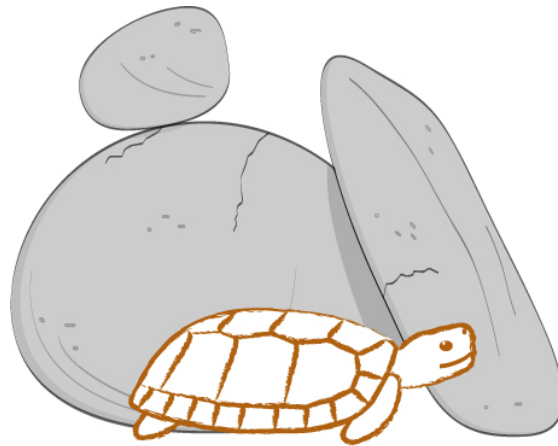


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1. INTRODUCTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014

The Homopus Research Foundation aims to facilitate the long-term survival of *Homopus* spp. in the wild, by gathering and distributing information about their biologies and by the formation of genetically healthy *ex situ* populations. In 2014, several activities contributed to this aim. The current report presents an overview of achievements in 2014, as well as activities planned for 2015 and thereafter. Moreover, the actual studbook populations for *Homopus areolatus*, *Homopus femoralis* and *Homopus signatus* are described, focussing on changes that occurred in 2014. All [previous annual reports](#) can be found on the website of the Homopus Research Foundation.

The 2013 annual report anticipated on several results for 2014. The following table summarises these plans, with results obtained in 2014.

Result	Due
Manuscript submitted on:	31-12-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behaviour in wild <i>H. signatus</i> 2014: A draft ready for submission was prepared but not yet submitted. It will be submitted in February 2015. In addition, a published paper on husbandry and breeding of <i>H. areolatus</i> was reprinted in the newsletter of the Namibia Scientific Society. See Chapter 6.	
Poster on <i>H. signatus</i> prepared for display at the conference facilities of Goegap Nature Reserve	01-06-2014
2014: The poster was completed and sent to Goegap Nature Reserve on 14 January. A compressed version is depicted in Chapter 6.	
Fieldwork conducted on <i>H. signatus</i> thermoregulation	Sep-2014
2014: Fieldwork conducted in September-October. See Paragraph 1.3.	
Memorandum of understanding with Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation reviewed and signed	31-12-2014
2014: Memorandum of understanding reviewed but not signed. See Paragraph 1.1.	
Permit application to collect and export 5.5 wild <i>H. signatus</i> drawn up and submitted	31-12-2014
2014: Preferably, the memorandum of understanding with the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation would have been signed before applying for permits. Since the signing was delayed, a permit application was submitted on 29 November.	
Evaluation of breeding and non-breeding <i>H. signatus</i> husbandry conditions in studbook completed	31-12-2014
2014: A questionnaire was developed and distributed on 18 December. Some responses were received, but the analysis was postponed to 2015.	

Further progress that is worth listing:

- A request was received for collaboration in a study on habitat suitability modelling for *Homopus* (Zoologisches Forschungsmuseum Alexander Koenig, Germany).
- Contributions were delivered for new IUCN Red List assessments for *Homopus* spp.
- Reprint requests for *Homopus* papers were received from the Conservation Manager: Cousine Island (Seychelles) and from private individuals (Germany, South Africa).
- Most scientific papers produced by the Homopus Research Foundation were posted for download on [Researchgate](#).
- The Homopus Research Foundation and its projects were updated in the Dutch [National Academic Research and Collaborations Information System](#).
- Presentations were held:
 - Journey to Namaqualand. [III Students Herpetological Conference](#), Wroclaw, Poland, 13/14 December 2014.
 - Tortoises of the genus *Homopus*: overview, field research and husbandry. University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 16 November 2014.
 - Presentation about the exchange of experience on husbandry and breeding at a tortoise meeting in Andechs, Germany, 5 July 2014.
 - Meerjarige, gecontroleerde kweek van *H. signatus* (Multi-annual, controlled breeding of *H. signatus*), Zemst, Belgium, 26 June 2014 (see Appendix 1).
- Invitations were received:
 - Presenting at the 11th Quasi-annual Terrapin, Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Meeting as a

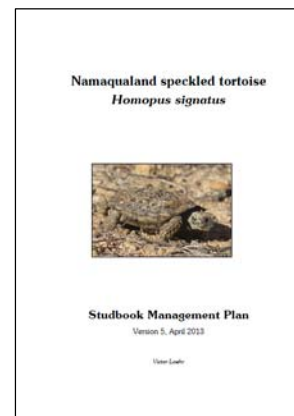
- part of the 35th Annual Symposium on Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation, Mugla, Turkey.
 - Leading a conservation workshop at a meeting of the Dutch-Belgium zoo foundation Harpij.
- Review requests were received from:
 - Salamandra
 - International Zoo Yearbook
 - African Herp News
- Information requests were received regarding:
 - cranial dimorphism and beak morphology in *Homopus* spp. (Canada);
 - research methodologies for the identification of wild-caught tortoises from photographs (Netherlands);
 - postdoc positions at the Homopus Research Foundation (China);
 - husbandry of tortoises in an existing head-starting programme for *Psammobates geometricus* (South Africa);
 - female incubation temperatures in *H. signatus* (Austria);
 - establishment of a non-profit company for tortoise conservation (South Africa);
 - identifications of tortoises on photographs (South Africa).
- Private tortoise keepers in Germany, Netherlands and South Africa asked to obtain *Homopus* spp. Some of them received *H. areolatus* or *H. signatus* in 2014.
- The Homopus Research Foundation was visited by Michael Ogle from Knoxville Zoological Gardens (USA) on 3 June.
- Photographic material was provided to several private individuals with websites on tortoises on the internet.
- A request from CapeNature (South Africa) was received to compile a photographic library of *Homopus* photographs that could host photos from other photographers.
- The website of the Homopus Research Foundation was updated with actual studbook overviews, photos and several other changes.

1.1. Long-term studbook management plan *Homopus signatus*

The [studbook management plan for *H. signatus*](#) was finished in 2013. It provides clear directions for the development of the studbook in the next years and decades and will be updated every five years. The plan will also be updated after every supplementation of the studbook with new founders and after each change in the IUCN conservation status of the taxon. The annual reports of the Homopus Research Foundation will report annual progress of the realisation of the studbook management plan.

Because the realisation of the studbook management plan requires efforts from the Homopus Research Foundation and the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, a memorandum of understanding between these two parties was drafted in 2013. In June 2014, a message from the Department was received stating that no major problems or objections were found. However, the review process was not completed in 2014. The Department has indicated that the reason for the delay is the busy schedules of the staff responsible for the reviewing process, particularly the deputy director. In order to help the process, the Homopus Research Foundation has offered to hold a presentation about the foundation and its work at the Department's head office in Kimberley, South Africa, in September 2015.

In order for the studbook management plan to succeed, the addition of new bloodlines to the captive population is urgently required. Currently, very few combinations of F1 offspring can produce F2 offspring without inbreeding the tortoises (see Chapter 3). To prevent inbreeding, many F1 offspring are currently kept solitary. Although ideally the memorandum of understanding between the Homopus Research Foundation and the Department would have been signed before applying for permits to collect new founders in the wild, it was acknowledged that waiting longer might jeopardise the realisation of the studbook management plan. Therefore, permit applications were submitted for collecting and exporting 5.5 *H. signatus* from the wild. In addition, a permit was requested to establish the Homopus Research Foundation formally as Wildlife Facility. If the permits will be granted collecting will take place in September 2015.



1.2. Long-term studbook management plan *Homopus areolatus*

The studbook on *H. areolatus* does not yet have clear aims and methods. In 2013, a discussion paper was distributed among all studbook participants. The responses on the discussion paper were summarised and distributed among the participants in February 2014. However, one group of participants that keeps offspring from location A46 required more time to discuss the options and met in Andechs, Germany, in July. Subsequently, the group produced a draft strategy for the studbook that was not in line with the requirements posed by the Homopus Research Foundation (e.g., realistic aims, involving all participants, assuring that tortoises obtained under strict conditions will not be used for commercial purposes). It was agreed that representatives of the group would have a second meeting in Namibia in February 2015. After that meeting, it will be decided what will be an appropriate next step towards the studbook management plan.

1.3. Progress thermoregulation field study *Homopus signatus*

This study was permitted by the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation. The permits that were issued (see Chapter 8) require periodic updates for the department. Because this information may be informative for *Homopus* studbook participants, it is included in the annual reports of the Homopus Research Foundation.

Fieldwork was conducted from 24 September till 11 October 2014, and attended by studbook participants from Germany (Michael Hebbeler) and Poland (Mikołaj Kaźmierczak). Despite a large search effort similar to efforts in previous years, only 16 live *H. signatus* were encountered, including 15 recaptures from 2013 and before. Most individuals (12 individuals) were female, with only four males. The year 2014 had an early spring and the study site was dry during the fieldwork. Tortoises had good body conditions and it appeared that many individuals were hiding to wait for future rainfall and plant growth. Active females may have carried shelled eggs.



From the eight females that were equipped with transmitters and iButtons (fitted in 2013), four were recaptured using telemetry. Three others were found opportunistically while their transmitters were failing. Two of the transmitted females were dead. All equipment was removed from recaptured females. One female is still missing and may have a failing transmitter too. It will be attempted to locate this individual in September-October 2015.

Only two of 10 males with iButtons were recaptured and released after removing their iButtons. One additional iButton that a male had lost in 2012-2013 was found. Although this study would end in 2014, it will be extended one study period in September-October 2015 because of the large number of tortoises that still carries research equipment. Consequently, data processing and writing of a manuscript will be completed in 2016.

The 15 tortoise models left in the field in 2013 were still in position, but one batch of three models was severely damaged by people and the data were lost. All models were removed from the study site.

2. PLANS FOR 2015 AND THEREAFTER

The table below lists results anticipated for 2015 and thereafter, with progress indicated:

Result	Due	Current status
Manuscripts submitted on:		
• Scute abnormalities in wild <i>H. signatus</i> '00-'04	31-12-2015	Data available
• Thermoregulation in wild <i>H. signatus</i> '12-'15	31-12-2016	Data in part available
• Population dynamics in <i>H. signatus</i> '00-'15	31-12-2017	Data in part available
Fieldwork conducted on <i>H. signatus</i> thermoregulation	Sep-2015	Applied for permit
Memorandum of understanding with Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation reviewed and signed	31-12-2015	Draft memorandum of understanding under review by department.
5.5 <i>H. signatus</i> collected in the wild and added to the captive population ¹	31-10-2015	Applied for permits
Evaluation of breeding and non-breeding <i>H. signatus</i> husbandry conditions in studbook completed	01-07-2015	Questionnaire distributed among participants.
Studbook management plan <i>H. areolatus</i> drafted	31-12-2015	Responses from participants on discussion paper summarised.
Presentation and discussion held on in situ and ex situ conservation of <i>Homopus</i> (workshop Dutch-Belgium zoo foundation Harpij)	13-05-2015	Not yet started
Habitat of <i>Homopus</i> spp. visited by four European studbook participants	Jan-2015	Not yet started

¹ Conditional are granted permits, tortoise activity and field personnel.

