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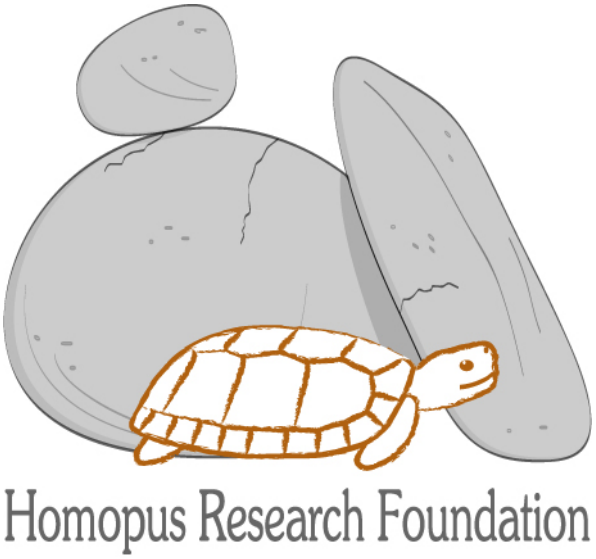

Annual Report

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1. INTRODUCTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2010

The Homopus Research Foundation aims to facilitate the long-term survival of *Homopus* in the wild, by gathering and distributing information about their biologies and by the formation of genetically healthy *ex situ* populations. In 2010, several activities contributed to this aim. The current report presents an overview of achievements in 2010, as well as activities planned for 2011 and thereafter. Moreover, the actual studbook populations for *Homopus areolatus*, *Homopus femoralis* and *Homopus signatus* are described, focussing on changes that occurred in 2010. All previous annual reports can be found on the website of the Homopus Research Foundation, http://www.homopus.org, section Publications.

The 2009 annual report anticipated on several results for 2010. The following table summarises these plans, with results obtained in 2010.

Result	**Due**
Fieldwork conducted on *H. femoralis*	Feb-2010
2010: Fieldwork was conducted. See also paragraph 1.2.	
Project proposal (schedule) and permits for long-term field study on *H. femoralis* updated	31-12-2010
2010: Project proposal and permits were updated.	
Detailed studbook management plan *H. signatus* drawn up	31-12-2010
2010: This plan was prepared as a draft in 2008. In 2010, communication with the studbook participants has made clear that a general meeting is necessary, to discuss the future of the studbook. See paragraph 1.1. The finalisation of the plan was postponed to 31-12-2012.	
Manuscripts submitted on:	
• Annual fluctuations of the temperature and relative humidity in the habitat of *H. femoralis*	31-12-2010
• Thermoregulation of wild *H. signatus*	31-12-2010
2010: Annual temperature fluctuations in the habitat of *H. femoralis* were already published in Loehr 2009 (Radiata 18:23-32). Relative humidity data will be submitted as an additional note in 2011. A scientific paper on thermoregulation in *H. signatus* is almost ready for submission. This will be submitted early 2011. In addition to these two papers, a non-scheduled paper on road mortality in *H. femoralis* was submitted for publication in 2010. Papers reporting treatment of constipation in *H. signatus*, and husbandry of *H. femoralis* were submitted and published in 2010. See Chapter 6.	

Further progress that is worth listing:

- The Homopus Research Foundation moved its bank account to a bank that cares for the environment (Triodos Bank, Netherlands).
- One general lecture about the ecology and conservation of South African tortoises was held at the annual general meeting of the Beaufort West farmers association, South Africa. Another lecture about tortoise husbandry in Namibia was held at a meeting of the Schildkrotte Grubbe region Basel, Switzerland.
- A participant in the studbook *H. areolatus* undertook a journey to visit the natural habitat of this species in the Sutherland area, South Africa. Another studbook participant attended the 2010 fieldwork on *H. femoralis* as a volunteer.
- The European Studbook Foundation (ESF) was sent a back-up file of the studbook registration, including the key to the participant names and addresses. The board of the ESF has explicitly confirmed that the files will only serve as a back-up for the studbook and will not be made available to anyone.
- Several private tortoise keepers in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, and U.K. requested to obtain *Homopus* spp. Some of them received one or two *H. signatus* in 2010.
- One zoo in the U.S.A. requested *H. signatus*, possibly in collaboration with other zoos. Since no (female) animals were available, it was proposed to include the zoo(s) in a future application to collect and export additional founders based on a studbook management plan (see paragraph 1.1). This will be followed-up after the general meeting in the end of 2011.
- Information requests were received regarding:

