



TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

AN IUCN PARTNERSHIP NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE CAPTIVE MANAGEMENT OF FRESHWATER TURTLES AND TORTOISES

Thursday, August 21, 2008 REGISTER
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Joint Annual meeting of the Turtle Survival Alliance and
IUCN/SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group
Sept. 17-20, 2008

DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008

10:00am-12:20pm	TSA Steering Com. Meeting
12:20pm-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm-3:30pm	Joint TSA/TCF/TFTSG Strategic Planning Workshop
3:30pm	Break
3:45pm-5:30pm	Joint TSA/TCF/TFTSG Strategic Planning Workshop
4:00pm-5:30pm	Registration
6:30pm-8:00p,	Icebreaker - Cash Bar
8:00pm-9:30pm	Cann Freshwater Turtles of Australia and New Guinea / 8:00pm - 9:30pm

Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008

9:00	TSA Opening - Hudson Welcoming Remarks
9:15	Rhodin TFTSG Remarks
9:30	Introduction to TSA Session
9:35	Shunquing - Rafetus Project - R&R
9:55	Myo Myo - Preliminary Survey of the status of <i>Kachuga trivittata</i> between the Htamanthi village and the confluence of Chindwin and Ayeyawady River - TSA
10:15	Zwartepoorte - The European ex situ status of the Egyptian tortoise <i>Testudo kleinmanni</i> linked to a reintroduction program in Egypt - TSA
10:35	Hudson/Hagen - Where are they now, a look back at the 19 IUCN Redlist critically endangered Asian chelonians from the 1999 Cambodian Workshop - TSA
11:00	Break & Poster Break & Poster
11:20	Introduction to TCF Session
11:25	Garcia - Distribution and Ecology of the Central American River Turtle (<i>Dermatemys mawii</i>) in the lowland Maya Forest, Guatemala - TCF
11:45	Ceballos - Environmental effects on Body growth of the endangered Amazon river turtle, <i>Podocnemis expansa</i> - TCF
12:05	Vargas-Ramirez - Actions towards the knowledge and conservation of the endangered-endemic fresh water

- turtle *Podocnemis lewyana* in Colombia - TCF
- 12:25 Lunch Lunch
- 2:00 Chan - In-situ incubation of river terrapin eggs (*Batagur affinis*) in the Dungun River, Malaysia - R&R
- 2:20 Kuchling - Ovarian Cycle and Reproductive Biology of *Rafetus swinhoei*: Implications for Captive Breeding - TCF
- 2:40 Singh - Conserving Indian Endangered Turtles: Via Support From the Turtle Conservation Fund - TCF
- 3:00 A comparison of two Asian box turtle species, *Cuora trifasciata* and *Cuora cyclornata*, and justification for species validity
- 3:20 Break & Posters Break & Posters
- 3:40 Introduction to Field Conservation Session
- 3:45 Louis - Community based conservation monitoring of the radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) at Lavavolo Classified Forest, Madagascar - Field Cons
- 4:05 Bennet - Conservation implications of habitat barriers on movements and gene flow in Northern Map Turtles (*Graptemys geographica*) - Field Cons
- 4:25 Clauvijo-Baquet - Basic biological information and conservation status of a South American Freshwater Turtle: *Phrynops williamsi* (Chelidae) - Ecology
- 4:45 Van Dyke - Global turtle species distribution mapping – a comparison of patterns and conservation priority areas - Field Cons
- 5:05 Adjourn
- 5:10 Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group open meeting, Anders Rhodin chairing
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Friday, Sept. 19, 2008

- 8:30 Hudson - Remarks and Comments
- 8:35 Introduction to Field Conservation Session
- 8:40 Horne - The Chambal River Turtle Head-start Hatch and release Program with emphasis on new methodology - Field Cons
- 9:00 Singh - Enhancing the Indian Turtle Conservation Programme through Involvement of Local Communities - Field Cons
- 9:20 Schireman - The Western Pond Turtle Project: The History of a Successful Reintroduction Alliance - Field Cons
- 9:40 Kuchling - Heavily Biased Sex Ratios in Nest Translocation and Headstarting Projects of *Batagur affinis* and *Batagur borneoensis* in Malaysia - Field Cons
- 10:00 Break & Posters
- 10:20 Mockford - Accommodating geographic structure in recovery planning for an endangered population complex of Blanding's turtles - Field Cons
- 10:40 Fujii - The Texas tortoise (*Gopherus berlandieri*), the only *Gopherus* without a plan; defining conservation units in southern Texas. - Field Cons
- 11:00 Truett - Restoring the Bolson Tortoise to Pleistocene Range - Field Cons
- 11:20 Juvick - Playing the Numbers Game: Massive Head-starting and Reintroduction of Mojave Desert Tortoises - Field Cons
- 11:40 Lunch
- 1:00 Introduction to Southwest Session
- 1:05 Lovich - Status and Conservation of the Sonora Mud Turtle - Southwest