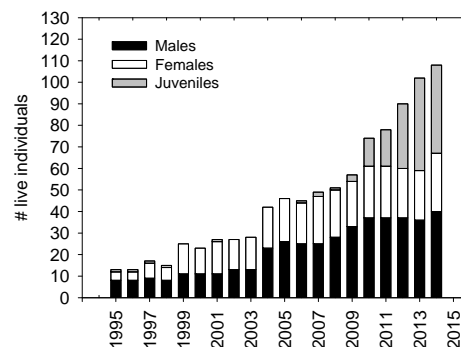
3. STUDBOOK SUMMARIES

To keep the studbook registrations up to date, it is vital that all studbook participants keep the coordinator informed of any changes. In the studbooks on *H. femoralis* and *H. signatus*, each participant has accepted this obligation in a formal agreement between participant and the Homopus Research Foundation. Regardless of the agreements, most participants are very motivated and inform the coordinator spontaneously when changes occur throughout the year. Others choose to wait until information is requested by the coordinator at the end of each year. However, some participants remain silent for an entire year or longer, despite repeated messages from the studbook coordinator. In order to keep track of where these communication flaws occur, the annual reports include a list of unresponsive locations. This will make it easier for the reader to assess the validity of studbook information per location, and will facilitate the coordinator when approaching a silent participant. In 2014, only location A45 was unresponsive, for the second year in a row.

Homopus areolatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2014: 101 (excluding 6 specimens lost to follow-up)
 Number of locations on 1 January 2014: 26 (7 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 2 locations lost to follow-up)
 New registrations: 0
 Births: 9, at 3 locations
 Deaths: 2, at 1 location
 Live specimens on 31 December 2014: 108 (excluding 6 specimens lost to follow-up)
 Number of locations on 31 December 2014: 33 (7 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 2 locations lost to follow-up)
 Interpretation of changes:

With the exception of location A44, all locations that



produced offspring in 2013 continued to do so in 2014. In addition, location A54 produced eggs that did not hatch. It is likely that some offspring that were produced in 2014 (e.g., at location A56) have not yet been registered in the studbook, pending the outcome of the discussion on the studbook management plan for *H. areolatus* (see Paragraph 1.2). One hatchling that was born and registered in 2014 died in the same year due to unknown causes. At the same location, a hatchling from 2013 died. The husbandry protocol for hatchlings was improved (e.g., diligence about a varied diet, adding supplemental calcium and soakings) and the two remaining hatchlings appear to do well.

The number of tortoises and locations in this studbook kept increasing. Relatively uncoordinated growth of the population, as is currently the case in the absence of a studbook management plan, may have its drawback on the genetic quality of the captive population. For example, 33% of the hatchlings born in 2014, and 38% of the ones that survived, are inbred. Moreover, bloodline 58 x MULT4 (and 16 x 17) remains heavily over-represented, which is worrisome in light of the potential of the captive population to produce genetically healthy offspring in the future. The studbook management plan that is currently in preparation (see Paragraph 1.2) may address these issues.

Homopus femoralis

Live specimens on 1 January 2014: 10

Number of locations on 1 January 2014: 3 (2 countries)

New registrations: 0

Births: 3

Deaths: 2

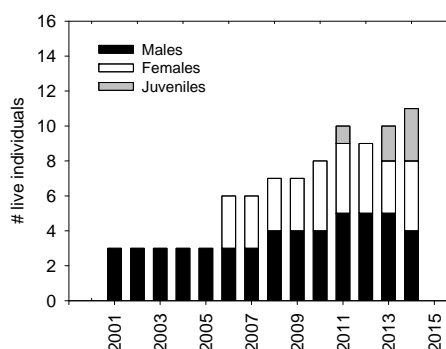
Live specimens on 31 December 2014: 11

Number of locations on 31 December 2014: 3 (2 countries)

Interpretation of changes:

The number of locations that bred *H. femoralis* decreased from two to one. Location HRF produced, for the first time, what appears the maximum obtainable annual reproduction for a female, consisting of three eggs, all of which hatched. Unfortunately, the loss of an adult female at location A08 in 2013 was followed by the loss of an adult male and the only hatchling born at this location. There are no obvious causes for the 2014 mortality and a post-mortem could not be conducted. Perhaps outdoor husbandry during Dutch summers, in combination with relatively low temperatures indoors in winter, caused a gradual decline in the physical condition of the tortoises. However, this is speculation and appears not in line with the cause of death of the female in 2013 (i.e., metabolic disorder).

Due to the long-term lack of breeding at location A10, a captive-bred male was transferred from location HRF to location A10. The combination of this male with female 5 is not desirable from a genetic point of view, but for the current, fragile captive population increasing breeding results and gathering reproductive data is more important than genetic management. A second transfer considered a captive-bred male from location HRF to a new location. This transfer was based on a formal agreement (Appendix 2) that ensures that the tortoise will remain available for scientific study, and will not be used commercially.



Homopus signatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2014: 64 (excluding 16 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 1 January 2014: 35 (10 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

New registrations: 0

Births: 9, at 3 locations

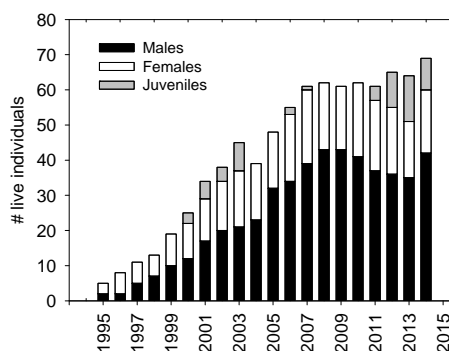
Deaths: 4, at 2 locations

Live specimens on 31 December 2014: 69 (excluding 16 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 31 December 2014: 35 (10 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

Interpretation of changes:

Breeding results improved compared to 2013. Three



33	F	????	WILD	WILD	LONDON RP A03	???? 23 Dec 2001 28 Jul 2003	<u>HZ0793</u>	Transfer Transfer Death
45	M	14 Dec 1999	58	UNK5	A46 HRF A03	14 Dec 1999 4 Nov 2004 5 Nov 2004 25 Mar 2006	<u>V3</u> <u>HZ0989</u>	Hatch Transfer Loan to Death
Totals: 3.4.0 (7)								

A10								
62	F	~25 Nov 2007	5	4	A10 HRF A44 A10	~25 Nov 2007 ~25 Nov 2007 27 Mar 2011 25 Jul 2014	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	Hatch Ownership Loan to Transfer
94	M	7 Jul 2009	16	17	A16 A44 A10	7 Jul 2009 5 Jun 2010 ~25 Jul 2014	<u> </u> <u>AUGUST</u> <u> </u>	Hatch Transfer Transfer
117	?	6 Sep 2010	5	4	A10 HRF A10	6 Sep 2010 6 Sep 2010 4 Dec 2010	<u> </u> <u> </u> <u> </u>	Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 1.1.1 (3)								

A12								
8	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 19 Mar 2000	<u> </u> <u>A1</u>	Transfer Transfer Death
9	F	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 30 Apr 2000	<u> </u> <u>BLACKY</u>	Transfer Transfer Death
13	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 15 Feb 2000	<u> </u> <u>A7</u>	Transfer Transfer Death
15	F	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 15 Feb 2000	<u> </u> <u>A4</u>	Transfer Transfer Death
19	?	5 Feb 2000	MULT3	11	A12	5 Feb 2000 5 Feb 2000	<u> </u>	Hatch Death
20	?	16 Mar 2000	MULT3	11	A12	16 Mar 2000 16 Mar 2000	<u> </u>	Hatch Death
21	?	16 Mar 2000	MULT3	11	A12	16 Mar 2000 16 Mar 2000	<u> </u>	Hatch Death
Totals: 1.3.3 (7)								

A16								
16	M	????	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Aug 1994	<u> </u>	Transfer
17	F	????	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Aug 1994	<u> </u>	Transfer
18	M	23 May 2000	16	17	A16	23 May 2000 30 Mar 2003	<u> </u>	Hatch Death
38	F	5 Apr 2003	16	17	A16	5 Apr 2003 28 Nov 2006	<u> </u>	Hatch Death
39	M	9 Apr 2003	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2003	<u> </u>	Hatch
48	M	23 Mar 2004	16	17	A16	23 Mar 2004	<u> </u>	Hatch
49	F	25 Mar 2004	16	17	A16	25 Mar 2004	<u> </u>	Hatch
50	F	8 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	8 Aug 2004	<u> </u>	Hatch
51	M	19 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	19 Aug 2004	<u> </u>	Hatch
52	F	25 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	25 Aug 2004	<u> </u>	Hatch
54	M	10 Jun 2005	16	17	A16	10 Jun 2005	<u> </u>	Hatch
55	M	27 Jun 2005	16	17	A16	27 Jun 2005	<u> </u>	Hatch
56	F	6 Oct 2005	16	17	A16	6 Oct 2005	<u> </u>	Hatch
57	F	3 Nov 2005	16	17	A16	3 Nov 2005	<u> </u>	Hatch
61	?	17 Dec 2006	16	17	A16	17 Dec 2006 ~ 9 May 2007	<u> </u>	Hatch Death

108	M	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 A16	8 Mar 2010 4 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch Transfer
109	F	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 A16	8 Mar 2010 4 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch Transfer
115	?	30 May 2010	16	17	A16	30 May 2010	_____	Hatch
116	?	31 May 2010	16	17	A16	31 May 2010	_____	Hatch
122	?	2 Jul 2011	16	17	A16	2 Jul 2011	_____	Hatch
134	?	27 Apr 2012	16	17	A16	27 Apr 2012	_____	Hatch
135	?	25 Aug 2012	16	17	A16	25 Aug 2012	_____	Hatch
146	?	9 Apr 2013	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2013	_____	Hatch
147	?	9 Apr 2013	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2013	_____	Hatch
152	?	11 Jun 2014	16	17	A16	11 Jun 2014	_____	Hatch
153	?	11 Jun 2014	16	17	A16	11 Jun 2014	_____	Hatch
157	?	6 Sep 2014	55	109	A16	6 Sep 2014	_____	Hatch
Totals: 8.8.11 (27)								

A26	27	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A26	???? 9 Jul 2001	_____	Transfer ltf Transfer
	28	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A26	???? 9 Jul 2001	_____	Transfer ltf Transfer
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)									

A27	29	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A27	???? 9 Jul 2001 9 Nov 2001	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Transfer Death
	30	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A27	???? 9 Jul 2001 11 Nov 2001	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Transfer Death
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)									

