

**Turtle and Tortoise Papers Presented
at the International Congress of
Chelonian Conservation**

The International Congress of Chelonian Conservation was held at Gonfaron, France, from 6–9 July 1995. Hosted by SOPTOM (Station d'Observation de Protection des Tortues des Maures) and its Director, Bernard Devaux, the Congress brought together approximately 250 turtle and tortoise specialists from about 35 nations. The following 109 papers and posters were listed in the Abstracts, but several other papers were also presented. A published Proceedings of the actual presentations is planned by the Congress organizers.

- ACUNA-MESEN, RAFAEL. A captive breeding research for red turtle *Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima* in Costa Rica.
- ALEGRE, F., ROBERT, S., LLORENTE, G., CARRETERO, M.A., PEREZ, A., CASANOVAS, A., SOLIVA, A.M., AND OLIVELLA, I. The marine animals recovering center of Catalonia (C.R.A.M.C.): an experience on marine turtle conservation.
- ANDREU, A.C., DIAZ-PANIAGUA, C., AND KELLER, C. Demographic fluctuations in the spur-thighed tortoise, *Testudo graeca graeca*, of the Donana National Park (SW Spain): implications for the management of an isolated population.
- ARTNER, HARALD. Observations on *Chelodina reimanni* and other chelid turtles in New Guinea (Irian Jaya, Indonesia) and their breeding in captivity.
- BAARD, ERNST H.W. Environmental stochasticity and the (in)effective conservation of isolated geometric tortoise, *Psammobates geometricus* populations.
- BAARD, ERNST H.W. The implementation of a conservation strategy for the endangered geometric tortoise *Psammobates geometricus* - successes and pitfalls.
- BALLASINA, DONATO. Conservation and reproduction techniques at the Carapax Center.
- BERTOLERO, A., CARRETERO, M.A., LLORENTE, G.A., MARTINEZ, A., AND MONTORI, A. The importance of introductions in the species conservation: the case of *Testudo hermanni* in the Ebro Delta Natural Park (NE Spain).
- BLAHAK, SILVIA. Herpesvirus infection in land tortoises as a problem of chelonian conservation.
- BOARMAN, WILLIAM. The ecology of common raven predation on threatened desert tortoise populations.
- BOARMAN, WILLIAM. Reduction in mortalities of desert tortoises and other vertebrates along a fenced highway.
- BOSSUTO, PAOLA. Home range of *Testudo hermanni* in the Natural Park of Maremma (Grosseto, Italy).
- BRANCH, W.R., AND BENN, G. The diversity, distribution and conservation of South African tortoises.
- BUDO, J., CAPALLERAS, X., FELIX, J., AND MASCORT, R. The population status of *Testudo hermanni hermanni* in northeastern Spain and management by l'Albera Captive Breeding Centre (C.R.T.-l'Albera).
- CHAN, E.H., AND LIEW, H.C. In-situ incubation of green turtle eggs in Redang Island, Malaysia: hope after decades of egg exploitation.
- CHENG, I-JUNN. Sea turtle status and research in Taiwan.
- COOKE, ANDREW, AND WEIJERMAN, MARISKA. A global overview of approaches to sea turtle conservation.
- COOKE, ANDREW, AND RAKOTONIRINA, BERTHIN. Sea turtles of Madagascar – an update.
- DAS, INDRANEIL. Status of knowledge of the biology and conservation of non-marine turtles of the Philippines.
- DE SILVA, ANSLEM. A proposed action plan for the conservation and management of the Testudines of Sri Lanka.
- DE SILVA, ANSLEM, AND KURUVITA RAJAPAKSA, VIITHA. Some veterinary problems observed in a wild population of *Geochelone elegans* in Sri Lanka.
- DEVAUX, BERNARD. The media and conservation: friend or enemy?
- DIAGNE, TOMAS. Study and conservation of the *Geochelone sulcata* species in Senegal.
- DODD, C. KENNETH, JR., AND FRANZ, RICHARD. The life-history and conservation biology of an island population of Florida box turtles *Terrapene carolina bauri*.
