

Studbook breeding programme

GEOCLEMYS HAMILTONI

HAMILTON'S TERRAPIN
BLACK POND TURTLE
STRAHLEN – DREIKIELSCHILDKRÖTE
GÉOCLEMYDE D' HAMILTON
GÁLAPAGO RAYADO
DRIEKIELSTRAALSCHILDPAD



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INTRODUCTION

The *G. hamiltoni* is still on the CITES Appendix I. The situation in the natural habitat of this turtle is not changed. The increased big floods of the riverbanks especially in Bangladesh are still disastrous for the nests. Also in 2008 this species is smuggled out of the habitats and still observed on the Chinese foods. The bad situation in the habitats of the *G. hamiltoni* seems to continue. It's not to predict what the consequences of the global warming will be in the habitats in the future. Too much rain will destroy the nests on the riverbanks.

Also in 2008 the breeding with first registered adult couple (nrs. A and B) was stopped, because there are 239 registered hatchlings of this couple and that is more than enough of these bloodlines. New bloodlines are necessary.



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In 2005 the studbook *Geoclemys hamiltoni* was enlarged with two adults couples of Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden of Hong Kong, China. One of these adults couples (nrs. E and F) is placed with Artis Zoo, Amsterdam NL. Till this moment there are no hatchlings of this couple. From the other adult "Hong Kong" couple (nrs. C and D), who stays in Blijdorp Zoo, Rotterdam NL, there were 16 hatchlings in 2006.

In 2007 this last breeding couple is placed with Cologne Zoo, Köln DE.
We hope for hatchlings in 2009 of the couple E and F in Artis Zoo, Amsterdam NL and the couple C and D in Cologne Zoo, Köln DE.



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These new couples of Kadoorie Farm means real new bloodlines to built up a genetic healthy population of this species for the future in Europe. To reach this aim is a good cooperation necessary between the keepers / studbook participants of these turtles.

Also in 2009 there still is a F2-generation in the EU countries and Switzerland. This F2-generation is almost complete coming from the studbook couple A and B. This F2-generation is not registered in this studbook.

STUDBOOK POPULATION.

In the Studbook *Geoclemys hamiltoni* are 271 animals registered in 2009:

12 adult wild genetic independent turtles: 7.6.0 animals. 1 male is dead.
259 hatchlings. 19 dead



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The hatchlings were born in:

1993	6
1994	23
1995	40
1996	22
1997	30
1998	31
1999	21
2000	16
2001	–
2002	–
2003	20
2004	10
2005	–
2006	36
2007	–
2008	–
2009	–

Because of the very many hatchlings and the impossibility to keep those animals all in The Netherlands, most hatchlings has been transported in the past 15 years to other European countries and unfortunately go out of sight at a certain moment , so the sex of all these animals isn't always clear. Unfortunately not every studbook participant cooperates correct.

LOCATIONS.

At December 31, 2009 there are 38 locations registered:

Netherlands	- 15
United Kingdom	- 2
Italy	- 3
France	- 1
Sweden	- 2
Spain	- 1
Bonaire	- 1
Germany	- 9
Austria	- 2
Czech	- 1
Majorca	- 1

Among these locations are 8 zoos: 2 in Netherlands, 2 in Sweden and 4 in Germany. In Spain participates 1 private breeding and study centre. This centre strive to become a EAZA member.



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IMPORTS.

In 2009 there has been 2.2.4 confiscated specimen from the Hong Kong SAR/ Kadoorie Farm & Botanic Garden in Hong Kong, China imported in Europe.

DEATHS.

No deaths are reported in 2009.

ACTIVITIES planned for 2010

To built up a genetic healthy population in captivity in Europe for the future it is very important that the studbook breeding couples in Artis Zoo Amsterdam, NL and in Cologne Zoo, Köln, DE will produce hatchlings in 2009.

REQUEST.

The studbook keepers are still looking for new bloodlines in the EU-countries. Therefore the keepers of one of more *G. hamiltonii*, who do not participate until this moment in this studbook, are gladly invited to contact the studbook keepers.

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