A37	22	M	????	WILD	WILD	UNKNOWN	????	NONE	Capture
						A20	????	_____	Transfer
						A21	17 Oct 2000	_____	Transfer
						A37	15 Sep 2002	_____1	Transfer
	23	F	????	WILD	WILD	UNKNOWN	????	NONE	Capture
						A20	????	_____	Transfer
						A21	17 Oct 2000	_____	Transfer
						A37	15 Sep 2002	_____2	Transfer
	24	F	~ 1993	UNK1	UNK2	A20	~ 1993	_____	Hatch
						A21	17 Oct 2000	_____	Transfer
						A37	15 Sep 2002	_____3	Transfer
	46	M	30 Sep 2004	22	24	A37	30 Sep 2004	_____	Hatch
	107	F	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44	8 Mar 2010	_____	Hatch
						A37	5 May 2010	_____	Transfer
	111	F	29 Mar 2010	47	37	A44	29 Mar 2010	_____	Hatch
						A37	7 Jun 2010	_____	Transfer
Totals: 2.4.0 (6)									

A42	35	M	9 Jul 2002	16	17	A16	9 Jul 2002	_____	Hatch
						A42	~30 Sep 2005	=====	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A43	12	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Transfer
						A12	~16 Sep 1999	A6	Transfer
						A43	~ May 2004	_____	ltf Loan to
	14	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Transfer
						A12	16 Sep 1999	BABY	Transfer
						A43	~ May 2004	_____	ltf Loan to
Totals: 0.2.0 (2)									

A44								
37	F	7 Aug 2003	5	4	HRF A10 HRF A44	7 Aug 2003 21 Aug 2004 27 Oct 2004 31 Oct 2004 14 Feb 2012	IV-3 IV-3 ESMERA	Hatch Loan to Transfer Loan to Death
41	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL A44	28 Mar 1991 27 Aug 2010 24 Oct 2013	91586B H.BERT	Transfer Loan to Death
113	M	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A44	30 Mar 2010 30 Mar 2010 20 Aug 2010		Hatch Ownership Death
114	M	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A44	30 Mar 2010 30 Mar 2010 26 Aug 2010		Hatch Ownership Death
130	?	16 Mar 2012	94	62	A44	16 Mar 2012		Hatch
132	?	18 Jul 2012	94	62	A44	18 Jul 2012		Hatch
133	?	13 Aug 2012	94	62	A44 HRF	13 Aug 2012 13 Aug 2012		Hatch Ownership
148	M	27 Apr 2013	94	62	A44	27 Apr 2013 29 Apr 2013		Hatch Death
149	?	27 Apr 2013	94	62	A44 HRF	27 Apr 2013 27 Apr 2013		Hatch Ownership
150	M	27 Apr 2013	94	62	A44	27 Apr 2013 29 Apr 2013		Hatch Death
Totals: 5.1.4 (10)								

A45								
25	F	15 Sep 2001	5	4	HRF A10 A16 A45	15 Sep 2001 24 May 2003 4 Dec 2004 27 Feb 2005	IV-1	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
34	M	30 Jun 2002	16	17	A16 A45	30 Jun 2002 27 Feb 2005		Hatch Loan to
53	M	12 Jun 2005	34	25	A45	12 Jun 2005		Hatch
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A46								
58	M	????	WILD	WILD	A46	9 Sep 1997	03	Transfer
59	F	????	WILD	WILD	A46	9 Sep 1997	01	Transfer
60	F	????	WILD	WILD	A46	25 Mar 1999	02	Transfer
100	?	3 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Feb 2010 25 Sep 2010		Hatch Death
103	?	3 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Apr 2010 18 Sep 2010		Hatch Death
104	?	3 Mar 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Mar 2010 13 May 2010		Hatch Death
106	?	9 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	9 Apr 2010 16 Sep 2010		Hatch Death
123	?	23 Jan 2012	58	MULT4	A46	23 Jan 2012		Hatch
124	?	24 Jan 2012	58	MULT4	A46	24 Jan 2012		Hatch
125	?	31 Jan 2012	58	MULT4	A46	31 Jan 2012		Hatch
126	?	1 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	1 Feb 2012		Hatch
127	?	2 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	2 Feb 2012		Hatch
128	?	3 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	3 Feb 2012		Hatch
129	?	4 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	4 Feb 2012		Hatch
136	?	~18 Jan 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~18 Jan 2013		Hatch
137	?	~25 Jan 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~25 Jan 2013		Hatch
138	?	~27 Jan 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~27 Jan 2013		Hatch

139	?	~ 6 Feb 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~ 6 Feb 2013	_____	Hatch
140	?	~17 Feb 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~17 Feb 2013	_____	Hatch
141	?	~17 Feb 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~17 Feb 2013	_____	Hatch
142	?	~ 4 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~ 4 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
143	?	~10 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~10 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
144	?	~26 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~26 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
145	?	~26 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~26 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
Totals: 1.2.21 (24)								

A48								
47	M	~ Dec 1993	UNK3	UNK4	A47 A48 A44 A48	~ Dec 1993 ~ 2000 21 Nov 2004 19 Jun 2014	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer HUGO Transfer Transfer
90	M	3 Feb 2009	47	37	A44 A48	3 Feb 2009 3 Feb 2009 10 Feb 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Transfer
93	M	7 Jul 2009	16	17	A16 A44 A48	7 Jul 2009 5 Jun 2010 13 Jun 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
131	?	27 May 2012	94	62	A44 HRF A48	27 May 2012 27 May 2012 19 Jun 2014	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 3.0.1 (4)								

A54								
79	M	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
80	?	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008 15 Oct 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Death
81	F	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54 HRF	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008 15 Jun 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Ownership
82	F	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54 HRF	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008 15 Jun 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Ownership
83	?	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008 15 Oct 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Death
Totals: 1.2.2 (5)								

A56								
67	F	8 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56	8 Apr 2004 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
68	M	8 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66 A56	8 Apr 2004 ~15 Jun 2008 18 Sep 2009 29 Dec 2014	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer Transfer
70	F	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56	14 Mar 2004 ~15 Jun 2008 8 May 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Death
75	M	6 Jan 2004	58	59	A46 A56	6 Jan 2004 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
76	M	11 Jan 2004	58	59	A46 A56	11 Jan 2004 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
77	F	14 Feb 2005	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66 A56	14 Feb 2005 ~15 Jun 2008 18 Sep 2009 29 Dec 2014	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer Transfer
78	F	23 Mar 2005	58	MULT4	A46 A56	23 Mar 2005 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer

89	M	6 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66 A56	6 Feb 2009 23 May 2011 9 Sep 2011 29 Dec 2014	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer Transfer
92	M	~ 7 Mar 2009	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66 A56	~ 7 Mar 2009 23 May 2011 9 Sep 2011 29 Dec 2014	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer Transfer
99	?	17 Feb 2010	75	67	A56	17 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
154	?	24 Mar 2014	68	77	A66 A56	24 Mar 2014 29 Dec 2014	_____	Hatch Transfer
155	?	15 Nov 2014	68	77	A66 A56	15 Nov 2014 29 Dec 2014	_____	Hatch Transfer
156	?	18 Nov 2014	68	77	A66 A56	18 Nov 2014 29 Dec 2014	_____	Hatch Transfer
Totals: 5.4.4 (13)								

A70								
110	?	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A70	8 Mar 2010 8 Mar 2010 5 Sep 2010	_____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
112	?	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A70	30 Mar 2010 30 Mar 2010 5 Sep 2010	_____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 0.0.2 (2)								

A73								
69	M	~22 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A73	~22 Apr 2004 ~21 May 2006 19 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
71	F	~ 6 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A73	~ 6 Mar 2004 ~21 May 2006 19 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A74								
74	M	~11 Feb 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A74	~11 Feb 2004 ~21 May 2006 ~ Mar 2009	_____	Hatch Transfer ltf Transfer
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A77								
84	M	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46 A77	~ 7 Feb 2008 2 Jun 2011	_____	Hatch Transfer
85	M	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46 A77	~ 7 Feb 2008 2 Jun 2011	_____	Hatch Transfer
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)								

A86								
72	M	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A86	14 Mar 2004 ~21 May 2006 29 Apr 2012	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
98	F	11 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46 A87 A86	11 Feb 2010 ~ 1 Jun 2012 2 Apr 2014	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
Totals: 1.1.1 (3)								

A87								
97	M	27 Jan 2010	75	67	A56 A87	27 Jan 2010 11 Jun 2011	_____	Hatch Transfer
105	F	~ 3 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46 A87	~ 3 Apr 2010 ~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch Transfer
119	F	~20 Jan 2011	58	MULT4	A46 A87	~20 Jan 2011 ~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch Transfer
120	F	~21 Jan 2011	58	MULT4	A46 A87	~21 Jan 2011 ~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch Transfer
Totals: 1.3.0 (4)								

A88									
87	M	~25 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~25 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Transfer	
					A88	~ Apr 2012	_____	Transfer	
91	M	12 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	12 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Transfer	
					A88	6 Apr 2012	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)									

A97									
86	M	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A66	9 Sep 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A97	15 Sep 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A98									
88	?	5 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	5 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A87	23 Jul 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A98	9 Mar 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 0.0.1 (1)									

A99									
95	M	~15 Jan 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A99	27 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer	
101	?	~12 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~12 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A99	~27 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer	
						7 Aug 2013	_____	ltf	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A100									
96	M	~18 Jan 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~18 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A100	~13 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A101									
102	M	~24 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~24 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A101	~12 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A102									
118	M	13 Nov 2010	75	67	A56	13 Nov 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A102	~22 Nov 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A107									
121	M	~ 2 Feb 2011	58	MULT4	A46	~ 2 Feb 2011	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A107	~19 May 2014	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A108									
73	M	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	14 Mar 2004	_____	Hatch	
					A56	21 May 2006	_____	Loan to	
					A96	22 Nov 2013	_____	Transfer	
					A108	29 Nov 2014	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

HRF - Homopus Research Foundation									
3	?	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Hatch	
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	III	Transfer	
						29 Oct 1999		Death	
26	?	15 Oct 2001	5	4	HRF	15 Oct 2001	IV-2	Hatch	
						26 Apr 2002		Death	
31	?	11 Nov 2001	5	4	HRF	11 Nov 2001	_____	Hatch	
						11 Nov 2001		Death	
36	?	12 Oct 2002	5	4	HRF	12 Oct 2002	_____	Hatch	
						12 Oct 2002		Death	
Totals: 0.0.4 (4)									

TCBCC - Turtle Conservancy Behler Chelonian Center									
10	M	????	WILD	WILD	A13	????			Transfer
					A12	~16 Sep 1999	ERNST		Transfer
					A43	~ May 2004			Loan to
					TCBCC	7 Oct 2005	AREO02		Transfer
11	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	????			Transfer
					A12	~16 Sep 1999	A5		Transfer
					A43	~ May 2004			Loan to
					TCBCC	7 Oct 2005	AREO01		Transfer
151	?	2 Jun 2013	10	11	TCBCC	2 May 2013			Hatch
						4 Mar 2014			Death
158	?	28 Aug 2013	10	11	TCBCC	28 Aug 2013			Hatch
						31 Dec 2013			Death
159	?	24 Mar 2014	10	11	TCBCC	24 Mar 2014			Hatch
						10 Aug 2014			Death
160	?	11 May 2014	10	11	TCBCC	11 May 2014			Hatch
161	?	30 Jun 2014	10	11	TCBCC	30 Jun 2014			Hatch
Totals: 1.1.5 (7)									

