

# **Geochelone platynota**

## BURMESE STAR TORTOISE



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## **Annual report 2007**

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## 1. Population in Wild

*“The Critically Endangered (IUCN, 2004) Burmese star tortoise (Geochelone platynota) is one of seven species of tortoise and freshwater turtles endemic to Myanmar. Extremely highly valued in the international pet trade, Burmese star tortoises can sell for as much as \$3,000 USD each.”*

-Eaza / Ex situ conservation of the Burmese star tortoise  
(*Geochelone platynota*) in Myanmar

Conservation International & IUCN Turtle Survival Alliance

These sentences are only a short view of the status of *G. platynota*. In a call to a friend I was informed that these species is highly frequented on Malaysia food and pet markets. We know 3 different types of *G. platynota* (fan-shaped, normal-shaped and narrow-striped). In the last 20 years a lot of normal-shaped animals are sold on these markets. In the last 2 years my friend in Malaysia observed only fan-shaped and narrow striped animals in low numbers (approx. 20) on the markets.

He informed me about a talk to an animal dealer and he said him normal-shaped animals are really rare in nature and nobody is able to get them in future. This information is may be a big alert about the population of “normal-shaped” in wild and for the population of the non normal types in future.

(These Info does not confirm from officieller side)

## 2. Population in captivity, especially ESF Studbook population

The total numbers of individuals in captive population is unknown but in 2001-2007 are 91 individuals hatched in non EU-countries (MINSONTAUNG

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY – Myanmar) The total numbers of specimens in the Studbook is 19 in (5) location.

Location ID 01BE = Germany

Location ID 02ZP = Czech Republic

Location ID 03GEN = Spain

Location ID 04GUT = Spain

### 3. Transfer

In 2007 one transfer from Location ID 02ZP to Location ID 01BE is recognized.

### 4. Birth & Death

No birth or death are received

### 5. Studbook overview

**No. of location:** Total 4 in 3 countries

**No. of animals:** Total 19 in 4 locations in 2 countries

(One locality without live animals in reason of one transfer in 2007)

**No. of transfers:** Total 1

**No. of birth:** Total 0

**No. of death:** Total 0

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