    - Presence of *H. signatus* in Tankwa Karoo National Park
    - Locating *Homopus* spp. in the wild (University of Johannesburg)
    - Suitability of *H. boulengeri* as a flagship species for the Karoo Highland Tourism Route (Endangered Wildlife Trust, South Africa)
    - Clarification of results presented by the Homopus Research Foundation in a paper on diet of *H. signatus* (U.S. Marine Corps)
    - Permit requirements and husbandry conditions for *Homopus* spp. in Cape Town
    - Technical installation and climate simulation for an indoor tortoise area
    - Rehoming a long-term captive *H. areolatus* within the U.S.A.
- Unfortunately, the Homopus Research Foundation received several e-mail messages regarding possible illegal trade of *Homopus* spp. in Europe. This information was forwarded to the South African authorities.
- Reprint requests for *Homopus* papers were received from:
    - Ciudad Universitaria, Mexico
    - University of Düsseldorf, Germany
    - Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, Spain
    - Private individuals from Canada, Czech, and France
- Review requests were received from:
    - Chelonian Conservation and Biology
    - Biological Journal of the Linnean Society
    - Global Change Biology
- Photographic material was provided to:
    - Museum of Living Art, Fort Worth Zoo (www.fortworthzoo.org/conserve/mola.html)
    - Website www.testudines.org, Spain
    - Website www.infotortuga.com, Spain
    - Testudo Magazine, Italy
    - Karoo Highland Tourism Route, South Africa
- The website of the Homopus Research Foundation was updated with minor changes (new publications, new bank account details, actual studbook overviews).
- A German studbook participant had a *H. signatus* confiscated by the government, due to incomplete paperwork. Fortunately, the animal was returned to the participant within a few days, after verifying that this animal was legal. However, situations like this should not occur in a studbook that entirely consists of legal animals. All participants were reminded to ensure that their paperwork is in order.

1.1. Long-term studbook management plan Homopus signatus

A draft studbook management plan for *H. signatus* was prepared and reviewed by all studbook participants in 2008. A summary of their comments is listed in the 2008 annual report. Because the plan includes imports of additional founders in the next decade, the draft was also sent to the South African authorities. In October 2009, the South African authorities responded that they would be prepared to review the draft management plan, but it should contain more details to allow them to assess if they should opt for a genetically valuable *ex situ* population with conservation potential (requiring circa 50 additional funders over 10 years time), or for a terrarium population with limited conservation value (requiring few additional founders). The details that should be added to the plan are listed in the 2009 annual report.

While updating the plan in 2010, three studbook participants informed the studbook coordinator that they find the strict studbook policies (e.g., regulated breeding, all offspring to remain in the studbook) problematic. Although each participant has signed an agreement that outlines the rationale for these policies, further collaboration with the South African authorities should only be sought if the studbook is well supported by its participants. Therefore, it was decided to postpone the studbook management plan again, and to plan a general meeting for all studbook participants to discuss the future of the studbook and its policies in December 2011. Consequently, the studbook management plan may be finalised in 2012.

For the 2011 and 2012 captive breeding seasons, the advice to studbook participants keeping pairs of unrelated *H. signatus* (wild-caught or captive-bred) is modified. The motivation for this change can be found in Chapter 3. Participants may breed unrelated F1 individuals, but egg incubation methods should shift the sex ratio in the studbook towards females (e.g., eggs should be incubated in a strictly controlled environment at relatively high temperatures). Incubation results should be submitted to the studbook coordinator for inclusion in the annual reports.