WUPPERTAL - Wuppertal Zoological Garten									
4	F	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????			Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	IV		Transfer
					A10	27 Oct 2004			Loan to
					WUPPERTAL	13 Sep 2014			Loan to
5	M	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????			Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	V		Ownership
					A10	27 Oct 2004			Loan to
					WUPPERTAL	13 Sep 2014			Loan to
40	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL	28 Mar 1991	91586A		Transfer
42	F	22 Feb 1999	58	MULT4	A46	22 Feb 1999			Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	NOMARK		Transfer
					WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586C		Loan to
						14 Apr 2005			Death
43	F	21 Dec 1999	58	MULT4	A46	21 Dec 1999			Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	CR1		Transfer
					WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586D		Loan to
						26 Mar 2005			Death
44	F	20 Dec 2001	58	MULT4	A46	20 Dec 2001			Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	CL2		Transfer
					WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586E		Loan to
						4 Nov 2005			Death
Totals: 2.4.0 (6)									
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TOTALS: 53.44.60 (157)									

Homopus femoralis: Total studbook population.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
=====								
A08								
1	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28	~ Jan 2001		Transfer
					HRF	23 Dec 2001	I	Loan to
					A08	17 Apr 2002		Loan to
						~ Oct 2014		Death
6	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W	16 Mar 2006	NONE	Capture
					HRF	19 Mar 2006		Transfer
					A08	2 Apr 2006		Loan to
						11 Mar 2013		Death
11	?	1 Apr 2013	1	6	A08	1 Apr 2013		Hatch
					HRF	1 Apr 2013		Ownership
					A08	~ Oct 2014		Death
Totals: 1.1.1 (3)								

A10								
2	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28	~ Jan 2001		Transfer
					A08	23 Dec 2001		Loan to
					A10	30 Jul 2006		Loan to

5	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W HRF A10	16 Mar 2006 19 Mar 2006 30 Jul 2006	NONE _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to
7	M	7 Jun 2008	3	4	HRF A10	7 Jun 2008 22 Oct 2014	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A55								
8	M	30 Jun 2010	3	4	HRF A55	30 Jun 2010 26 Jun 2014	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

HRF - Homopus Research Foundation								
3	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28 HRF	~ Jan 2001 23 Dec 2001	_____ III	Transfer Loan to
4	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W HRF	16 Mar 2006 19 Mar 2006	NONE _____	Capture Transfer
9	?	26 May 2011	3	4	HRF	26 May 2011 28 Dec 2012	_____ _____	Hatch Death
10	F	28 May 2011	3	4	HRF	28 May 2011	_____	Hatch
12	F	12 Jul 2013	3	4	HRF	12 Jul 2013	_____	Hatch
13	?	15 Jun 2014	3	4	HRF	15 Jun 2014	_____	Hatch
14	?	18 Jun 2014	3	4	HRF	18 Jun 2014	_____	Hatch
15	?	19 Jun 2014	3	4	HRF	19 Jun 2014	_____	Hatch
Totals: 1.3.4 (8)								
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TOTALS: 5.5.5 (15)								

Homopus signatus: Total studbook population. MULT1 are specimens 18 and 19, MULT2 specimens 20 and 21, MULT3 are specimens 13 (with MULT4 = 9) or 37 and MULT4 are specimens 9 or 38. UNK1 and UNK2 are unknown specimens outside of the studbook. ltf means that a specimen is lost to follow-up. Specimen number 95 is inbred and not available for further breeding.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
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A07								
103	M	10 Aug 2008	35	36	A07 HRF A07	10 Aug 2008 10 Aug 2008 27 Feb 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
108	?	~27 Sep 2009	35	36	A07 HRF A07	~27 Sep 2009 ~27 Sep 2009 ~15 Dec 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
116	?	12 Aug 2010	35	36	A07 HRF A07	12 Aug 2010 12 Aug 2010 16 Nov 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 1.0.2 (3)								

A08								
42	F	20 Aug 2002	1	2	HRF A08	20 Aug 2002 19 Apr 2003	II-11 _____	Hatch Loan to
73	M	2 Aug 2005	37	38	HRF A08	2 Aug 2005 18 Apr 2009	HSS73 _____	Hatch Loan to
95	M	18 Sep 2007	41	42	A08 HRF	18 Sep 2007 ~18 Sep 2007	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
101	?	10 Nov 2008	41	42	A08 HRF A08	10 Nov 2008 10 Nov 2008 ~24 Nov 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 2.1.1 (4)								

A10								
6	M	8 Nov 1996	1	3	HRF A10 A31 A10	8 Nov 1996 4 Aug 2001 7 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 5 Sep 2009	III-2 _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
35	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07 A10	4 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 16 Dec 2001 26 Oct 2012	NONE _____ _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to
36	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07 A10	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 16 Dec 2001 26 Oct 2012	NONE _____ _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to
80	?	10 Sep 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A10	10 Sep 2006 10 Sep 2006 1 Mar 2007	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
81	?	3 Sep 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A10	3 Sep 2006 3 Sep 2006 8 Apr 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
130	F	9 Jul 2013	35	36	A10 HRF	9 Jul 2013 9 Jul 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
131	M	4 Oct 2013	35	36	A10 HRF	4 Oct 2013 4 Oct 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
132	F	23 Oct 2013	35	36	A10 HRF	~23 Oct 2013 23 Oct 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
137	?	21 Jun 2014	35	36	A10 HRF	21 Jun 2014 21 Jun 2014	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
138	?	22 Aug 2014	35	36	A10 HRF	22 Aug 2014 22 Aug 2014	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
139	?	1 Sep 2014	35	36	A10 HRF	1 Sep 2014 1 Sep 2014	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
Totals: 3.3.5 (11)								

A12								
45	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002 ~ Jun 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
46	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002 ~ Jun 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
48	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002 ~ Jul 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
49	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002 ~ Jul 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
Totals: 0.0.4 (4)								

A16								
11	M	10 Nov 1997	1	3	HRF A06 A07 A16	10 Nov 1997 22 Nov 1998 5 Jul 2000 16 Sep 2000	III-4 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
14	M	22 Oct 1998	1	3	HRF A07 A16	22 Oct 1998 22 Nov 1998 16 Sep 2000	III-5 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
97	F	15 Sep 2007	35	36	A07 HRF A16	15 Sep 2007 15 Sep 2007 14 Mar 2010 6 Apr 2013	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A18								
15	F	20 Sep 1999	1	2	HRF A31 A18	20 Sep 1999 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 17 Mar 2013	II-6 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
69	M	9 May 2005	37	38	HRF A33 A18	9 May 2005 28 May 2006 3 Sep 2007	HSS69 NURI _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A25	3	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25	26 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 12 Jun 2004 22 Aug 2008	NONE III	Capture Transfer Loan to Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									
A31	22	M	19 Jun 2000	1	2	HRF A31	19 Jun 2000 6 May 2002 14 Sep 2002	II-7	Hatch Loan to Death
	29	?	15 Jul 2001	1	3	HRF A31	15 Jul 2001 6 May 2002 14 Aug 2002	III-9	Hatch Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.1 (2)									
A33	63	M	6 Jul 2004	35	36	A07 HRF A51 A33	6 Jul 2004 6 Jul 2004 14 Aug 2006 30 Dec 2007 12 Nov 2011		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Death
	66	F	6 Aug 2004	13	5	HRF A51 A33	6 Aug 2004 2 Jun 2006 30 Dec 2007 1 Apr 2012	040806	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)									
A35	31	M	3 Aug 2001	1	2	HRF A31 A35	3 Aug 2001 6 May 2002 30 Nov 2002 ~ Jul 2006	II-10	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
	34	M	30 Sep 2001	1	3	HRF A31 A35	30 Sep 2001 6 May 2002 30 Nov 2002 ~ 1 Apr 2007	III-11	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)									
A36	12	M	21 Nov 1997	1	2	HRF A07 A18 A31 A36	21 Nov 1997 22 Nov 1998 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 20 Oct 2003	II-4	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									
A37	33	M	19 Aug 2001	1	3	HRF A31 A37	19 Aug 2001 6 May 2002 11 Dec 2002 26 Dec 2003	III-10	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
	60	F	????	WILD	WILD	UNKNOWN A37	~15 Mar 2003	NONE	Capture ltf Transfer
	61	M	7 Oct 2003	WILD	60	A37	7 Oct 2003 18 Dec 2011		Hatch ltf Transfer
	62	F	5 Jun 2004	WILD	60	A37	5 Jun 2004 18 Dec 2011		Hatch ltf Transfer
	67	M	5 Aug 2004	WILD	60	A37	5 Aug 2004 18 Dec 2011		Hatch ltf Transfer
	83	?	~15 Jan 2006	25	60	A37	~15 Jan 2006 ~15 Jan 2006		Hatch Death
	84	?	~15 Feb 2006	25	60	A37	~15 Feb 2006 ~15 May 2006		Hatch Death
	85	?	~15 Mar 2006	25	60	A37	~15 Mar 2006 ~20 Mar 2006		Hatch Death
	86	M	~20 Apr 2006	25	60	A37	~20 Apr 2006		Hatch
	87	M	~15 Oct 2005	25	60	A37	~15 Oct 2005		Hatch
	89	M	18 Jan 2007	25	60	A37	18 Jan 2007		Hatch

92	M	10 Aug 2007	25	60	A37 HRF	10 Aug 2007 ~10 Aug 2007	_____	Hatch Ownership
98	M	29 Dec 2007	25	60	A37	29 Dec 2007 7 May 2012	_____	Hatch Death
Totals: 8.2.3 (13)								

A39								
40	M	2 Jul 2002	1	3	HRF A39	2 Jul 2002 12 Apr 2003	III-13 _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A40								
43	F	29 Sep 2002	1	2	HRF A40	29 Sep 2002 6 Jun 2003	_____	Hatch Loan to
91	M	3 Aug 2007	37	38	HRF A40	3 Aug 2007 14 Nov 2009	_____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A42								
41	M	25 Jul 2002	1	3	HRF A08 A60 A42	25 Jul 2002 19 Apr 2003 12 Oct 2009 22 Jan 2010	III-14 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
55	?	3 Sep 2003	1	2	HRF A42	3 Sep 2003 7 Nov 2003 13 Mar 2004	II-14 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.1 (2)								

A43								
17	M	????	WILD	WILD	A12 A43	8 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	_____	Transfer ltf Loan to
18	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE VIEJO _____	Capture Transfer ltf Loan to
19	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE STUMPY _____	Capture Transfer ltf Loan to
21	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE BERTHA _____	Capture Transfer ltf Loan to
27	?	17 Oct 2000	MULT1	MULT2	A12 A43	17 Oct 2000 ~ May 2004	SASHI _____	Hatch ltf Loan to
28	?	15 Nov 2000	MULT1	MULT2	A12 A43	15 Nov 2000 ~ May 2004	PEANUT _____	Hatch ltf Loan to
30	?	26 Jul 2001	MULT1	20	A12 A43	26 Jul 2001 ~ May 2004	_____	Hatch ltf Loan to
32	?	10 Aug 2001	MULT1	20	A12 A43	10 Aug 2001 ~ May 2004	_____	Hatch ltf Loan to
47	M	????	UNK1	UNK2	A12 A43	~ Jan 2002 ~ May 2004	ERNST _____	Transfer ltf Loan to
56	?	22 Aug 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	22 Aug 2003 ~ May 2004	_____	Hatch ltf Loan to
57	?	17 Sep 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	17 Sep 2003 ~ May 2004	_____	Hatch ltf Loan to
58	?	20 Sep 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	20 Sep 2003 ~ May 2004	_____	Hatch ltf Loan to
Totals: 4.1.7 (12)								

