

Studbook breeding programme
Heosemys grandis
(Giant Asian Pond turtle)



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1. Introduction

The studbook for the Giant Asian pond turtle was founded in January 2008. Over the past six years, the studbook population has slowly grown from 11 to 23 turtles.

Studbook participants and other keepers of the species can interact with each other through the *Heosemys grandis* forum: www.heosemys.org. The forum may also help to attract new participants.

2. Studbook population

At the end of 2013, the studbook had a population of 8.15.0 living turtles.

3. Locations

At the end of 2013, there were 5 participants in 5 countries: the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, United Kingdom & the Czech Republic.

4. Births

No hatchings have been registered in 2013.

One participant had a clutch of eggs in the incubator at the beginning of 2013, which failed to hatch. At the beginning of 2014 there was a new clutch in the same incubator. Two other participants have attempted to breed.

5. Imports

As far as I know, no Giant Asian pond turtles have been imported into Europe since 2011.

6. Deaths

No deaths have been reported in 2013.

7. Transfers

One participant has moved his group of TSA-turtles to another keeper but remains responsible for them. Otherwise there have been no transfers within the studbook in 2013.

A transfer of a female from Artis in The Netherlands to a private keeper could not be completed for complicated reasons.

Randers Regnskov Zoo in Denmark is considering transferring its male which is in the ESB studbook, to a new participant in the ESF studbook. The ESB coordinator has approved of this transfer.

8. Discussions & activities planned for 2014

The studbook has been active for six years. However, no hatchlings have been reported so far. A breeding program is pointless without breeding. Therefore, we will send a questionnaire to all studbook participants to assess the viability of this studbook.

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