

# **STUDBOOK BREEDING PROGRAM**

## ***CYCLEMYS* SP. ASIAN LEAF TURTLES**

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### **1.Introduction**

Last year some new individuals were introduced in the studbook. Apart from this the first births in the history of the studbook were reported. Regardless of the slight progress made this way, the (registered) captive population remains vulnerable.

### **2.Studbook population**

At december 31 2003, the studbook population consists out of 7,14,19 (40) living animals to 6,15,12 (33) in 2002. Two new locations with 2 resp. 4 animals were added. One captive born animal is still alive. One abusively registered female turned out to be a male.

### **3.Locations**

At december 31 2003, the species is kept at 14 locations in mainly the Netherlands. This is including 2 new locations reported during 2003.

### **4.Births**

At 1 location 3 animals hatched. Two of them died within a few days. The third one is doing well. The young hatched out of two clutches from one founder animal couple.

### **5.Imports**

No imports were reported during 2003.

### **6.Deaths**

No deaths were reported during 2003.

### **7.Transfers**

No transfers were reported during 2003.

### **8.Discussion**

Although the studbook population can be considered as small, it proved to be quite stable. It is more than likely that several subspecies are represented in the studbook(s) at this moment. The uncertain validity of several subspecies makes it difficult to form good breeding couples. The birth of the three young is likely to give a boost to captive breeding due to sharing knowledge and experience with other keepers. Some publishing is prepared about this subject as publicity for the studbook and breeding Asian species in general. Not much is known about the status of the species In Situ. Some shops offer young *Cyclemys* that appear to be farmed in Asia.

Goals for 2004 are:

Enlarging the insite in the status of the different subspecies in the studbook.  
Completing the inventory of the subspecies and sexes within the studbook (s).  
Continuing and possibly expanding the breeding of the species as in 2003.

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