



TURTLE SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

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

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Animal Management

The TSA has two separate bloodlines of recently hatched Burmese brown tortoises, *Manouria emys emys*, available for adoption for a one-time fee of \$75 plus shipping. Please contact Dwight Lawson at dawson@zoatlanta.org for details.



In addition, Dwight has 2008 *Manouria impressa* hatchlings from his personal collection available to current TSA members for a cost well below market value. These are available with the stipulation that they be recorded in the studbook, and that recipients provide periodic updates on their status so that a long-term captive colony can be developed. Contact Dwight directly for details.

Sulawesi Forest Turtle hatches



Charles Innis reports the hatching of his 3rd *Leucocephalon yuwonoi* on 9 October (the first was in 2003). Incubation was on dry peat moss and lasted about four months at a temperature of 27 – 29 C. Humidity was maintained at 70-90%.

British Chelonia Group awards grant to TSA



The BCG has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the TSA for new facility construction in India and Burma. In India the funds will help support a renovated *Batagur kachuga* headstarting facility at Garhaita in UP on the Chambal River. This will be a “green” facility with solar powered pumps for water filtration and recirculation, and will eliminate the current “dump and fill” operation. In Burma the TSA plans to expand turtle facilities at a Forestry Station in the Yoma / Arakan Elephant Range in the western Rakhine State. Species targeted are the Asian mountain tortoise, *Manouria emys phayrei*, and the Arakan forest turtle, *Heosemys depressa*, the historic ranges of which encompass this area. We envision that assurance colonies for both species can be maintained here for their long term survival.



Madagascar Funding Support

TSA member Sheen Koeth, Veterinary Technician at the Cleveland Zoo, has sold over \$1,000 in onyx tortoise sculptures since September, with all funds directed to the TSA's Madagascar Tortoise Conservation Program. The Los Angeles Zoo made a \$2,000 donation to the TSA's Madagascar program, directed for Pyxis conservation. Funds were recently administered to the Village des Tortues, a facility in Ifaty (southwestern Madagascar) specializing in both radiated and spider tortoises. The Village maintains a large colony of spider tortoises, *Pyxis arachnoides*, including all 3 subspecies, and is an excellent example of a range country assurance colony. TSA funds supported the construction of a new enclosure for spider tortoises, see photo.



Other Support

The Jacksonville Zoo donated \$1,000 to the TSA's Rafetus fund which will be used when we another captive breeding is attempted in April 2009 at Suzhou Zoo. The Como Zoo in St. Paul, MN donated \$1,000 to the TSA unrestricted fund; Sedgwick County Zoo donated \$500 to our India program and the CTTC Turtle and Tortoise Care Society contributed \$500 to help offset TSA conference expenses. Finally Rick Hudson gave a TSA presentation to the Midwest Herp Society meeting on November 7th and a \$500 donation was made to the TSA by the Michigan Society of Herpetologists.

