



TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

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

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TSA Member Survey - Now is the time to tell us what you think

For the TSA to become more effective at meeting the global challenges of turtle conservation we will be undergoing a structural reorganization designed to better position us financially. We want to be responsive to the opinions of our many members and supporters, and need to hear your ideas. Please click on this link and spend a few minutes thinking about the direction you think the TSA should be heading, and what type of organization you envision.

This is due Monday, January 5, 2009. Responses are confidential and will only be seen by our consultant the TCC Group. [TSA Survey at SurveyMonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com).

If you need to cut and paste versus clicking the link above, the url is:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=qXdVEyESGxL32_2fQRrvVQ0g_3d_3d

This is important, so please take some time to complete the survey – it only takes a few minutes.

Animal Management Committee:

The TSA will have two new bloodlines of Burmese brown tortoise, *Manouria emys emys*, available soon. These are unsexed juveniles; available as a permanent adoption for a \$75 fee per animal, or as a long-term breeding loan by special arrangement.

We also have several 8-10 inch Fly River turtles, *Carettochelys insculpta*, available for placement in appropriate public or private facilities. These are TSA-owned animals that would be placed on long-term breeding loan.

Please contact Dwight Lawson at dlawson@zoatlanta.org

Recent Support:

The TSA has received \$7,500 (of a \$10K grant) from WWF Canada, courtesy of Pat Koval of Ontario Canada, for our Sundarban Batagur project in India. One of the primary goals is to restructure the pond in a Tiger Reserve facility in West Bengal that contains the only known captive population of 11 Batagur baska. The current pond lacks basking or nesting opportunities, and providing an environment conducive to captive breeding is a priority for us.

We have received additional support from the Central Illinois Herp Society (\$100) and the California Turtle and Tortoise Society (\$100).

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