1.2. Progress long-term field study Homopus femoralis

This study was permitted by CapeNature (South Africa). The permits require annual progress updates for CapeNature. Because this information may be informative for *Homopus* studbook participants, it will be included in the annual reports of the Homopus Research Foundation.

Based on low rainfall chances for September-December, and lack of tortoise activity during previous fieldwork episodes in March 2006 and December 2008, fieldwork was conducted in February 2010. Unfortunately, no tortoises were found until rainfall started in the end of the fieldwork period. Interestingly, *H. femoralis* started activity immediately after rainfall, and continued after dark. We managed to measure 14 individuals in three weeks time. Prior to this activity period, *H. femoralis* mortality along a tar road was measured, and the data have been submitted for publication in Turtle and Tortoise Newsletter (see Chapter 6).

Based on the poor results in 2010, the 2011 fieldwork will be conducted in spring (October-November). There are indications that *H. femoralis* might start spring activity more or less independent of rainfall (M.D. Hofmeyr, pers. comm.). If spring activity will turn out to be as rain-dependent as activity in summer, it may be necessary to abort the field study on this species.

2. PLANS FOR 2011 AND THEREAFTER

The table below lists results anticipated for 2011 and thereafter, with progress indicated:

Result	**Due**	**Current status**
Presentation held at symposium of the Herpetological Association of Africa, South Africa	Jan-2011	Presentation prepared
Presentation held at meeting of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Schildkröten, Germany	19-03-2011	Not yet started
Fieldwork conducted on *H. femoralis*	Spring 2011	In preparation, one volunteer recruited
General meeting future studbook *H. signatus*	03-12-2011	Date planned, invitations sent out
Manuscripts submitted on:		
• Annual fluctuations of the relative humidity in the habitat of *H. femoralis*	31-12-2011	Data available
• Thermoregulation of wild *H. signatus*	01-03-2011	Manuscript almost ready for submission
Detailed studbook management plan *H. signatus* drawn up	31-12-2012	Draft prepared but requires more details before it can be assessed by the South African authorities. Plan may be finalised after the general studbook meeting in December 2011 (see paragraph 1.1).
Studbook management plan *H. areolatus* drawn up	31-12-2013	Not yet started; due to the delayed *H. signatus* plan, this task was postponed from 2011 to 2013.
Follow-up fieldwork conducted on *H. signatus*	Oct-2014	Not yet started

3. STUDBOOK SUMMARIES

To keep the studbook registrations up to date, it is vital that all studbook participants keep the coordinator informed of any changes. In the studbooks on *H. femoralis* and *H. signatus*, each participant has accepted this obligation in a formal agreement between participant and coordinator. Regardless of the agreements, most participants are very motivated and inform the coordinator spontaneously when changes occur throughout the year. Others choose to wait until information is requested by the coordinator in the end of each year. However, some participants remain silent for an entire year or longer, despite repeated messages from the studbook coordinator. In order to keep track of where these communication flaws occur, the annual reports will include a list of unresponsive locations. This will make it easier for the reader to assess the validity of studbook information per location, and will facilitate the coordinator when approaching a silent participant. In 2010, only location A45 has been unresponsive.

Homopus areolatus
Live specimens on 1 January 2010: 55 (excluding 6 specimens lost to follow-up)
Number of locations on 1 January 2010: 12 (5 countries, 1 zoo; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)
New registrations: 0
Births: 24, at 6 locations
Deaths: 7, at 3 locations
Live specimens on 31 December 2010: 72 (excluding 6 specimens lost to follow-up)
Number of locations on 31 December 2010: 15 (6 countries, 1 zoo; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)
Interpretation of changes:

Similar to 2009, locations A16, A44, and A46 produced offspring in 2010. In addition, location A56 started reproducing, and location A10 produced a hatchling as well. The large number of offspring, combined with low mortality, ensured significant growth of the studbook population. The animals that died were all 2010 offspring. Two (at different locations) were already weak when hatching and stopped eating, and three may have died due to a severe infestation with ticks. The sixth and seventh hatchlings died unexpectedly.