- DUPRÉ, ALAIN. "Florida freshwater turtle" in Europa: the state of the situation.
- ESCALONA, TIBISAY. Assessing predation risks in nests of the freshwater turtle *Podocnemis unifilis* in the Nichare River, Venezuela.
- FANTI, EDUARDO. Reintroduction of reptiles born in captivity to their natural environment.
- FENWICK, HENNY. Conservation – in a cold climate.
- FERRI, VINCENZO. *Emys orbicularis*: situation and conservation projects in Lombardy.
- FERRI, VINCENZO, AND DI CERBO, ANNA R. Lombardy Arcadia project: initiatives and propositions for the control of the red-eared pond turtle (*Trachemys scripta*, Schoepff).
- FRAZIER, J. Long term survival of contemporary anapsids in the face of hominid frivolity: the case of sustainable development.
- FRETEY, JACQUES. Considerations about the different aspects of leatherback turtles' conservation on the most important nesting site in the world: Yalimapo beach (French Guiana).
- FRITZ, UWE. Subspecies and zoogeography of *Emys orbicularis*.
- FROLOV, VLADIMIR, BOZHANSKI, ANATOLI, MAKEYEV, VIKTORI, AND MIROUTENKO, MARINA. Distribution, numbers and morphological characteristics of the central Asian tortoise (*Agrionemys horsfieldii*) in Turkmenistan.
- GAVANELLI, GILDO, GEROSA, GUIDO, AND SCARAVELLI, DINO. "La tortue et l'homme," une station de recherches et de didactique à Imola (Italie).
- GEORGES, ARTHUR, AND KENNETT, ROD. Conservation of Australian freshwater turtles: an overview.
- GERLACH, JUSTIN, AND CANNING, K.L. The Seychelles giant tortoise, its rediscovery and prospects for conservation.
- GEROSA, GUIDO, CASALE, PAOLO, AND YERLI, SEDAT. Report on a sea turtle nesting beach study (Akyatan, Turkey) 1994.
- GIRONDOT, MARC, AND PIEAU, CLAUDE. Can artificial incubation of eggs of turtle species with temperature-dependent sex determination lead to the extinction of the managed species?
- GOMEZ, FATIMA. Conservation and management of *Podocnemis* in Guapore River, Rondonia, Brasil.
- GONZALEZ DE LA VEGA, ANA, AND PELAEZ, ALEJANDRO. A panoramic view of sea turtle research and conservation in Mexico.
- GOVE, JONNIE, AND WOOD, ROGER. The Alcyon Lake turtle rescue project.
- GROLET, LAURENT. Repatriation operations: a five years balance.
- GUYOT, GHISLAINE. Status of Hermann tortoises population after major disturbance of the area by the construction of a motorway.
- HIGHFIELD, A.C., AND BAYLEY, JANE. Environmental and tourist impacts upon *Testudo graeca graeca* in Morocco: an integrated approach to habitat modification and education.
- HONEGGER, RENÉ. Propagation of *Geochelone elephantopus* at Zurich Zoo, Switzerland.
- HUOT-DAUBREMONT, COLETTE, AND GRENOT, CLAUDE. Thermoregulation study of the Hermann tortoise by radio-telemetry: first results.
- JACOBSON, ELLIOTT. Health problems of tortoises.
- JACOBSON, ELLIOTT. Health problems of marine turtles.
- JESU, RICCARDO, AND SCHIMMENTI, GIOVANNI. A preliminary study on the status of a population of spider tortoises (*Pxyis arachnoides arachnoides*) from SW Madagascar.
- JOBY, MAHATOLY, SMITH, LORA, BOUROU, ROBERT, AND SIBO, CLÉMENT. Life of angonoka (*Geochelone yniphora*) in its natural habitat.
- JOHNSON, STEVE. Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) nesting behavior and hatchling production in Florida: effects of organized turtle watches.
- KABIGUMILA, JONATHAN. Conservation biology of the tropical leopard tortoise *Geochelone pardalis babcocki* in Tanzania.
- KALB, HEATHER, AND OWENS, DAVID. Interesting movements and conservation concerns of the olive ridley sea turtle during the reproductive season at Playa Nancite, Costa Rica.
- KHAN, ANISUZZAMAN. Chelonians of Bangladesh: their present state and future conservation scenarios.
- KELLER, C., DIAZ-PANIAGUA, C., AND ANDREU, A.C. Distribution of freshwater

