Studbook breeding program <u>Geoemyda spengleri</u> (Black-breasted leaf turtle)



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Annual report 2013

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Report

Latest studbook version published:

No European studbook has been published for this species. Laurens Woldring compiled the last annual report in 2007.

Conservation / research activities:

The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species considers *G.spengleri* to be Endangered due to the levels of trade and scarcity of this species. Conservation and research activities vary from country to country within its range, but no ESF-based involvement has been identified so far.

Status and developments in the ESF population in 2013:

Participant	Status (2013-01-01)			Births			DNS			Transfer in			Transfer out			Transfer Non-ESF in			Transfer Non-ESF out			Deaths			Status (2013-12-31)		
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L9	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
L14	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
L15	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
L21	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	7	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	Total		
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Summary:

Jenny Spencer filled the *Geoemyda spengleri* studbook keeper vacancy in May 2013 with costudbook keeping assistance provided by Warren Spencer. A new dataset has been compiled from a core base of five participants from Belgium, Denmark and the Netherlands. More individuals are currently in the registration process and we extend our thanks to all that have enrolled in the studbook so far.

Target population size / programme goals:

The population as of 31/12/2013 is 25 turtles (7.13.5). It is difficult to give a target population size recommendation at this early stage in the studbook. However, due to the low number of births (3) we would encourage participants to breed their animals wherever possible.

It is expected that the dataset will continue to grow during the coming months and that the first ESF studbook for this species will be published at the end of 2014.

Looking further into the future, we hope to develop best practice guidelines and to explore potential research and conservation initiatives.

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