The progress that was reported in the 2009 annual report continued in 2010. It appears that an increasing number of locations succeeds in breeding the species structurally, while mortality remains low. This situation is very different from that a couple of years ago. Consequently, the perspectives for the studbook are improving. Until now, the studbook has focused on optimising husbandry and breeding. Along with the development of a studbook management plan in 2013 (see Chapter 2), it will be useful to consider how genetic diversity could be taken into account.

Homopus femoralis
Live specimens on 1 January 2010: 7
Number of locations on 1 January 2010: 3 (2 countries)
New registrations: 0
Births: 1
Deaths: 0
Live specimens on 31 December 2010: 8
Number of locations on 31 December 2010: 3 (2 countries)
Interpretation of changes:

Breeding results obtained at location HRF in 2008 were continued in 2010. Two eggs were produced, and one hatched. The other egg did not develop. Location A10 produced a clutch of two eggs, but these did not develop. At this point, all three adult females in the studbook have produced clutches in the past years. The publication of a second paper on husbandry of *H. femoralis* (see Chapter 6) will facilitate husbandry and breeding results in the years to come.

Homopus signatus
Live specimens on 1 January 2010: 61 (excluding 13 specimens lost to follow-up)
Number of locations on 1 January 2010: 22 (5 countries, 1 zoo; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)
New registrations: 0
Births: 8, at 3 locations
Deaths: 7, at 6 locations
Live specimens on 31 December 2010: 62 (excluding 13 specimens lost to follow-up)
Number of locations on 31 December 2010: 27 (6 countries, 1 zoo; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)
Interpretation of changes:

The relatively high mortality in 2009 continued in 2010. The offspring born at location A07 in 2010 died within three months from unknown causes. At location A50, one male died (cause unknown), after two earlier deaths in 2009. Two more males died at location A54 from bacterial sepsis. Extensive veterinary analysis, including bacteriological examination, could not reveal what caused the sepsis. A big loss was also the adult female transferred to location A60 in 2010; it died (cause unknown) after producing two eggs that did not hatch. At location A63, a male died, probably caused by dehydration. A paper was produced that describes the veterinary treatment for this individual (see Chapter 6). Finally, one male died at location PRAHA. The cause was not known.

Like in 2009, several deaths were F1 offspring from founders that have already died. Consequently, they cannot be replaced. The surviving offspring from 2010 are all from bloodlines 44 x 7 (F1 from 1 x 3 and 35 x 36), and 37 x 38/9 (wild-caught, and F1 from 1 x 2). Considering the increased mortality in the past two years, and the absence of founders to replace these animals, F2 offspring should be produced

from the genetically unrelated F1 couples in the studbook. In order to maintain genetic diversity, it is particularly important that locations with F1 couples based on bloodline 1 x 2 start breeding. These locations are A18, A40 and A57. To stimulate male mating activity, night temperatures in autumn and winter may be kept relatively low (see 2009 annual report, e.g., around 15°C).

Two years of relatively high mortality in this studbook are worrisome. The total number of individuals and the breeding results demonstrate that the population itself is not at risk, but the decreasing genetic diversity may become problematic.