- turtles in the Donana National Park (SW Spain).
- KENNETT, ROD. Droughts, flooding rains and a turtle that nests underwater.
- KENNETT, ROD. Sea turtle research and conservation and the Yolgnu people of north-east Arnhem Land.
- KUCHLING, GERALD. *Erymnochelys madagascariensis* - conservation strategy beyond 2000.
- KUCHLING, GERALD. Ethics of manipulation – the western swamp tortoise (*Pseudemys umbrina*) example.
- LAMBERT, MICHAEL. On general biology and utilization of the African spurred tortoise *Geochelone sulcata* in Mali, West Africa.
- LAMBERT, MICHAEL. On geographical size variation and utilization of the leopard tortoise *Geochelone pardalis* in SubSaharan Africa.
- LEONTYEVA, OLGA, AND DEMIN, SERGE. The genesis of *Testudo graeca* at the north-eastern Black Sea coast.
- LEONTYEVA, OLGA, AND PERESHKOLNIK, SOLOMON. The modern status of *Testudo graeca nikolskii* at the northern Caucasus and the importance of its artificial breeding.
- LIEW, H.C., CHAN, E.H., PAPI, F., AND LUSCHI, P. Long distance migration of green turtle from Redang Island, Malaysia: the need for regional cooperation in sea turtle conservation.
- LOUIS, EDWARD, HUEBINGER, RYAN, TAYLOR, JEREMY, AND DAVIS, SCOTT. A taxonomic study of the populations of the Galapagos tortoise *Chelonoidis nigra* - development of subspecific markers.
- LUJIF, WILL. The last decades of the "strongest" evolutionary concept. Trade in endangered species: turtles and tortoises threatened to extinction.
- MADEC, DENIS. The role of predators in the process of conservation of *Testudo hermanni hermanni*.
- MANASA, SOVAKI. Exploitation of sea turtles in Fiji.
- MARCOVALDI, MARIA ANGELA GUAGNI DEI, PATIRI, VICTOR JOSÉ DE ANDRADE, AND MARCOVALDI, GUI GUAGNI DEI. TAMAR-IBAMA Project. The Brazilian marine turtle conservation program.
- MARTINEZ-SILVESTRE, ALBERT. Détermination des contaminants (DDT's et PCB's) dans les tissus de *Caretta caretta* en Méditerranée espagnole.
- MASON, MERVYN. Tortoises as seed dispersers in semi-arid rangelands (valley bushveld).
- MOLINA, FLAVIO DE BARROS. Reproduction and management of the Brazilian slider turtle *Trachemys dorbignyi* at Sao Paulo Zoo.
- MOLINA, FLAVIO DE BARROS. Some comments on chelonian conservation in Brazilian zoos.
- MOLL, DON. Conservation and management of river turtles: a review of methodology and techniques.
- NUTJIA, I. NYOMAN S. Status of freshwater turtles in Java island.
- PRITCHARD, PETER C.H. Turtles: a triumphant past, an uncertain future.
- RAKOTONIAINA, LALA JEAN, DURBIN, JOANNA, AND RAZANDRIZANAKANIRINA, DAURETTE. Involvement of local people in angonoka (*Geochelone yniphora*) conservation.
- RAO, R.J. Conservation status of Indian chelonians.
- RAO, R.J., BEHERA, S.K., AND PANDIT, R.K. Status and conservation of turtles in the upper Ganga River, India.
- REID, DON. The captive breeding project for the ploughshare tortoise *Geochelone yniphora* in Madagascar.
- RHODIN, ANDERS G.J. Status and conservation of *Chelodina mccordi*, an isolated and restricted freshwater turtle from Roti Island, Indonesia.
- RUGGE, MICHAEL B., AND GONZALEZ PERALTA, LOURDES. Education for the 90's.
- SALZBERG, ALLEN. A report on the international trade of turtles into and out of the United States.
- SARKER, SOHRAB UDDIN, AND HUSAIN, LOKMAN. Population, eco-biological status, captive propagation and conservation problems of *Lissemys punctata* in Bangladesh.
- SCARAVELLI, DINO, GAVANELLI, GILDO, AND GEROSA, GUIDO. Attività de soin et protection des chéloniens en Romagra-Italie.
- SHARMA, DIONYSIUS S.K. Conservation and management project for endangered estuarine turtles in peninsular Malaysia.
