

SAVING THE CANTOR'S GIANT SOFTSHELL TURTLE THE COMEBACK STORY

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Can you guess what the name of this structure is?





**Raise your hand if you know
what a softshell turtle is.**

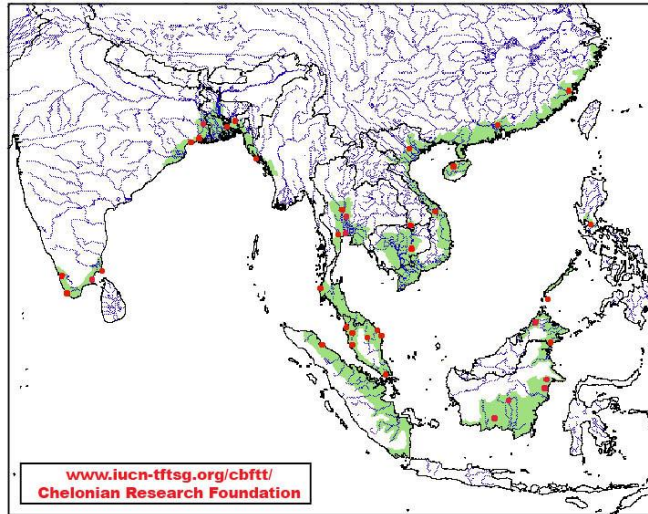
and

**Do we have any softshell
turtle in the US?**



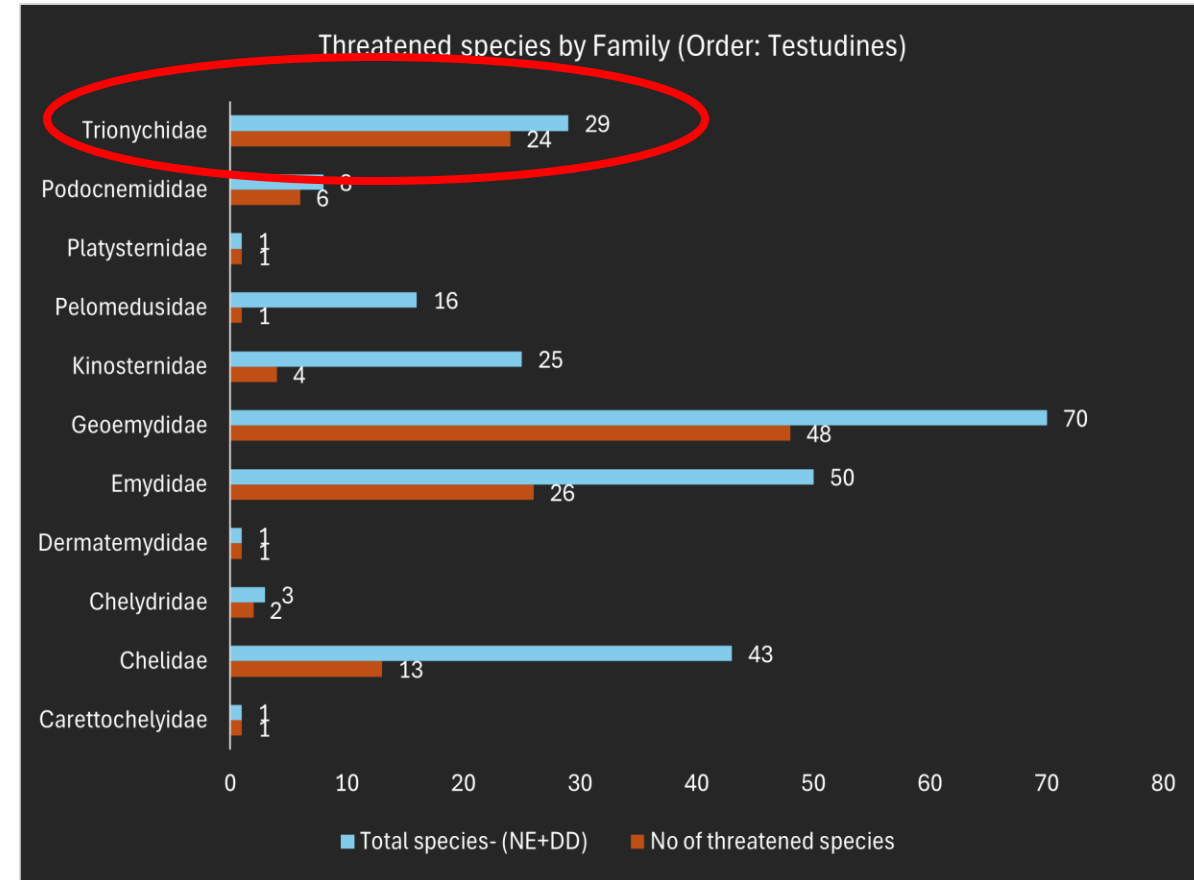
Cantor's Giant softshell turtle (*Pelochelys cantorii*)

- Widespread, but considered rare across its range.
- **80%** reduction in the population of *P. cantorii* in the last 30 years, and this decline is predicted to continue (IUCN, 2024).

