

Satish Bhaskar

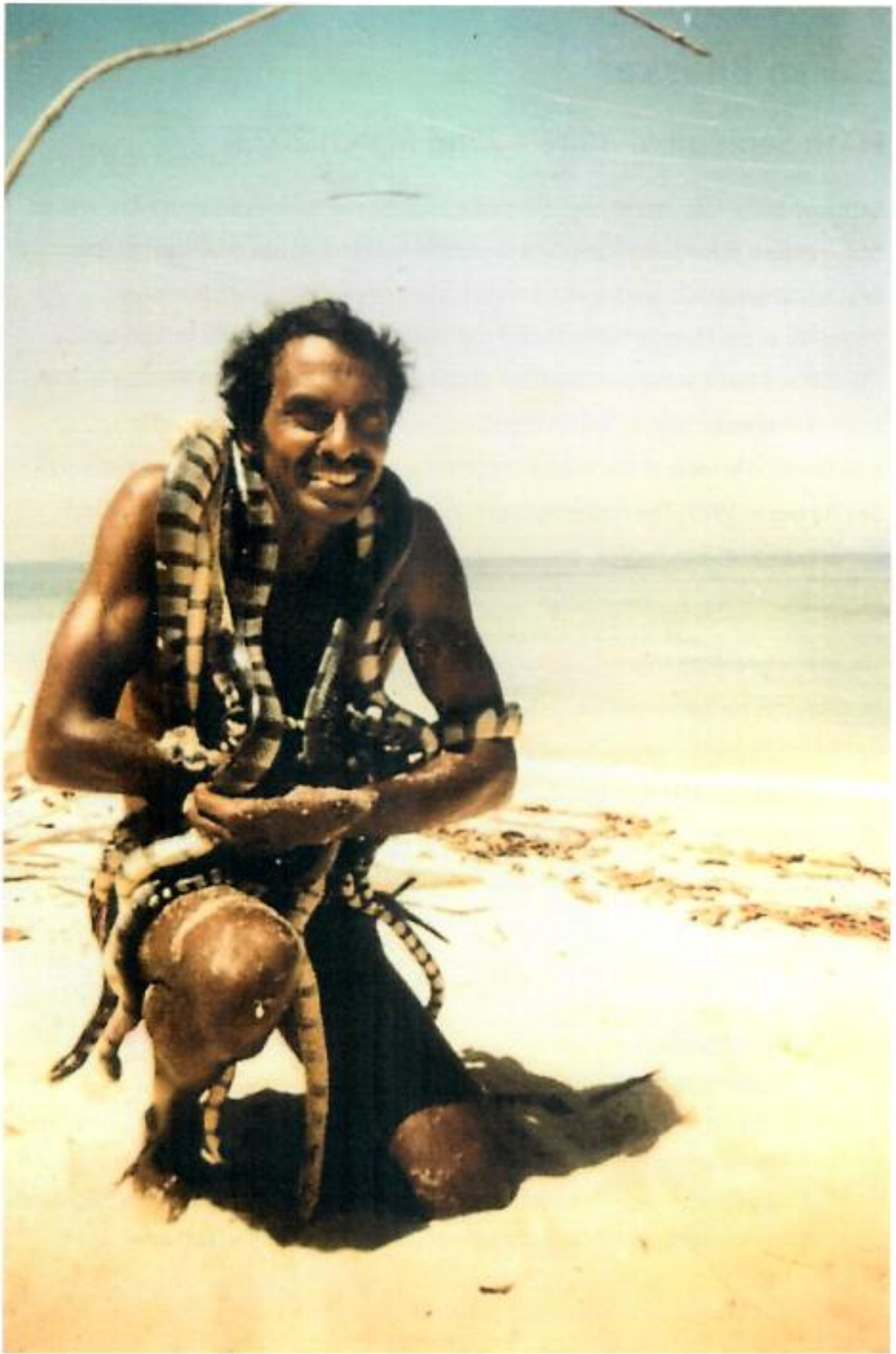
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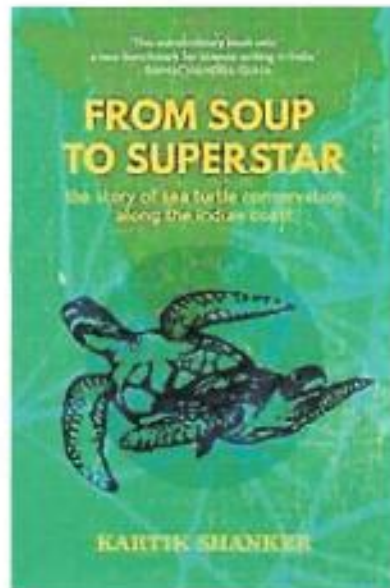
Satish Bhaskar was a pioneer of sea turtle biology and conservation in India, whose body of work provided the baseline for future research at many critical nesting beaches around the country. He started his journey working with Romulus Whitaker at the Madras Snake Park. From the late 1970s onwards, he conducted the first sea turtle surveys along the mainland coast, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep islands. Satish Bhaskar presented a paper on sea turtle conservation in India at the World Conference on the Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles in 1979. The conference proceedings was published as "Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles" and remains a landmark document in the history of sea turtle biology.

His groundbreaking surveys, especially in the island groups, uncovered important nesting sites for many species of sea turtles, particularly leatherback and hawksbill turtles in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and green turtles in the Lakshadweep islands. In April 2010, during the 30th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation in Goa, the International Sea Turtle Society presented him a Sea Turtle Champions Award for his outstanding contributions to sea turtle research through his surveys.

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