4. ACTUAL STUDBOOK OVERVIEWS

Homopus areolatus: Total studbook population. MULTX are groups of unregistered specimens at locations outside of the studbook. UNKX are specimens at locations outside of the studbook. ltf means that a specimen is lost to follow-up.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
A03								
1	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	~ Jul 1997	_____	Transfer
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	I	Transfer
					A03	14 Dec 1997	HZ0525	Transfer
						9 Nov 1998		Death
2	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	~ Jul 1997	_____	Transfer
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	II	Transfer
					A03	14 Dec 1997	_____	Transfer
						13 Aug 1999		Death
6	M	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	VI	Transfer
					A03	14 Apr 2001	HZ0738	Loan to
						~12 Sep 2007		Death
7	M	????	WILD	WILD	ROTTERDAM	????	_____	Transfer
					A03	????	HZ0457	Loan to
						5 Jul 1998		Death
32	F	????	WILD	WILD	A29	~ Jun 2000	_____	Transfer
					A03	15 Jun 2001	HZ0752	Transfer
						16 May 2002		Death
33	F	????	WILD	WILD	LONDON RP	????	_____	Transfer
					A03	23 Dec 2001	HZ0793	Transfer
						28 Jul 2003		Death
45	M	14 Dec 1999	58	UNK5	A46	14 Dec 1999	_____	Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	V3	Transfer
					A03	5 Nov 2004	HZ0989	Loan to
						25 Mar 2006		Death
Totals: 3.4.0 (7)								
A10								
4	F	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	IV	Transfer
					A10	27 Oct 2004	_____	Loan to
5	M	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	V	Transfer
					A10	27 Oct 2004	_____	Loan to
62	F	~25 Nov 2007	5	4	A10	~25 Nov 2007	_____	Hatch
					HRF	~25 Nov 2007	_____	Ownership
117	?	6 Sep 2010	5	4	A10	6 Sep 2010	_____	Hatch
					HRF	6 Sep 2010	_____	Ownership
						4 Dec 2010	_____	Death
Totals: 1.2.1 (4)								
A12								
8	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Transfer
					A12	~16 Sep 1999	A1	Transfer
						19 Mar 2000		Death

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     9    F       ????        WILD    WILD  A13           ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A12       ~16 Sep 1999 BLACKY      Transfer
                                                       30 Apr 2000             Death

    13    M       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A12       ~16 Sep 1999     A7      Transfer
                                                       15 Feb 2000             Death

    15    F       ????        WILD    WILD  A13           ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A12       ~16 Sep 1999     A4      Transfer
                                                       15 Feb 2000             Death

    19    ?     5 Feb 2000   MULT3      11  A12         5 Feb 2000 _______      Hatch
                                                        5 Feb 2000             Death

    20    ?    16 Mar 2000   MULT3      11  A12        16 Mar 2000 _______      Hatch
                                                       16 Mar 2000             Death

    21    ?    16 Mar 2000   MULT3      11  A12        16 Mar 2000 _______      Hatch
                                                       16 Mar 2000             Death
Totals: 1.3.3 (7)
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A16
    16    M       ????        WILD    WILD  A16        30 Aug 1994 _______      Transfer

    17    F       ????        WILD    WILD  A16        30 Aug 1994 _______      Transfer

    18    M    23 May 2000      16      17  A16        23 May 2000 _______      Hatch
                                                       30 Mar 2003             Death

    38    F     5 Apr 2003      16      17  A16         5 Apr 2003 _______      Hatch
                                                       28 Nov 2006             Death

    39    M     9 Apr 2003      16      17  A16         9 Apr 2003 _______      Hatch

    48    M    23 Mar 2004      16      17  A16        23 Mar 2004 _______      Hatch

    49    F    25 Mar 2004      16      17  A16        25 Mar 2004 _______      Hatch

    50    F     8 Aug 2004      16      17  A16         8 Aug 2004 _______      Hatch

    51    M    19 Aug 2004      16      17  A16        19 Aug 2004 _______      Hatch

    52    F    25 Aug 2004      16      17  A16        25 Aug 2004 _______      Hatch

    54    M    10 Jun 2005      16      17  A16        10 Jun 2005 _______      Hatch

    55    M    27 Jun 2005      16      17  A16        27 Jun 2005 _______      Hatch

    56    F     6 Oct 2005      16      17  A16         6 Oct 2005 _______      Hatch

    57    F     3 Nov 2005      16      17  A16         3 Nov 2005 _______      Hatch

    61    ?    17 Dec 2006      16      17  A16        17 Dec 2006 _______      Hatch
                                                      ~ 9 May 2007             Death

   108    ?     8 Mar 2010      47      37  A44         8 Mar 2010 _______      Hatch
                                            A16         4 Jun 2010 _______      Transfer

   109    ?     8 Mar 2010      47      37  A44         8 Mar 2010 _______      Hatch
                                            A16         4 Jun 2010 _______      Transfer

