

STUDBOOK BREEDING PROGRAM

***CYCLEMYS* SP.**

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1.Introduction

Last year some new individuals were introduced in the studbook. In addition to this more births, on two locations, were reported. Regardless of the slight progress made this way, the (registered) captive population remains vulnerable.

2.Studbook population

At december 31 2004, the studbook population consists out of 11,15,22 (48) living animals to 7,14,19 (40) in 2003.

3.Locations

At december 31 2004, the species is kept at 15 locations in mainly the Netherlands. This is including 1 new location reported during 2004.

4.Births

At 1 location 1 animal hatched. This turtle is doing well. This is a second year of breeding for the parent couple. On another location 3 young hatched and are doing fine.

5.Imports

No imports were reported during 2004.

6.Deaths

No deaths were reported during 2004.

7.Transfers

No transfers were reported during 2004.

8.Discussion

It is clear that several subspecies are represented within the studbook(s) at this moment and even more subspecies are described since last year. From personal comments I learned that even some undescribed subspecies are kept in captivity. The plot thickens..... The uncertain validity of several subspecies makes it difficult to form good breeding couples.

The birth of the four young is likely to give a boost to captive breeding due to sharing knowledge and experience with other keepers. At the moment of writing this report, the first clutches are reported from one of the breeders and so far things are looking good.

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