A50								
1	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 A50	27 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 12 Jun 2004 8 Mar 2009	NONE I _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to
5	F	27 Feb 1996	WILD	3	HRF A50	27 Feb 1996 16 Sep 2006 24 Mar 2009	III-1 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death

13	M	26 Sep 1998	1	2	HRF A07 A18 A31 HRF A50	26 Sep 1998 22 Nov 1998 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 16 Sep 2006 15 Sep 2010	II-5	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Transfer Loan to Death
64	M	29 Jul 2004	1	3	HRF A50	29 Jul 2004 17 Apr 2005 25 Mar 2009	III-19	Hatch Loan to Death
Totals: 3.1.0 (4)								

A52								
70	M	24 Jun 2005	1	3	A25 HRF A52	24 Jun 2005 24 Jun 2005 5 Jan 2007 11 Jun 2007	DOPPIE	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A54								
68	M	14 Aug 2004	35	36	A07 HRF A61 A60 A54	14 Aug 2004 15 Aug 2004 8 Oct 2006 ~18 Sep 2008 ~16 Apr 2011 ~17 Oct 2011		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
75	M	9 May 2006	13	5	HRF A54	9 May 2006 24 Mar 2007 ~27 Oct 2010		Hatch Loan to Death
102	M	28 Jun 2008	35	36	A07 HRF A54	28 Jun 2008 28 Jun 2008 2 Jan 2010 ~27 Oct 2010		Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 3.0.0 (3)								

A55								
74	M	31 Jul 2005	1	3	A25 HRF A55	31 Jul 2005 31 Jul 2005 24 Mar 2007		Hatch Ownership Loan to
96	F	30 Jul 2007	35	36	A07 HRF A61 A64 A55	30 Jul 2007 30 Jul 2007 13 Apr 2008 10 May 2009 12 Sep 2009		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
127	F	~ Sep 2012	74	96	A55 HRF	~ Sep 2012 12 Sep 2012		Hatch Ownership
129	?	22 Jun 2013	74	96	A55 HRF A55	22 Jun 2013 22 Jun 2013 20 Nov 2013		Hatch Ownership Death
134	?	27 Jun 2014	74	96	A55 HRF A55	27 Jun 2014 27 Jun 2014 30 Jun 2014		Hatch Ownership Death
140	?	11 May 2014	74	96	A55 HRF A55	11 May 2014 11 May 2014 16 May 2014		Hatch Ownership Death
141	?	30 Jul 2014	74	96	A55 HRF A55	30 Jul 2014 30 Jul 2014 7 Sep 2014		Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 1.2.4 (7)								

A57								
10	M	22 Oct 1997	1	2	HRF A10 A31 A33 A57	22 Oct 1997 4 Aug 2001 7 May 2002 8 Nov 2002 6 Apr 2008	II-3 UHURU	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to
79	F	9 Aug 2006	37	38	HRF A57	9 Aug 2006 5 Nov 2009		Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A59								
51	M	1 Jul 2003	1	2	HRF A41 A59	1 Jul 2003 2 Nov 2003 13 Sep 2008	II-13	Hatch Loan to Loan to

107	F	21 Jul 2009	35	36	A07 HRF A67 A59	21 Jul 2009 21 Jul 2009 13 Mar 2010 8 Mar 2014	_____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
113	M	16 Jun 2010	37	38	HRF A59	16 Jun 2010 3 Dec 2011	_____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A60								
54	F	5 Sep 2003	1	3	HRF A42 A60	5 Sep 2003 7 Nov 2003 22 Jan 2010 29 May 2010	III-17 THEODO _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)								

A62								
25	M	12 Sep 2000	1	3	HRF A31 A37 A62	12 Sep 2000 6 May 2002 11 Dec 2002 ~ 9 Oct 2008 2 Jan 2009	III-8 _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A63								
78	M	10 Jun 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A63	10 Jun 2006 10 Jun 2006 7 Mar 2009 23 Jul 2010	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
88	M	~15 Nov 2005	25	60	A37 HRF A69 A39 A63	~15 Nov 2005 ~15 Nov 2005 30 Aug 2010 24 Nov 2011 17 Mar 2014	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
111	M	13 May 2010	37	38	HRF A39 A63	13 May 2010 3 Dec 2011 17 Mar 2014	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
Totals: 3.0.0 (3)								

A65								
72	M	24 Jul 2005	MULT3	MULT4	HRF A65	24 Jul 2005 17 Oct 2009	?-1 _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A67								
76	F	20 Jun 2006	13	5	HRF A54 A67	20 Jun 2006 24 Mar 2007 25 Jun 2012	V-4 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
106	M	20 May 2009	35	36	A07 HRF A67	20 May 2009 20 May 2009 13 Mar 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
121	M	23 Sep 2011	35	36	A07 HRF A67	23 Sep 2011 23 Sep 2011 18 Nov 2011	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A68								
9	F	30 Nov 1996	1	2	HRF A68	30 Nov 1996 15 May 2014	II-1 _____	Hatch Loan to
99	M	21 May 2008	37	38	HRF A68	21 May 2008 5 Jun 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
100	M	24 Jun 2008	37	38	HRF A68	24 Jun 2008 5 Jun 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A75								
59	M	10 Jun 2004	1	3	HRF A61 A64 A75	10 Jun 2004 ~17 Apr 2005 10 May 2009 27 Apr 2011	III-18 _____ _____ PANSE	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A76	114	M	4 Jul 2010	37	9	HRF	4 Jul 2010	_____	Hatch
						A76	~27 Jun 2011	_____	Loan to
Totals:	1.0.0	(1)							

A78	71	M	25 Jun 2005	44	7	A10	25 Jun 2005	_____	Hatch
						HRF	25 Jun 2005	_____	Ownership
						A58	6 May 2008	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A78	10 Mar 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals:	1.0.0	(1)							

A79 - Jan Barth, Reinbek, , Germany	118	F	1 May 2010	44	7	A10	1 May 2010	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~ 1 May 2010	_____	Ownership
						A58	10 Nov 2011	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A79	22 Feb 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals:	0.1.0	(1)							

A80	109	F	3 Feb 2010	44	7	A10	3 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~ 3 Feb 2010	_____	Ownership
						A58	10 Nov 2011	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A80	17 Mar 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals:	0.1.0	(1)							

A81	110	F	23 Mar 2010	44	7	A10	23 Mar 2010	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~23 Mar 2010	_____	Ownership
						A58	10 Nov 2011	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A81	22 Feb 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals:	0.1.0	(1)							

A83	112	M	8 Jun 2010	37	9	HRF	8 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch
						A72	29 Oct 2010	_____	Loan to
						A83	16 Aug 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals:	1.0.0	(1)							

A84	119	M	~20 Apr 2011	44	7	A10	~20 Apr 2011	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~20 Apr 2011	_____	Ownership
						A84	8 Sep 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals:	1.0.0	(1)							

A90	125	M	7 Jul 2012	74	96	A55	7 Jul 2012	_____	Hatch
						HRF	7 Jul 2012	_____	Ownership
						A90	1 Mar 2013	_____	Loan to
Totals:	1.0.0	(1)							

A91	105	M	27 Jul 2009	37	9	HRF	27 Jul 2009	_____	Hatch
						A72	29 Oct 2010	_____	Loan to
						A91	9 Mar 2013	_____	Loan to
							19 May 2013	_____	Death
Totals:	1.0.0	(1)							

A93	53	F	20 Jul 2003	13	5	HRF	20 Jul 2003	030720	Hatch
						A51	16 Sep 2006	_____	Loan to
						A33	30 Dec 2007	_____	Loan to
						A93	16 Oct 2014	_____	Loan to
							22 Nov 2014	_____	Death
	104	M	4 Jun 2009	37	38	HRF	4 Jun 2009	_____	Hatch
						A93	20 Jul 2013	_____	Loan to
Totals:	1.1.0	(2)							

A94	120	F	~19 Sep 2011	44	7	A10	~19 Sep 2011	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~19 Sep 2011	_____	Ownership
						A94	4 Oct 2013	_____	Loan to
Totals:	0.1.0	(1)							

A95								
122	?	31 May 2012	74	96	A55	31 May 2012	_____	Hatch
					HRF	31 May 2012	_____	Ownership
					A95	11 Nov 2013	_____	Loan to
Totals: 0.0.1 (1)								

A99								
123	M	24 Jun 2012	37	38	HRF	24 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch
					A99	13 Dec 2014	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A103								
94	M	27 Aug 2007	44	7	A10	27 Aug 2007	_____	Hatch
					HRF	~27 Aug 2007	_____	Ownership
					A82	10 Mar 2012	_____	Loan to
					A92	18 Mar 2013	_____	Loan to
					A103	8 Mar 2014	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A104								
7	F	24 Dec 1996	1	3	HRF	24 Dec 1996	III-3	Hatch
					A06	22 Nov 1998	_____	Loan to
					A07	5 Jul 2000	_____	Loan to
					A18	14 Dec 2001	_____	Loan to
					A31	6 May 2002	_____	Loan to
					A10	8 Dec 2002	_____	Loan to
					A65	11 Nov 2012	_____	Loan to
					A104	12 May 2014	_____	Loan to
44	M	31 Oct 2002	35	36	A07	31 Oct 2002	_____	Hatch
					HRF	31 Oct 2002	_____	Ownership
					A10	24 Jul 2004	_____	Loan to
					A65	11 Nov 2012	_____	Loan to
					A104	12 May 2014	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A105								
82	M	26 Dec 2005	25	60	A37	26 Dec 2005	_____	Hatch
					HRF	26 Dec 2005	_____	Ownership
					A71	30 Aug 2010	_____	Loan to
					A85	5 Mar 2014	_____	Loan to
					A105	9 Oct 2014	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A106								
128	M	15 Jun 2012	35	36	A07	15 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch
					HRF	15 Jun 2012	_____	Ownership
					A85	20 Oct 2012	_____	Loan to
					A106	5 Oct 2014	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

AMSTERDAM - Artis Royal Zoo								
77	F	13 Jul 2006	44	7	A10	13 Jul 2006	_____	Hatch
					HRF	13 Jul 2006	_____	Ownership
					A63	14 Aug 2010	_____	Loan to
					AMSTERDAM	2 May 2014	_____	Loan to
93	M	30 Jul 2007	44	7	A10	30 Jul 2007	_____	Hatch
					HRF	30 Jul 2007	_____	Ownership
					A63	14 Aug 2010	_____	Loan to
					AMSTERDAM	2 May 2014	_____	Loan to
115	?	6 Jul 2011	37	9	HRF	6 Jul 2011	_____	Hatch
					AMSTERDAM	6 Nov 2012	R12043	Loan to
117	?	12 Jun 2011	37	9	HRF	12 Jun 2011	_____	Hatch
					AMSTERDAM	6 Nov 2012	R12042	Loan to
Totals: 1.1.2 (4)								