- SHRESTHA, TEJ KUMAR. New survival of rare chelonians in the altered habitats of Himalayan rivers of Nepal.
- SHRESTHA, TEJ KUMAR. Wetland use, development and habitat fragmentation and their impacts on turtles and tortoises in Nepal.
- SINHA, R.K. Commercial exploitation of freshwater turtle resource in the middle Ganges River system in India.
- SLIMANI, TAHAR. Protection and measures of conservation for tortoises in Morocco (Marrakesh region: Haouz-Joilets).
- SMITH, LORA L., JOBY, MAHATOLY, BOUROU, ROBERT, AND SIBO, CLEMENT. The status and ecology of the ploughshare tortoise *Geochelone yniphora* in Madagascar.
- SNIESKUS, EVALDAS. European pond turtle *Emys orbicularis* protection and introduction project in Lithuania.
- SUBBA RAO, M.V. Captive rearing of olive ridley sea turtle hatchlings for conservation purposes.
- TASKAVAK, ERTON. Threats to survival of Euphrates soft-shelled turtle *Rafetus euphraticus* in southeastern Anatolia, Turkey.
- TATARATA, MIRI. Sea turtles in French Polynesia, to reconcile tradition and protection.
- THIRAKHUPT, KUMTHORN, AND VAN DIJK, PETER PAUL. Turtle conservation and research in Thailand - some thoughts.
- TIWARI, MANJULA. Sea turtles of the Andaman and Nicobar islands.
- TSARUK, OLEG I. Some data about catching and trading with Horsfield's tortoise *Agrionemys horsfieldii* in Central Asia.
- VALENZUELA, NICOLE, BOTERO, RODRIGO, AND MARTINEZ, ELIANA. A preliminary model of sex determination of *Podocnemis expansa*: consequences for conservation.
- VAN DIJK, PETER PAUL, AND THIRAKHUPT, KUMTHORN. Southeast Asian *Chitra* - from description to extinction in 15 years?
- VASUDEVAN, KARTHIKEYAN. Freshwater turtle conservation and biology in India.
- VASUDEVAN, KARTHIKEYAN. Reproductive ecology of *Aspideretes gangeticus* in north India.
- VELASCO, ANA MARIA. Reproductive biology of *Podocnemis unifilis* and *P. expansa* in the Cuyabeno National Park, Ecuador.
- VOGT, RICHARD C. Brazilian freshwater turtles, to eat or not to eat? Save them by eating them?
- WAMUKOYA, GEORGE M., AND HALLER, RENE D. Sea turtle conservation in Kenya: community participation approach.
- WEATHERBY, CRAIG. The North American box tortoise (*Terrapene carolina*): home range, movement patterns and site fidelity.
- WEATHERBY, CRAIG. The South African mountain tortoise (*Geochelone pardalis*): home range, movement patterns and site fidelity.
- WOOD, ROGER C., AND HERLANDS, ROSALIND. Terrapins, tires, and traps: conservation of the northern diamondback terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin terrapin*) on the Cape May Peninsula, New Jersey, USA.
- ZHAO, ER-MI. Chelonian fauna and their conservation in China.

Third World Congress on Herpetology – Preliminary Announcement



**THIRD WORLD CONGRESS
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PRAGUE, 2-10 August 1997**



The Third World Congress on Herpetology will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, 2–10 August, 1997. It will cover all topics in herpetology, including paleoherpetology. The scientific program will be divided into two parts by one day of professional excursions that will include also areas that served for the past 50 years as military exercise fields closed to public, with populations of amphibians and reptiles developed within this period of time in natural conditions not affected by anthropogenic activities. It is expected that there will be some accompanying events like exhibition in the National Museum "Origin and Evolution of European Herpetofauna" where both fossil and contemporary amphibians and reptiles will be presented, on the background of