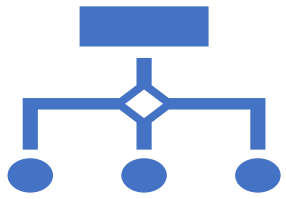


Why softshell turtles?

1. Critical in maintaining the health of aquatic ecosystems.
2. 70% of total softshell turtle species are threatened with extinction.
3. Understudied taxa with next to no management strategies, especially compared to hardshell turtles.







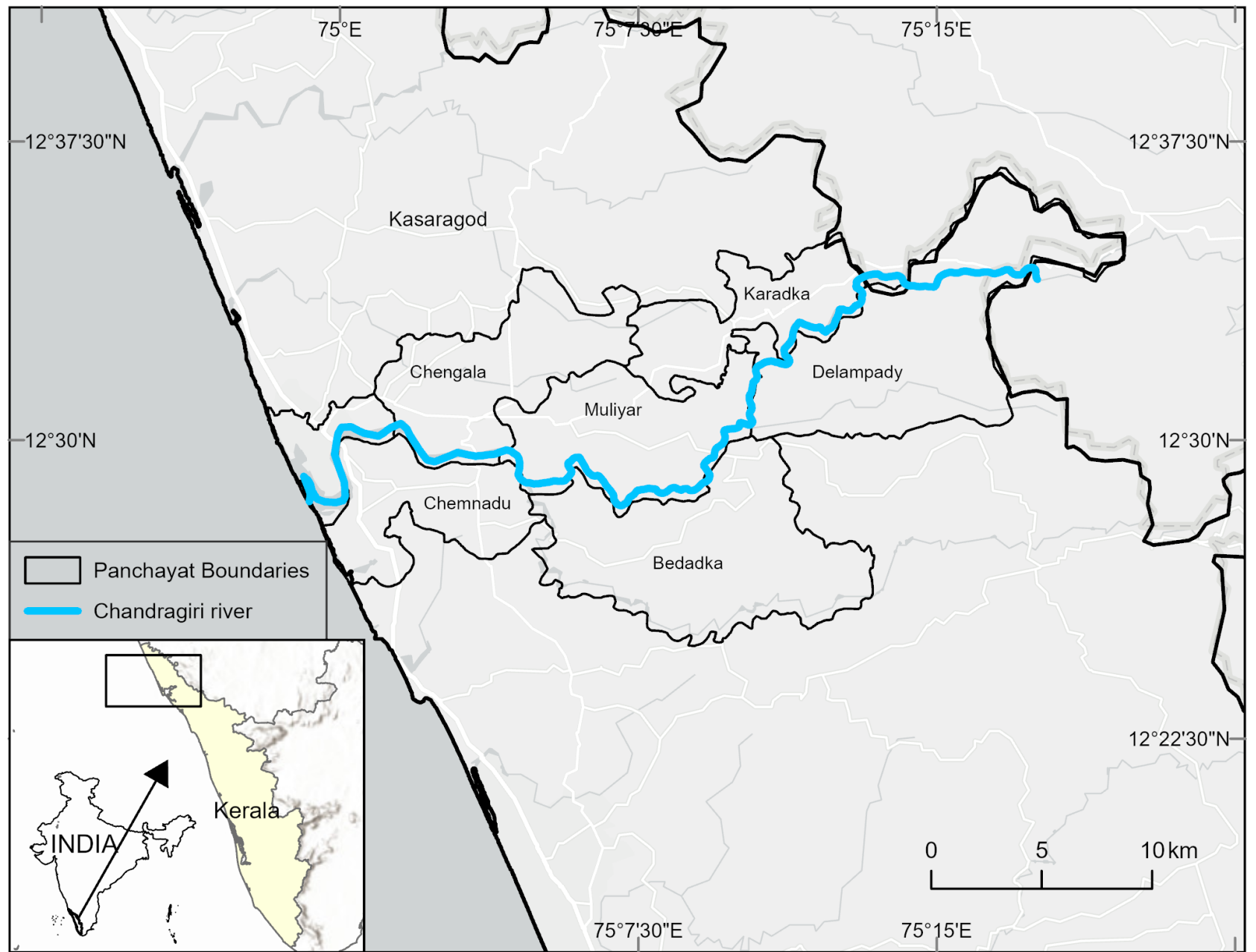
Survey



Threats



Alert Network





Agriculture



Sand mining



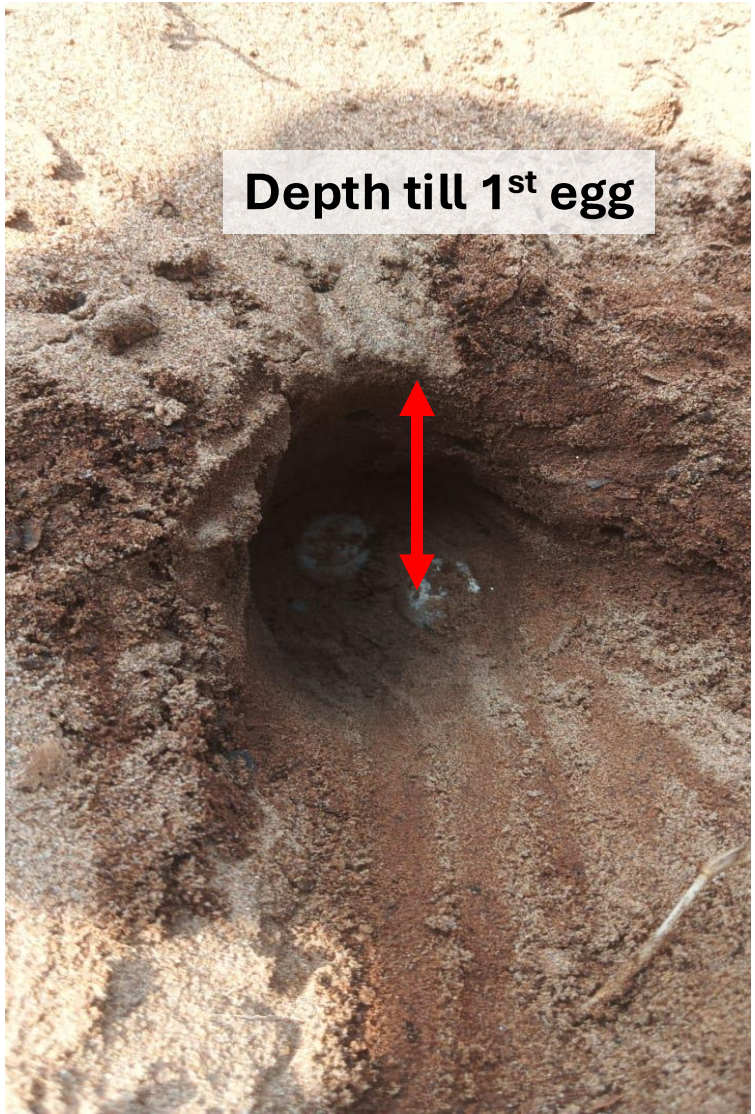
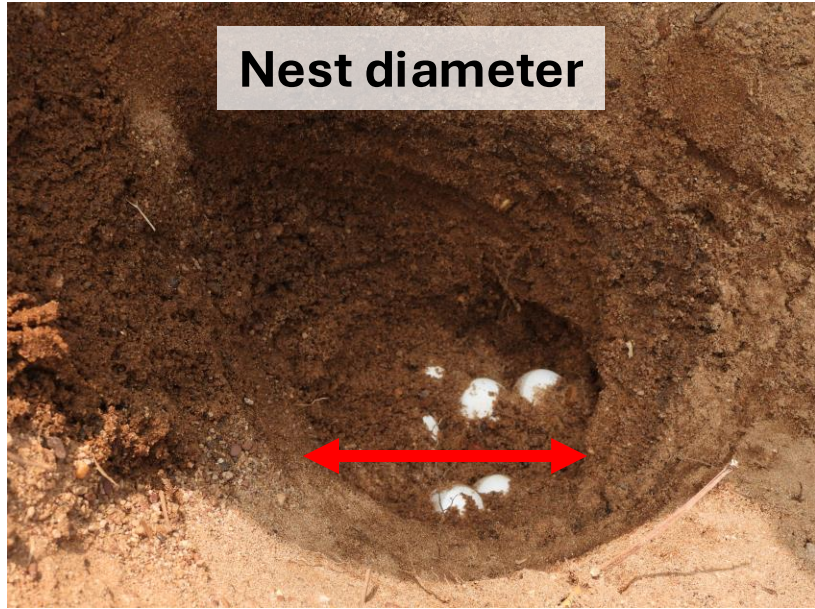
Construction of Dams





Can you point out the turtle nest mark?