HRF - Homopus Research Foundation								
2	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK	26 Sep 1995	NONE	Capture
					HRF	30 Sep 1995	II	Transfer
						14 May 2004		Death
4	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK	28 Sep 1995	NONE	Capture
					HRF	30 Sep 1995	IV	Transfer
						24 Dec 1995		Death
8	?	26 Jan 1997	1	2	HRF	2 Feb 1997		Death

16	?	4 Oct 1999	1	3	HRF	4 Oct 1999 4 Oct 1999	III-6	Hatch Death
23	?	19 Jul 2000	1	2	HRF	19 Jul 2000 29 Jun 2001	II-8	Hatch Death
24	?	2 Aug 2000	1	3	HRF	2 Aug 2000 2 Aug 2000	III-7	Hatch Death
37	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 HRF	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 12 Jun 2004	NONE _____ _____ 0612-I	Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer
38	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 HRF	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 12 Jun 2004	NONE _____ _____ 612-II	Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer
39	?	11 Jun 2002	1	3	HRF	11 Jun 2002 20 Jun 2002	III-12	Hatch Death
90	F	29 May 2007	37	38	HRF	29 May 2007 8 Jul 2007	_____ _____	Hatch Death
124	M	30 Jun 2012	37	9	HRF	30 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch
126	M	16 Aug 2012	37	9	HRF	16 Aug 2012	_____	Hatch
133	?	12 Jun 2014	37	9	HRF	12 Jun 2014	_____	Hatch
135	?	10 Jul 2014	37	9	HRF	10 Jul 2014	_____	Hatch
136	?	2 Sep 2014	37	9	HRF	2 Sep 2014	_____	Hatch
Totals: 4.3.8 (15)								

PRAHA - Zoo Praha								
50	M	17 Jun 2003	1	3	HRF PRAHA	17 Jun 2003 20 Dec 2003 3 Dec 2010	III-15 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
52	F	9 Jul 2003	1	3	HRF PRAHA	9 Jul 2003 20 Dec 2003 17 Feb 2011	III-16 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
65	M	31 Jul 2004	35	36	A07 HRF PRAHA	31 Jul 2004 31 Jul 2004 31 Aug 2006 22 Jan 2011	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

TCBCC - Turtle Conservancy Behler Chelonian Center								
20	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43 TCBCC	16 Sep 1999 ~17 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004 7 Jan 2005 1 Jul 2013	NONE MIDGE _____ SIGN01 _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)								

WUPPERTAL - Wuppertal Zoological Garten								
26	F	7 Oct 2000	1	2	HRF A31 WUPPERTAL	7 Oct 2000 6 May 2002 18 Dec 2002 2 Jun 2008	II-9 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)								
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TOTALS: 69.33.39 (141)								

5. SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM STUDBOOK PARTICIPANTS

Location A46

One *H. areolatus* was observed producing a clutch of three eggs on 2 September 2014. It happened, here in Namibia, after a cold front had passed over from South Africa, with morning temperatures around 2 °C and 18 °C in the afternoon. I watered the enclosure to imitate rain and snow in South Africa. The next morning, the temperature already reached 10 °C and in the afternoon (15:00 h) it was 25 °C. It

appears that the cold spell together with a much higher humidity and followed by much higher temperatures led to the oviposition. The nesting place is always close to a succulent plant or bush to receive enough shade for the eggs.



On 7 October, the same female produced a second clutch. This clutch was buried at the exact same site as the previous clutch, thus destroying the eggs that were incubating in the nest.



Location A66

Update October 2014:

Hatchling *H. areolatus*

Our first hatchling is now seven months old and has grown well. Current body mass is 20 g and body dimensions are 46 x 43 x 22.5 mm. We photograph the tortoise monthly to gather data on growth and sex. The tortoise appears healthy, is active and feeds well. The faeces (see photograph) are firm. The egg was incubated at a daily temperature cycle of 33 and 28.5 °C for 14 and 10 h, respectively. Incubation period was 108 days.



Junger *H. areolatus*

Das erste junge Tier ist nun sieben Monate alt, es hat zugenommen und ist gewachsen. Das Gewicht beträgt nun 20 g und ist 46 x 43 x 22,5 mm gross. Wir haben wieder Fotos gemacht, wie letzten Monat, damit wir das Wachstum, das Geschlecht und damit Erfahrungen sammeln können. Das Tier macht einen gesunden Eindruck, es ist aktiv, frisst gut. Der Kot ist fest, siehe Foto beim Baden.

Das Ei wurde wie folgt gebrütet: 14/10 Std. 33/28,5 °C 108 Tage



Deceased hatchling

One of two eggs produced on 5 June 2014 appeared to develop whereas the other was not. After 121 days, the first egg was pipped at two sites. In a previous hatchling, the egg was pipped on day 104 and it hatched on day 108, so we were optimistic. After 122 days, the egg was broken in two halves and pieces had fallen off. After 124 days, all shell had fallen from the egg. On day 125, there was a large crack in the egg membrane; the tortoise was alive, moved when touched and stretched its limb. Since nothing happened thereafter, we noted that the hatchling was dead on day 131. The hatchling had a large yolk sac. We opened the second egg on 14 October and were disappointed with the result. On the photo one can see that the hatchling in the first egg was well-developed, but it had some supernumerary scutes. Eggs were incubated at a daily temperature cycle of 33 and 28 °C for 14 and 10 h, respectively.



Abgestorbenes Tier

Bei einem der Zwei Eier vom 5. Juni 2014 sah es gut aus, das Andere war unbefruchtet. Nach 121 Tagen war das Ei auf zwei Seiten angepickt, (beim ersten Tier das lebt, nach 104 Tagen, geschlüpft nach 108 Tagen), wir waren sehr optimistisch. Nach 122 Tagen war die Schale rings herum gesprungen, zum Teil abgelöst. Nach 124 Tagen alle Schale abgelöst. Nach 125 Tagen durchgehender Riss in der Eihaut. Das Tier lebt, bei jeder Berührung bewegt sich das Tier und streckt ein Bein heraus. Nach 131 Tagen 9-10 Tage später, als nichts weiter geschah, merkten wir, dass sich das Tier nicht mehr bewegt und abgestorben ist. Durch einen Riss in der Eihaut sahen wir, dass noch ein riesiger Dottersack vorhanden war. Am 14. Oktober 2014 öffneten wir das Ei und waren wieder mal bitter enttäuscht, dass es wieder nichts gab. Auf dem Foto sieht man, dass das Tier mit einigen Schildfehlern voll ausgebildet war. Inkubation: 14/10 Std. 33/28 °C



New clutch

Our female keeps producing eggs. On 14 October, she produced three eggs weighing 9, 10 and 11 g. They were produced in the indoor enclosure at the warmest spot at the edge of a hiding place. The heaviest egg has small calcium deposits at the short ends of the egg.

The adults are actively mating, lastly on 30 October.



Neues Gelege

Unser Weibchen gibt auch nicht auf, am 14. Oktober 2014 legte sie wieder und dieses Mal drei Eier (9,10 und 11 g) unter den Höhlenrand im Innenterrarium, wie schon öfters an der wärmsten Stelle. Das schwerste Ei unten im Brutkasten hat an den Enden kleine Kalkerhöhungen an der Schale.

Das allgemeine Verhalten des Paares ist im Moment sehr aktiv, vor zwei Tagen am 30. Oktober 2014 haben sie sich bereits wieder gepaart.



Juvenile male

Our two juvenile males are housed together again and tolerate each other. Therefore, there is no reason to separate them. They feed well and are active. Body masses are stable or increasing.

Juvenile Männchen

Die beiden juvenilen Männchen leben im Moment wieder zusammen und vertragen sich gut. Es besteht kein Anlass sie zu trennen. Sie fressen sehr gut und sind aktiv. Die Gewichte sind stabil, eher höher.

Incubation summary

Ort: I=innen/A=Aussen-Terri						Inkubation				Lf 77-82%							
Sub: V=Vermiculit J=Jurakies S=Seramis																	
Legedat.	Zeit	Ort	Eier	Gew	Sub	Tage	Std/Tg	Temp.°C	Std/Nt	Temp.°C	Schlupf	Tage	Tier	Gew	Bemerkungen		
08-10-2009	16:00	I	1	7	J		12	32	12	28,5	Unbefruchtet				Ei 31,0x20,0mm		
07-07-2010	16:30	A	2	8	V		12	32	12	28	1 unbef. 1 abgest.Anfang				Ei 31,5x21,5 Embryo		
14-08-2010	16:50	A	2	9,8	V		12	32	12	28	1 unbef. 1 abgest.Anfang				Ei 32,5x22,1+29,5x21,8 Embryo		
01-10-2010	15:00	I	2	9	J		24	32,6-32,9			Unbefruchtet				Ei 32,5x22,1		
05-11-2010	15:15	I	1	8	J		24	32,9-33,3			abgest.Endst.				Ei 29,8x21,8 (Embryo Eingelegt)		
22-08-2012	16:11	A	1	12	J		24	32,6-9			Unbefruchtet				Ei 35,0x24,5		
01-11-2012	14:00	I	1	9	J		24	32,6-9			Unbefruchtet				Ei 31,1x22,3		
10-04-2013	17:00	I	3	8-9,5	V		12	32	12	28	1 unbef. 2 abgest.Endst.				Ei 31,5x23,0+31,0x23,0+30,0x22,5		
14-05-2013	15:00	I	2	8-8,5	V		12	32	12	28	Unbefruchtet				Ei 28,0x21,5+28,0x22,0		
21-06-2013	16:00	A	2	8+9	J		12	32,5	12	28	Unbefruchtet				Eier 30,5x22,5+29,5x21,5		
01-08-2013	12:30	A	2		J		14	32,5	10	28	1 unbef. 1 abgest.Schlupf				Ei nicht gemessen (angepickt D-5mm)		
16-09-2013	13:00	I	1		J		14	32,5	10	28	Unbefruchtet				Ei nicht gemessen klein und ganz rund		
19-10-2013	19:00	I	2	8,10	J		14	32,5	10	28	Unbefruchtet				Ei nicht gemessen		
18-11-2013	16:00	I	1	9	J		14	32,5	10	28	Unbefruchtet				Ei nicht gemessen		
08-12-2013	16:00	I	1	9	J		14	33,0	10	28,5	26-03-2014	108	1	6	Ei nicht gemessen/Tier 30,0x28,8x17,0		
05-05-2014	17:00	I	2	10	J		14	33,0	10	28,5	1 unbef. 1 abgest.Anfang				Ei 31,0x23,0 Embryo		
05-06-2014	16:00	I	2	10	J		14	33,0	10	28,5	1 unbef. 1 abgest.Schlupf				Ei 31,0x23,0+29,6x24,0 (hat ganz geöffnet)		
10-07-2014	16:00	I	2	8+9	J	77 Tg	14	33	10	28,5	1 abgest.Anfang				Ei 29,9x22,8+27,6x22,5 Embryo		
					Rest	14	31,5	10	28	1 abgest.Mitte							
09-08-2014	17:00	A	2	9+9	J	50 Tg	14	33	10	28,5	15-11-2014	99	1	8	Ei nicht gemessen/Tier 31,4x30,2x16,3		
					Rest	14	31,5	10	28	18-11-2014	102	1	6,2	Ei nicht gemessen/Tier 29,7x29,1x16,2			
14-10-2014	16:00	I	3	9+11	J	67 Tg	14	32,5-33	10	28	2 unbefruchtet				Ei 30,5x23,1+28,3x23,4 befruchtet+32,7x24,1		
					Rest	14	31,0	10	28	1?					21.Jan.2015 = 100 Tage		

Location A68

Homopus signatus female number 9 that was transferred in 2014 has adjusted well. Feeding and behavior are regular. Initially, the female was shy but not anymore. From time to time, one of the males is

introduced to the female, but only under strict supervision. The males are not allowed to mate with the female, to avoid confusion of parenthood in offspring since the female was housed together with male 36 at the previous location. In addition, it will be investigated how long the female will be able to produce fertile eggs due to sperm storage.