   115    ?    30 May 2010      16      17  A16        30 May 2010 _______      Hatch

   116    ?    31 May 2010      16      17  A16        31 May 2010 _______      Hatch
Totals: 7.7.5 (19)
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A26
    27    M       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A26         9 Jul 2001 _______ ltf Transfer

    28    F       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A26         9 Jul 2001 _______ ltf Transfer
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A27
    29    M       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A27         9 Jul 2001 _______      Transfer
                                                        9 Nov 2001             Death

    30    F       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      _______      Transfer
                                            A27         9 Jul 2001 _______      Transfer
                                                       11 Nov 2001             Death
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A37
    22    M       ????        WILD    WILD  A20           ????      ______      Transfer
                                            A21        17 Oct 2000  ______      Transfer
                                            A37        15 Sep 2002       1      Transfer

    23    F       ????        WILD    WILD  A20           ????      ______      Transfer
                                            A21        17 Oct 2000  ______      Transfer
                                            A37        15 Sep 2002       2      Transfer

    24    F         ~ 1993    UNK1    UNK2  A20             ~ 1993  ______      Hatch
                                            A21        17 Oct 2000  ______      Transfer
                                            A37        15 Sep 2002       3      Transfer

    46    ?    30 Sep 2004      22      24  A37        30 Sep 2004  ______      Hatch

   107    ?     8 Mar 2010      47      37  A44         8 Mar 2010  ______      Hatch
                                            A37         5 May 2010  ______      Transfer

   111    ?    29 Mar 2010      47      37  A44        29 Mar 2010  ______      Hatch
                                            A37         7 Jun 2010  ______      Transfer
Totals: 1.2.3 (6)
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A42
    35    M     9 Jul 2002      16      17  A16         9 Jul 2002  ______      Hatch
                                            A42       ~30 Sep 2005  ______      Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A43
    10    M       ????        WILD    WILD  A13           ????      ______      Transfer
                                            A12       ~16 Sep 1999   ERNST      Transfer
                                            A43         ~ May 2004  ______ ltf Loan to

    11    F       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      ______      Transfer
                                            A12       ~16 Sep 1999      A5      Transfer
                                            A43         ~ May 2004  ______ ltf Loan to

    12    F       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      ______      Transfer
                                            A12       ~16 Sep 1999      A6      Transfer
                                            A43         ~ May 2004  ______ ltf Loan to

    14    F       ????        WILD    WILD  KRAAIFONT     ????      ______      Transfer
                                            A12        16 Sep 1999    BABY      Transfer
                                            A43         ~ May 2004  ______ ltf Loan to
Totals: 1.3.0 (4)
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A44
    37    F     7 Aug 2003       5       4  HRF         7 Aug 2003    IV-3      Hatch
                                            A10        21 Aug 2004  ______      Loan to
                                            HRF        27 Oct 2004    IV-3      Transfer
                                            A44        31 Oct 2004  ESMERA      Loan to

    41    M       ????        WILD    WILD  WUPPERTAL  28 Mar 1991  91586B      Transfer
                                            A44        27 Aug 2010  ______      Loan to

    47    M     ~ Jun 1993    UNK3    UNK4  A47         ~ Jun 1993  ______      Hatch
                                            A48             ~ 2000  ______      Transfer
                                            A44        21 Nov 2004    HUGO      Transfer

    94    ?     7 Jul 2009      16      17  A16         7 Jul 2009  ______      Hatch
                                            A44         5 Jun 2010  ______      Transfer

   113    M    30 Mar 2010      47      37  A44        30 Mar 2010  ______      Hatch
                                            HRF        30 Mar 2010  ______      Ownership
                                            A44        20 Aug 2010              Death

   114    M    30 Mar 2010      47      37  A44        30 Mar 2010  ______      Hatch
                                            HRF        30 Mar 2010  ______      Ownership
                                            A44        26 Aug 2010              Death
Totals: 4.1.1 (6)
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A45
    25    F    15 Sep 2001       5       4  HRF        15 Sep 2001    IV-1      Hatch
                                            A10        24 May 2003  ______      Loan to
                                            A16         4 Dec 2004  ______      Loan to
                                            A45        27 Feb 2005  ______      Loan to

