
New Publication on Turtle and Tortoise Trade in the United States

The Humane Society of the United States, in conjunction with Humane Society International, has recently released a report prepared by Allen Salzberg on the turtle and tortoise trade in the USA entitled "Preliminary Report: Live Freshwater Turtle and Tortoise Trade in the United States." This 39-page report discusses several aspects of the chelonian trade, including size of the market, sources of animals, numbers of animals and the reliability of those numbers, import and export quantities reported by species, treatment in transit and survival rates in captivity, and conservation implications. A copy of the report may be obtained by organizations interested in this information. Requests on a university, non-profit, or herpetological organization letterhead should be sent to: Teresa Telecky, The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 "L" Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 USA.

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***Chelonian Research Monographs*, a New Publication Series by Chelonian Research Foundation**

Chelonian Research Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of a new publication series entitled *Chelonian Research Monographs*. Issues in the series will appear at irregular intervals determined by the availability of material for publication and production time. The series is intended for the publication of chelonian research in the form of monograph-length manuscripts, multi-authored edited volumes focusing on a specific subject or taxon, proceedings of meetings and symposia, and compendia of turtle-related information not suited for regular journal outlets.

The series will function much like the monograph series *Contributions to Herpetology* produced by the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles. Editors for the series itself are Anders G.J. Rhodin, Peter C.H. Pritchard, and John L. Behler. All material published in the series will be peer-reviewed to the extent deemed appropriate by the editors. Editors for separate volumes in the series may be any individuals, depending on the nature of the contribution (e.g., proceedings and multi-authored volumes are edited by the organizers and actual editors of the material).

Several volumes in the series are already in production, and we anticipate publishing the first issue later this year. This first monograph will be "The Conservation Biology of Freshwater Turtles" which has been in production for the

last several years as a collaborative effort of the IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group and edited by Peter C.H. Pritchard and Anders G.J. Rhodin. This massive undertaking has involved the cooperation of about 84 contributing authors and encompasses ca. 1000 pages divided into two separate volumes (one for Old World turtles, one for New World turtles) of text, distribution maps, and photos of all the approximately 225 species of freshwater turtles of the world.

A pre-publication order form for the first monograph can be found in the advertising section at the end of this journal. Subscribers to *Chelonian Conservation and Biology* are encouraged to purchase issues of *Chelonian Research Monographs* as they appear, and will receive a discount on the price.

Other works in preparation to appear later in the series include a monograph on Galapagos tortoises, a bibliographic listing of all turtle literature (*Bibliotheca Testudinum*, with ca. 25,000 references), and a nomenclator of all turtle scientific names. Also being considered for publication are a volume of symposium proceedings and a listing of turtle vernacular names from around the world.

Announcements regarding the planned appearance of future issues of *Chelonian Research Monographs* will appear in the pages of this journal. Potential contributors to the series or individuals preparing edited volumes wishing to consider the series as a publication outlet are encouraged to contact CRF for further information.

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15th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation

The 15th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation will be held at the Hilton Head Island Beach and Tennis Resort (Tel: 803-842-4402), South Carolina, USA, from 21-25 February 1995. This year's Symposium will be hosted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary. Registration begins on Tuesday 21 February, regular sessions are scheduled from 22 to 24 February, and special meetings and workshops will be held on Saturday 25 February. Last year's Symposium brought together 547 participants from 21 nations and territories and was a great success, featuring papers and posters on marine turtle research and conservation topics from around the world.

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