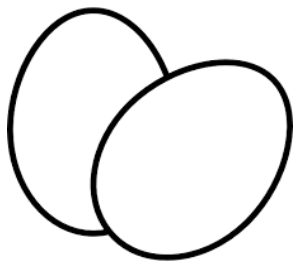
Artificial Incubation



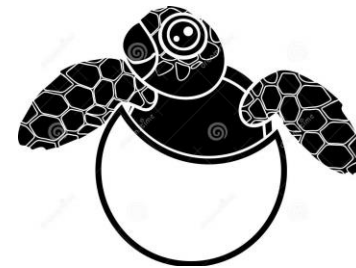


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nest



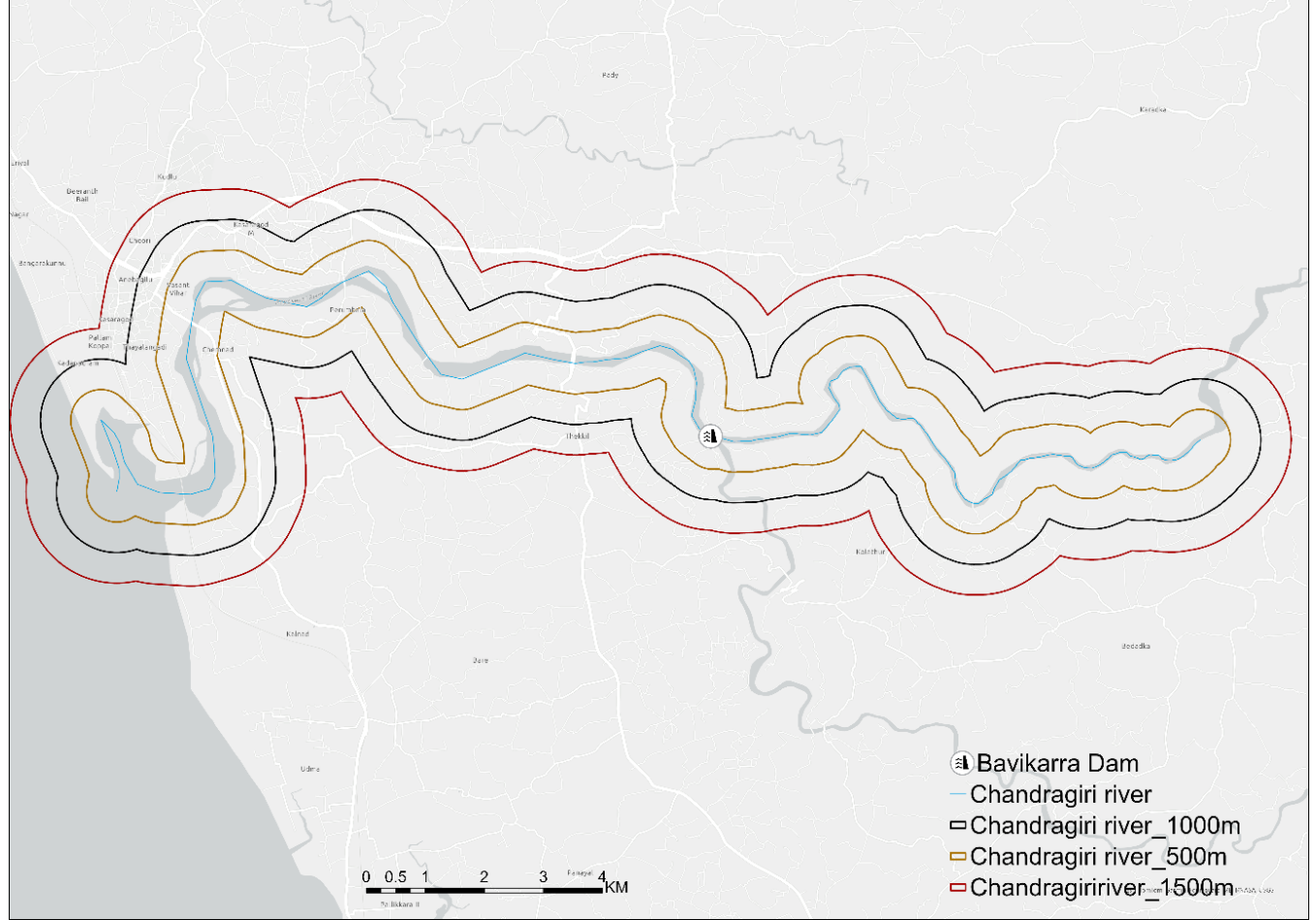
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Social benefits and Impacts





Time for Questions with Ayushi!



Time for Kahoot!