In September-October 2014, the natural habitat of *H. signatus* was visited for field research:



Location A93

One couple *H. signatus* is kept in the enclosure shown on the next page.



Location A104

In the end of 2014, the male *H. signatus* appeared to become less interested in the female, whereas mating was frequent before. The female appeared gravid, as indicated by the long basking episodes, slow movements and increased posterior height of the shell. Feeding continued as usual. On 28 December, the female produced an egg. In the nest, a second intact egg was found. Egg production was followed by intensive exchange of incubation information with others to ensure optimal incubation conditions.

Location AMSTERDAM

Two couples of *H. signatus* are currently housed in separate compartments of a large enclosure on display.



Photos: Artis Royal Zoo/Ronald van Weeren

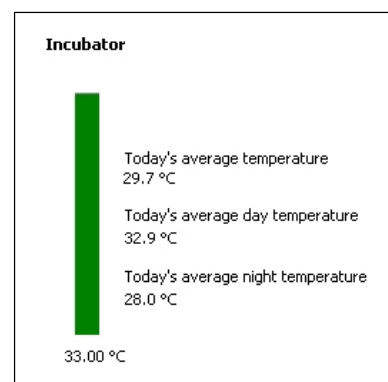


Location HRF

The problematic control of the production of male and female *H. signatus* hatchlings at this and other studbook locations requires careful monitoring of incubation conditions. At this location, a daily temperature cycle is used, making eventual incubation temperature less obvious than would a constant temperature. For example, changes from day to night and vice versa coincide with periods of intermediate temperatures, and the day length (i.e., period with high temperatures) varies with the season. In addition, occasional high room temperatures in the terrarium room can cause incubation temperatures to exceed set values.

The Siemens LOGO! used to control and monitor incubation temperatures was reprogrammed to record, besides daily minimum and maximum temperatures, the following parameters:

- Progressive average temperature during the day
Every 15 minutes one record is taken and included in the daily sample to calculate the average. Recording of day temperatures starts when the temperature is half way between the day and night temperature (i.e., above 30.5 °C).
- Progressive average temperature during the night
Every 15 minutes one record is taken and included in the daily sample to calculate the average. Recording of night temperatures starts when the temperature is half way between the day and night temperature (i.e., below 30.5 °C).
- Progressive average temperature for 24-h period
Every 15 minutes one record is taken and included in the daily sample to calculate the average.



These parameters will make it easier to relate the sex of hatched tortoises to incubation temperatures. The Siemens LOGO! uses calibrated sensors and all parameters are automatically stored every 24 h. They can also be viewed online.

In 2015, *H. signatus* eggs will be moved to a second incubator with a constant temperature of 33 °C from incubation day 30 to 50 (i.e., around one third of the average incubation period, when the sex of the hatchling supposedly is determined), to increase the chance of females developing.

Another change in 2014 was the use of an incubation method without substrate. Three eggs of *H. femoralis* and three eggs of *H. signatus* were incubated on dry foam with egg-shaped holes in it, in closed, small plastic containers with small holes in them. A little Seramis at both sides of the containers enabled humidification of the air in the containers, by administering 2 ml of water to the Seramis each week.

The result of the new incubation method was good: all eggs hatched successfully at a daily temperature cycle of 33/28 °C. One hatchling *H. femoralis* had a supernumerary vertebral scute. Consequently, eggs from *H. femoralis* will be incubated slightly more humid (e.g., adding 1.5 ml of water twice per week) conditions in 2015.



The Siemens LOGO! was equipped with a separate screen in the terrarium room for ease of monitoring and adjusting settings. The working of the screen and setting have been summarised in a short [video](#).



6. NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following overview summarises all manuscripts and articles that were submitted, accepted, published, or under review in 2014.

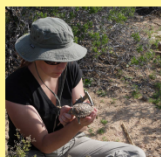
Subject	Submitted	Accepted	Published	Journal
Small home ranges in the Namaqualand speckled tortoise, <i>Homopus signatus</i> , in spring	2013	2014		Journal of Herpetology (English)
The Namaqualand speckled padloper, <i>Homopus signatus</i> : smallest tortoise species in the world	-	-	2014	Poster Goegap Nature Reserve (English)
<i>Homopus areolatus</i> , the parrot-beaked tortoise: natural history, captive care, and breeding (reprinted paper)	-	-	2014	Newsletter of the Namibia Scientific Society (English)

The Namaqualand speckled padloper, *Homopus signatus*: smallest tortoise species in the world

The Namaqualand speckled padloper is a threatened reptile that occurs only in the Succulent Karoo. Its habitat is declining as a result of changes in land use (e.g., agriculture, road construction, mining) and overgrazing. Predicted climate change may wreak further havoc. To facilitate conservation, a population near Springbok has been investigated each spring since 2000 to reveal the species' ecology.

Morphology

The maximum shell length of *H. signatus* is only 110 mm. Small body dimensions enable the tortoises to shelter in small rock crevices and match the limited resource availability in their environment. Carapaces of *H. signatus* have a dark pattern on a lighter background, but males have lighter overall colours with fewer rays and more speckles than females. Males also have smaller plastrons than females, presumably to facilitate locomotion and copulation.

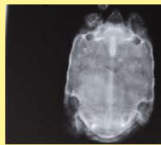


Growth

The tortoise shell resembles a rigid, bony box, but *H. signatus* is capable of temporarily shrinking its shell during drought, resuming shell growth when resources are available again. The species grows slowly, females taking 11-12 years to mature, depending on rainfall. Aridification due to climate change may extend the growth period to maturity to 30 years, but it is questionable if populations would be able to deal with any increase.

Behaviour and thermoregulation

Homopus signatus is most active in spring, because this period provides rain and food. In the cool spring season, the tortoises use solar radiation to maintain high body temperatures of 29-31°C. To reach these, the small body size helps, but tortoises nevertheless spend most of their active time basking. They manage to complete other activities in little time, probably because resources and mates are abundant.



Reproduction

Female *H. signatus* produce only one egg at a time. Eggs are large, up to 12% of the female body volume. To accommodate such a large egg, females are larger than males, expand their shell when gravid, and expand their pelvis during egg-production. Large eggs produce large hatchlings, and a large hatchling size appears important to survive the harsh Namaqualand environment.

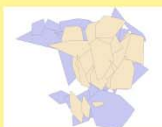
Diet

Like most tortoises, *H. signatus* is herbivorous. Although this species will eat a wide variety of plant species, four items make up a large proportion of the diet: *Oxalis* spp., *Leysera lenella*, *Grielim humifusum* and *Crassula thunbergiana*. Tortoises eat mostly flowers, and fewer leaves and stems.



Home ranges

The generally lush spring plant growth in Namaqualand enables the tortoises to use small home ranges. On average, each tortoise uses only 0.35 hectares, and resident tortoises often seem to remain in the same range for more than a decade. During drought, *H. signatus* increases its home range to find all resources required.



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7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Most materials required for the current *H. signatus* thermoregulation study (see Paragraph 1.3) were purchased in 2012, resulting in little expenses in 2014. The remaining funds for 2015 will suffice to finalise this study. A significant donation was received from studbook participant Martijn Kooijman.

Financial report Homopus Research Foundation 2014

Revenues		Expenses	
Net amount	Item	Amount	Item
€		€	
<i>Project H. signatus 2012-2015</i>		<i>Project H. signatus 2012-2015</i>	
109	Remaining funds 2013	p.m.	Various research materials
230	Donations private individuals	339	Reservation project expenses 2015
339	Subtotal	339	Subtotal
<i>Other</i>		<i>Other</i>	
83	Donation V. Loehr to cover non-project expenses	84	Annual costs bank accounts
1	Interest bank account		
84	Subtotal	84	Subtotal
422	Total	422	Total

8. PERMIT OVERVIEW

The activities reported in this document would not have been possible without the following permits issued by the South African and Namibian authorities:

Exporting of H. areolatus

- Exporting permit 49683 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
- CITES exporting permit 8830 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
- CITES exporting permit 3558 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, South Africa)
- Health certificate 13\1\4\2\ 09/2- 1676/04 (Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development, Namibia)
- Various additional permits issued to individual studbook participants (Namibia)

Collecting and exporting of H. femoralis

- Collecting permit AAA004-00010-0035 (CapeNature, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permit 58679 (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- Health declaration dated 17-03-06 (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

Collecting and exporting of H. signatus

- Collecting permit 331/95 (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Africa)
- Collecting permit 28/2001 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permits 16579 and 281/95C (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- Permit to move animals/animal products 2001/10/3/A (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

Field study on H. boulengeri

- Research permits 755/05, 43/2005 and 35/2005 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)

Field study on H. femoralis

- Research permit AAA-004-000185-0035
- Research permit AAA-004-00020-0028
- Research permit AAA-004-000392-0035
- Research permit AAA-004-00027-0028

Field studies on H. signatus and H. s. cafer

- Research permits 137/99, 84/99, 019/2001, 010/2001, 46/2003, 26/2003, 8/2003, 168/2003, 43/2003, 158/2003, 633/2003, 25/2003, 158/2004 and 633/2004 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- Research permits 428/2002 and 41/2002 (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Africa)
- Research permits 152/2012 and 153/2012 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- Research permit 460/2013 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, South Africa)

Appendix 1

Meerjarige, gecontroleerde
kweek met
Homopus signatus

Van Loon Frank

- Inleiding
- beschrijving leefgebied
- aktieve periode
- in het terrarium
- incubatie/resultaten



Inleiding :
genus Homopus :
 *femoralis
 *areolatus
 *boulengeri
 *solus
 *signatus

