

Awareness activities on overfishing and illegal fishing for communities.

- Centurion University’s School of Fisheries aimed to address common concerns about the new technology, highlight its benefits and encourage local fishers to move away from unsustainable practices.
- The “Programs Promoting Aquatic Stewardship” include collaborations with local communities and fishermen “to encourage sustainable fishing practices, prevent the spread of invasive species, and promote responsible resource management.
- The university runs community awareness initiatives in nearby villages (Paralakhemundi Gajapati district, Odisha) on topics like preventing pollution of water bodies, conscious use of pesticides/fertilisers, removing invasive aquatic plants, all of which indirectly relate to healthy aquatic systems and thus responsible fishing/aquatic ecosystem management.
- **Awareness Outreach on Responsible Fishing: Tableau Exhibition on “Saving Turtles – Sustainable Education for a Thriving Marine Future” (2024)**

On the eve of World Ocean Day (8 June 2024), the School of Fisheries, Centurion University, Paralakhemundi, organised a Tableau exhibition themed “Saving Turtles – Sustainable Education for a Thriving Marine Future.” The event aimed to raise awareness on overfishing, bycatch reduction, and marine biodiversity conservation among students and visitors.

Students designed interactive Tableau dashboards illustrating data on turtle conservation, sustainable fishing practices, and the ecological impact of destructive fishing. The exhibition also highlighted Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) as an effective innovation to reduce bycatch and support responsible fishing. The event promotes awareness on **sustainable marine resource management**.



Figure 1: World Ocean Day 2024 – Tableau Exhibition on “Saving Turtles: Awareness for Sustainable Fishing Practices,” Centurion University Paralakhemundi



Figure 2: Students performing activities on World Ocean Day 2024