

Studbook breeding programme

Chelodina mccordi (McCord's snake-necked turtle)



Annual report 2013

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1.Introduction:

This annual report will summarise the progress of the studbook breeding programme of the McCords snake necked turtle (*Chelodina mccordi*).

2. Studbook population:

December 31, 2013 the total studbook population exists out of 76.75.363 (514) animals. The living population counts 55.57.155 (269) animals. Comparing these numbers you will directly see that almost have of the originally entered animals have died over the years.

3. Locations:

December 31, 2013 the 55.57.155 specimens were kept at 43 locations; 12 in the Netherlands, 13 in Germany, 2 in Austria, 5 in the United kingdom, 3 in Belgium, 3 in France, 1 in Spain, 1 in Portugal, 1 in Sweden, and 2 in Poland. Good to see is the developing and expanding cooperation within mainly European countries.

4. Births:

In 2013 births are reported by 6 locations; 2 at location Sealife, 2 at location Rotterdam Zoo, 6 at Bristol Zoo, 10 at Arts, 6 at Halle Zoo and 10 at Lisboa Zoo.

5. Imports:

In 2013 no imports were recorded.

6. Deaths:

In 2013 3 deaths are reported.

2 Deaths concern death of hatchlings shortly after birth or during the juvenile phase. Rather large numbers of the deceased hatchlings and juveniles die after a period of refusal of food and actually starve. The reason for this behaviour is unknown and the studbook participants will be asked to report on this. Intensive research to death causes in a way of proper nutrition and housing is vital in this.

7. Transfers:

In 2013 7 transfers took place. 2 Transfers concerned transfers from a zoo to private participants and 5 transfers concerned a transfer among zoos. These transfers were recommended by the studbook keeper in order to spread genetic bloodlines and form unrelated breeding conditions. Due to the very limited number of founder animals it is very vital to pair up unrelated animals.

10. Available and Wanted:

Nordensark have 1.2 available and Bristol some juvenile's. For further information contact the studbook keeper.

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