Korte beschrijving van het leefgebied van
Homopus signatus :
-Zuid-Afrika
-Namaqualand
-rotsheuveltjes (schuilplaatsen)
-meerdere microhabitats (rivierbedding,
rotsplateau, bloemenweide,...) in
macrohabitat (op en rond de rotsheuvel)
-uitgesproken seizoenen (winter/zomer,
regen/droog)



Aktieve periode :

- vanaf einde winterperiode tot de zomerdroogte (alhoewel de uitgesproken seizoensafscheidingsen in het terrarium minder uitgesproken zijn, en de aktiviteitsperiode zich hieraan aanpast)
- winter wordt gekenmerkt door neerslag
- sterke nachtelijke afkoeling (vorst mogelijk)
- zomer wordt gekenmerkt door droogte
- hoge dagtemperaturen
- hoge(re) luchtvochtigheid in de schuilplaatsen

In het terrarium :

- nachtelijke afkoeling tot 20°C (oude opstelling), 16°C nieuwe opstelling
- dagtemperatuur 30°C (winter), 34°C (zomer)
- aangepaste daglengte (8 vs 13 uren)
- hogere luchtvochtigheid, meer sproeibeurtēn gedurende de winter en lente
- gedurende de zomer enkel sproeien in de schuilplaatsen
- drinken en eten gedurende hele jaar ad libitum

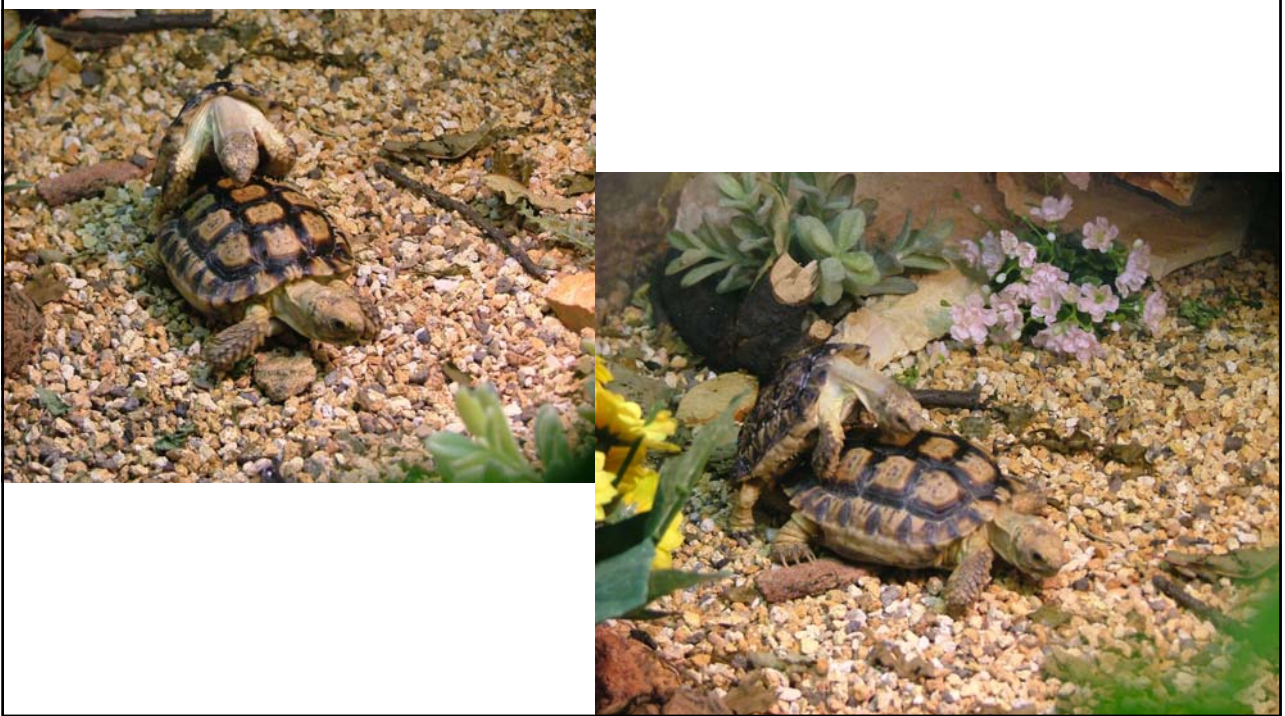
- terrarium : 150x85cm (2 terraria)
- verlichting oude opstelling 2x36W TL
- verlichting nieuwe opstelling 1x36W TL, 1x36W TL 10%UVB
- per legsel 1 ei, in gevangenschap tot 4 legsels/jaar (in het wild is dit aantal sterk afhankelijk van oa. de neerslaghoeveelheid en de daaraan verbonden beschikbare hoeveelheid voedsel/drinken en bedraagt 0 tot waarschijnlijk niet meer dan 2)
- substraatdiepte 12cm

- terrarium voorzien van structuur (schuilplaatsen en vegetatie)
- legplaats is niet zichtbaar van bovenaf, uit het zicht.
- ’s zomers : nachtelijke afkoeling tot 25°C (uitzonderlijk tot 28/29°C), dagtemperatuur tot 34°C (uitzonderlijk tot 37°C)
- ’s winters ; nachtelijke afkoeling tot 20°C (oude opstelling, tot midden 2007), 16°C (nieuwe opstelling, vanaf midden 2007), dagtemperatuur tot 30°C.



Aktiveiteitsperiode in het terrarium

- In de winterperiode : zonnebaden
- naar het einde van de winterperiode wordt het mannetje alsmear aktiever en begint het vrouwtje meer en meer te achtervolgen
- typisch “head bobbing”
- paringen vanaf einde winterperiode en gedurende de lente



Legsel :

- 1 ei per legsel
- tot 4 legsels per jaar (in gevangenschap)
- typisch 1 maand tussen 2 legsels
- afmetingen ei : 10-14 gram
34 x 25 mm
- ei wordt begraven
- aflegplaats uit het zicht





Incubator :

-incubator =

omgebouwde vrieskast

-ontdaan van koelgroep

-onderaan warmtekabel
gewikkeld

-1 wikkeling in plastic box
met water

-thermostaat met
ingestelde nachtafkoeling





- elk ei afzonderlijk in plastic box (botervlootje 500gr)
- bepaalde hoeveelheid substraat
 - oude opstelling (tot 2009): vermiculiet
 - nieuwe opstelling : ceramis
- bepaalde hoeveelheid water (volgens gewichtsverhouding, gram substraat/gram water)
- typisch 1/2 tot 1/1
- deksel er gedeeltelijk op
- incubatietijd : ongeveer 100 dagen
- 2 weken voor uitkomst, substraat herbevochtigen





Legsels per maand

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
oude opstelling 2005 - 2008												
nieuwe opstelling 2008 – heden												
nieuwe opstelling f07 2008 – 2012												
nieuwe opstelling f36 2013/2014												

Legsels per jaar

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
f07	3(2)	4(4)	4(2)	2(0)	4(0)	4(3)	4(2)	4(/)	1(/)	
f36									4(3)	3(2)

opmerking

2008 : legsels te laat gevonden, eieren rot

2009 : wattage kabel te laag, ovv HRF incubatie op Female, temperatuur te hoog, volgroeide jongen dood in ei

2012 : ovv HRF gestopt met kweken met desbetreffende bloedlijn

Incubatiemethode

oude opstelling : 12/12h, dag/nacht, 32-27°C, 98-110 dagen, f07, 2005-2009

nieuwe opstelling : 18/06h, dag/nacht, 33,5-28°C, 100 dagen, f07, 2009

nieuwe opstelling : 18/06h, dag/nacht, 33,0-29°C, 100 dagen, f07, 2010-2013

nieuwe opstelling : 18/06h, dag/nacht, 33,0-29°C, 130 dagen, f36, 2013-2014

opmerking :

in de nieuwe opstelling is de temperatuur in de broedstoof doorheen de jaren gestegen tot 34-34,5°C, mede door de stijgende temperatuur in de terrariumopstelling, de kamertemperatuur kan in de zomer doorstijgen tot zo'n 40°C.

Male/female ratio

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

f07 100%M 50%M 100%M 100%F 50%M

f36 100%F

totaal -----4.1----- -----1.4-----

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Female 2013



Male 2013



Appendix 2

Agreement regarding the transfer of *Homopus femoralis*

The undersigned,

<Receiver>, further called “Receiver”

and

Homopus Research Foundation,
for the foundation, Victor Loehr, further called “Donor”,

considering that

- three male *Homopus femoralis* were loaned to the Homopus Research Foundation by the British Tortoise Trust in 2001 and their legal acquisition formalised under EU certificate 14NL220398/20;
- three female *H. femoralis* were collected in the wild and transported to the Netherlands in 2006, under collecting permit AAA004-00010-0035, CITES exporting permit 58679, and CITES importing permit 65463;
- the legal acquisition of the males and the import of the females was for scientific purposes (CITES code S), to study behaviour, reproduction and growth, and excludes the use of wild-caught or captive-bred *H. femoralis* for commercial purposes;
- the tortoises have reproduced successfully in captivity;
- distributing offspring over a number of locations will facilitate gathering of data (increasing sample size), and will reduce the risk that all tortoises die in case of a disaster at one location,

have agreed to transfer 1.0.0 *H. femoralis* (known as studbook number 8) from Donor to Receiver as following:

Article 1 - Purpose of the animal

1. The tortoise should remain available for scientific purposes as stipulated in the considerations above.
2. The tortoise should remain registered in the studbook for this species.
3. The tortoise may not be bred without written consent of Donor.
4. Offspring produced at Receiver is subject to the same provisions in this Agreement as the transferred tortoise.

Article 2 - Ownership

1. The tortoise remains the property of Donor and may not be transferred to third parties without written consent of Donor. This concerns the tortoise alive and dead.
2. The tortoise is transferred to Receiver on loan, for indeterminate period of time.
3. The loan ends when, after consulting the other party,
 - a. Donor claims the tortoise;
 - b. Receiver decides to return the tortoise to Donor;
 - c. Receiver transfers the tortoise to a third party, after receiving written consent of Donor.

Article 3 - Data gathering and communication

1. Receiver will gather the following data, and transfer data to Donor at least annually:
 - a. Straight carapace length, maximum shell width, maximum shell height, straight plastron length (mm) and body mass (g) on the birthday of the tortoise;

- b. number of offspring produced, with sizes (see previous provision), birth dates and founders;
 - c. if the tortoise died the probable cause and date of death.
2. Receiver agrees to share his address details with other parties that have received *H. femoralis*, to facilitate exchange of information.

Article 4 - Finances

1. This Agreement does not involve any transfers of funds from Receiver to Donor, or vice versa.
2. Donor is not liable for any expenses by Receiver.

Article 5 - Final provisions

1. Changes in this Agreement are only possible when Donor and Receiver both agree.
2. In case unforeseen circumstances are such that they reasonably and justifiably require changes, Donor and Receiver will address these circumstances and change this Agreement.
3. This Agreement takes effect on the date that Donor and Receiver have both signed it.

Thus agreed upon, made out in twofold and signed at

Date:
Location:

Date:
Location:

<Receiver>

Victor Loehr