    34    M    30 Jun 2002      16      17  A16        30 Jun 2002  ______      Hatch
                                            A45        27 Feb 2005  ______      Loan to

    53    M    12 Jun 2005      34      25  A45        12 Jun 2005  ______      Hatch
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)
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A46

58	M	????	WILD	WILD	A46	9 Sep 1997	03	Transfer
59	F	????	WILD	WILD	A46	9 Sep 1997	01	Transfer
60	F	????	WILD	WILD	A46	25 Mar 1999	02	Transfer
84	?	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch
85	?	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch
86	?	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch
87	?	~25 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~25 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch
88	?	5 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	5 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch
89	?	6 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	6 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch
91	?	12 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	12 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch
92	?	~ 7 Mar 2009	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Mar 2009	_____	Hatch
95	?	~15 Jan 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch
96	?	~18 Jan 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~18 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch
98	?	11 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	11 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
100	?	3 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
						25 Sep 2010		Death
101	?	~12 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~12 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
102	?	~24 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~24 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
103	?	3 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Apr 2010	_____	Hatch
						18 Sep 2010		Death
104	?	3 Mar 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Mar 2010	_____	Hatch
						13 May 2010		Death
105	?	~ 3 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~ 3 Apr 2010	_____	Hatch
106	?	9 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	9 Apr 2010	_____	Hatch
						16 Sep 2010		Death

Totals: 1.2.18 (21)

A48

90	F	3 Feb 2009	47	37	A44	3 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch
					A48	3 Feb 2009	_____	Ownership
						10 Feb 2009	_____	Transfer
93	M	7 Jul 2009	16	17	A16	7 Jul 2009	_____	Hatch
					A44	5 Jun 2010	_____	Transfer
					A48	13 Jun 2010	_____	Transfer

Totals: 1.1.0 (2)

A54

79	M	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Mar 2007	_____	Hatch
					A54	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
80	?	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Mar 2007	_____	Hatch
					A54	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
						15 Oct 2008		Death
81	F	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Mar 2007	_____	Hatch
					A54	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
82	F	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Mar 2007	_____	Hatch
					A54	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
83	?	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Mar 2007	_____	Hatch
					A54	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
						15 Oct 2008		Death

Totals: 1.2.2 (5)

A56

67	F	8 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46	8 Apr 2004	_____	Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
70	F	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	14 Mar 2004	_____	Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____	Transfer
						8 May 2009		Death

72	M	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	14 Mar 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____		Transfer
73	M	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	14 Mar 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____		Transfer
75	M	6 Jan 2004	58	59	A46	6 Jan 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____		Transfer
76	F	11 Jan 2004	58	59	A46	11 Jan 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____		Transfer
78	F	23 Mar 2005	58	MULT4	A46	23 Mar 2005	_____		Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____		Transfer
97	?	27 Jan 2010	75	67	A56	27 Jan 2010	_____		Hatch
99	?	17 Feb 2010	75	67	A56	17 Feb 2010	_____		Hatch
118	?	13 Nov 2010	75	67	A56	13 Nov 2010	_____		Hatch

Totals: 3.4.3 (10)

A66

68	M	8 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46	8 Apr 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____		Transfer
					A66	18 Sep 2009	_____		Transfer
77	F	14 Feb 2005	58	MULT4	A46	14 Feb 2005	_____		Hatch
					A56	~15 Jun 2008	_____		Transfer
					A66	18 Sep 2009	_____		Transfer

Totals: 1.1.0 (2)

A70

110	?	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44	8 Mar 2010	_____		Hatch
					HRF	8 Mar 2010	_____		Ownership
					A70	5 Sep 2010	_____		Loan to
112	?	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44	30 Mar 2010	_____		Hatch
					HRF	30 Mar 2010	_____		Ownership
					A70	5 Sep 2010	_____		Loan to