- 1:25 Rosen - Tri-national Conservation of the Sonoyta Mud Turtle in Arizona and Sonora - Southwest
- 1:45 Carr - Clutch and Egg Size Variation of the Smooth Softshell (*Apalone mutica*) in Louisiana and Texas - Southwest
- 2:05 Owens - Successes in Trapping Nonnative Turtles at The Phoenix Zoo - Southwest
- 2:25 Break & Posters
- 2:45 Forstner - Status of two native turtles of the Rio Grande Basin (Emydidae: *Trachemys gaigeae* and *Pseudemys gorzugi*): fieldwork, ecology, and genetics - Southwest
- 3:05 Riedle - Gaining Insight into Aquatic Turtle Communities on the Middle Trinity River Basin - Southwest
- 3:25 Iverson - Life history and demography of the Ornate Box Turtle (*Terrapene ornata*) in the Nebraska Sandhills - Southwest
- 3:45 Rosen - Ecological Status and Conservation Issues in the Aridlands Chelonian Fauna of Southwestern North America - Southwest
- 4:05 Adjourn
- 5:00 Busses depart for Botanical Gardens
- 6:00 Reception with free beer and wine
- 7:00 Dinner - Mexican Buffet with Peter Praschag Speaking - The arduous quest for the river terrapin *Batagur baska*. Distress call for an almost unknown turtle on the edge of extinction
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- 10:20 Filtration Workshop with Dave Manser
- 11:40 Lunch
- 1:00 Introduction to Ecology Session
- 1:05 Walton - Using Ecological Niche Modeling to Delineate Critical Habitat for the Bog Turtle, *Glyptemys muhlenbergii* - Ecology
- 1:25 Selman - The basking behavior of the yellow-blotched sawback and the implications of human disturbance on therm. Behavior - Ecology
- 1:45 Litzgus - Freshwater Turtle Survival Strategies Under Ice - Ecology
- 2:05 Rasmussen - Quantity or Quality: Maternal investment in Spotted Turtles (*Clemmys guttata*) - Ecology
- 2:25 Break & Posters
- 2:45 Graham - The effects of soil microenvironment on the hatchling emergence in Diamondback Terrapins (*Malaclemys terrapin terrapin*) - Ecology

- 3:05 Kiester - Evolutionary and Genetic Trade-offs in Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) Headstarting and Restoration - Field Cons.
- 3:25 Syed - Phylogeography of *Dermatemys* - Ecology
- 3:45 Clauvijo-Baquet - Illegal trade of Chaco Tortoise - Ecology
- 4:05 Platt - A tribute to Trouble: The natural history of *Rhinoclemmys areolata* in northern Belize - Ecology
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- 8:30 Hudson Announcements and Remarks & Introduction to Husbandry Session
- 8:35 Lawson - Captive Management and Reproduction of the Impressed Tortoise - Husbandry
- 8:55 Davis - Giant Asian Softshell Husbandry and Reproduction - Husbandry
- 9:15 Rapley - *Sacalia* Husbandry and Reproduction - Husbandry
- 9:35 Kuchling - Training Captive-bred Western Swamp Turtles for Re-introduction: Captive Environment and Life Style Effects Survival after Release - Husbandry
- 9:55 Break & Posters
- 10:15 Ziegler - Husbandry and Breeding of *Rhinoclemmys* - Husbandry
- 10:35 Feldman - Heat and Dust: Six Weeks at the Largest Turtle Farm in the United States - Husbandry
- 10:55 Adams - Galapagos tortoise Exhibit and Program - Husbandry
- 11:15 Sayjagat - Australian Turtle exhibit at National Aquarium in Baltimore - Husbandry
- 11:35 Lunch
- 12:45 Ogle - Captive Breeding of the Common Spider Tortoise (*Pyxis a. arachnoides*) At Knoxville Zoo - Husbandry
- 1:05 Praschag - Establishing a green house for turtles in Central Europe. An attempt for a compromise between aesthetics and functionality. - Husbandry
- 1:25 Fife - Photographic Review of Turtle Facility - Husbandry
- 1:45 Break & Posters
- 2:05 Veterinary Session Introduction - Paul Calle
- 2:10 Johnson - *Mycoplasma*- Diagnosis, Treatment, and Control - Veterinary
- 2:30 Innis - Update on IN Coccidiosis - Veterinary
- 2:50 Offerman - Prevention of Recurrent Dystocia Via Partial Caudal Plastron Osteotomy in a *Batrachemys* ssp. - Veterinary
- 3:10 Feldman - Options to Oxytocin - Veterinary
- 3:30 Adjourn
- 4:00 Buses Depart for Arizona Sonora Desert Museum
- 4:00 Break & Posters

5:00 Reception
6:00 Behler Chelonian Center film on Madagascar
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9:55 Break & Posters
10:15 Ashton Workshop - Desert Tortoise & Gopher Tortoise Pannel Discusion -Continued
11:35 Lunch
12:40 Introduction to Desert Tortoise Session
12:45 Edwards - Desert Tortoise genetics - DTS
1:05 Jarchow - Determining provenance of captive desert tortoises genetically and the importance to conservation efforts - DTS
1:25 Vaughn - The Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) South of the Arbitrary Border - DTS
1:45 Break & Posters
2:10 Mcluckie - Conservation Challenges of an Isolated Population: Status of Desert Tortoises in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve - DTS
2:30 Mclain - Mojave Max education program - DTS
2:50 Brian Horne egg incubation workshop
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