Jarama in the north to Al Ruwais in the south was declared a nature reserve for turtles under Royal Decree No. 25/1996.

Why at night?

Female turtles come ashore at night to lay their eggs, and their hatchlings also emerge at night. People, lights or noise can make a turtle return to the sea without laying her eggs, and can lead hatchlings away from the sea.

Turtle numbers have declined noticeably in recent years for many reasons, including:

- Increased human activity during the nesting season.
- Trawlers and illegal fishing nets.
- Light pollution from artificial white lights.
- Oil pollution and plastic waste.

The Environment Authority therefore works hard to protect the turtles, and to make Oman the leading country in the world for the number of turtles nesting on its shores, raising its environmental standing worldwide.