



MORE THAN HALF OF ASIA'S 90 SPECIES OF TORTOISES AND FRESHWATER TURTLES ARE ENDANGERED.

JOIN US TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR ASIAN TURTLES



Turtles and tortoises have been around since the time of the dinosaur. Today over half of the world's species are threatened with extinction.

Nearly 1/3 of all freshwater turtle and tortoise species are found in Asia and are threatened by large-scale, unsustainable trade for sale in food markets and traditional medicine.

Our Future for Wildlife program protects Asian turtles by...

- Addressing poaching and illegal trade
- Training students, wildlife protection officers and rangers
- Conducting science-based conservation efforts

We have a responsibility to protect Asian turtles for future generations. More than half of Asia's turtle species are threatened with extinction. Join our efforts to stop the uncontrolled collection of turtles from the wild.

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The Zoo's Asian Turtle Conservation Program

The primary goal of Zoo's Asian Turtle Program (ATP) program is to safeguard priority globally threatened tortoise and freshwater turtle species in Indochina. Working in collaboration with Indo-Myanmar Conservation and Education for Nature - Vietnam (ENV), the ATP implements strategic interventions that directly contribute to the conservation of Asian turtles in the region. Programs mitigate major threats and include a wide range of conservation, education and related activities that strengthen law enforcement and foster local and regional conservation leadership.

Protecting Turtles and Addressing Turtle Trade

ATP addresses the turtle trade by encouraging and facilitating reporting of illegal activity, supporting law enforcement and confiscation efforts and assisting in-country turtle conservation centers in the rescue and management of confiscated turtles. Training and empowering wildlife protection officers and forest rangers increases and improve turtle confiscations.

- **Seizures, confiscations and voluntary surrenders of protected tortoises and fresh water turtles have significantly increased. ATP now receives frequent reports from local people regarding illegally obtained and held animals and animals offered for sale.**



Building Conservation Capacity and awareness in Vietnam

Public education programs, awareness campaigns and activities focus on the value and importance of protecting Vietnam's turtles. University student workshops and internships train the next generation of young turtle scientists and professionals.

- **Community awareness events and activities have engaged over 805 village members and 4,910 school pupils. Hundreds of young men have participated in turtle-focused community football matches.**



Conducting Species-based Conservation Initiatives

Activities focus on conservation programs for more than a dozen endangered species, including the legendary Swinhoe's soft-shell turtle, recognized as the most endangered turtle species in the world.

- **Key habitat areas for critically endangered species are being protected, including a Species Habitat Conservation Area for the critically endangered Vietnamese pond turtle, the first of its kind in Vietnam.**



Join our efforts to secure a future for Asian turtles.

- Never buy protected wildlife, products made from them or their parts, or support vendors who sell them. Encourage others to do the same.
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