



In 1998, The WILD Foundation organized the 6<sup>th</sup> World Wilderness Congress in Bangalore, India. A resolution passed during the plenary session of this Congress confirmed the importance of the Olive Ridley nesting grounds along the Orissa Coast and the need to safeguard this world treasure. For many years, WILD has worked with local and national groups in India towards this end. When the proposal for the Dhamra port was revealed in 2007, immediate action was taken to form a strong coalition of organizations that could bring local, national and international attention to the conservation need. The following organizations have been centrally involved with this campaign:



**Wildlife Protection Society of India**

**Wildlife Society of Orissa**

**Greenpeace India**

**Sanctuary Asia**

**Global Response**

**The WILD Foundation**

**Oceans and Communities**

**Mangrove Action Project**



Working in collaboration, these organizations have put pressure on Tata Steel, and the following recent press items illustrate this progress:

***Massive port in India threatens rare turtle nesting ground, activists charge***

Associated Press, 5 April 2008

***Ratan Tata under Ridley fire***

Hemal Ashar, 6 April, 2008