Totals: 0.0.2 (2)

A73

69	M	~22 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46	~22 Apr 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____		Transfer
					A73	19 Jun 2010	_____		Transfer
71	F	~ 6 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	~ 6 Mar 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____		Transfer
					A73	19 Jun 2010	_____		Transfer

Totals: 1.1.0 (2)

A74

74	M	~11 Feb 2004	58	MULT4	A46	~11 Feb 2004	_____		Hatch
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____		Transfer
					A74	~ Mar 2009	_____		Transfer

Totals: 1.0.0 (1)

HRF

3	?	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____		Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997		III	Transfer
						29 Oct 1999			Death
26	?	15 Oct 2001	5	4	HRF	15 Oct 2001		IV-2	Hatch
						26 Apr 2002			Death
31	?	11 Nov 2001	5	4	HRF	11 Nov 2001	_____		Hatch
						11 Nov 2001			Death
36	?	12 Oct 2002	5	4	HRF	12 Oct 2002	_____		Hatch
						12 Oct 2002			Death

Totals: 0.0.4 (4)

WUPPERTAL

40	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL	28 Mar 1991	91586A		Transfer
42	F	22 Feb 1999	58	MULT4	A46	22 Feb 1999	_____		Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	NOMARK		Transfer
					WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586C		Loan to
						14 Apr 2005			Death

43	F	21 Dec 1999	58	MULT4	A46	21 Dec 1999	_____	Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	CR1	Transfer
					WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586D	Loan to
						26 Mar 2005		Death
44	F	20 Dec 2001	58	MULT4	A46	20 Dec 2001	_____	Hatch
					HRF	4 Nov 2004	CL2	Transfer
					WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586E	Loan to
						4 Nov 2005		Death

Totals: 1.3.0 (4)

TOTALS: 33.39.42 (114)

Homopus femoralis: Total studbook population.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
A08								
1	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28	~ Jan 2001	_____	Transfer
					HRF	23 Dec 2001	I	Loan to
					A08	17 Apr 2002	_____	Loan to
6	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W	16 Mar 2006	NONE	Capture
					HRF	19 Mar 2006	_____	Transfer
					A08	2 Apr 2006	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								
A10								
2	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28	~ Jan 2001	_____	Transfer
					A08	23 Dec 2001	_____	Loan to
					A10	30 Jul 2006	_____	Loan to
5	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W	16 Mar 2006	NONE	Capture
					HRF	19 Mar 2006	_____	Transfer
					A10	30 Jul 2006	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								
HRF								
3	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28	~ Jan 2001	_____	Transfer
					HRF	23 Dec 2001	III	Loan to
4	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W	16 Mar 2006	NONE	Capture
					HRF	19 Mar 2006	_____	Transfer
7	M	7 Jun 2008	3	4	HRF	7 Jun 2008	_____	Hatch
8	?	30 Jun 2010	3	4	HRF	30 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch
Totals: 2.1.1 (4)								

TOTALS: 4.3.1 (8)

Homopus signatus: Total studbook population. MULT1 are specimens 18 and 19, MULT2 specimens 20 and 21. UNK1 and UNK2 are unknown specimens outside of the studbook. ltf means that a specimen is lost to follow-up. Specimen number 95 is inbred and not available for further breeding.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
A07								
35	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK	4 Oct 2001	NONE	Capture
					HRF	6 Oct 2001	_____	Transfer
					A07	16 Dec 2001	_____	Loan to
36	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK	3 Oct 2001	NONE	Capture
					HRF	6 Oct 2001	_____	Transfer
					A07	16 Dec 2001	_____	Loan to
103	M	10 Aug 2008	35	36	A07	10 Aug 2008	_____	Hatch
					HRF	10 Aug 2008	_____	Ownership
					A07	27 Feb 2009		Death
108	?	~27 Sep 2009	35	36	A07	~27 Sep 2009	_____	Hatch
					HRF	~27 Sep 2009	_____	Ownership
					A07	~15 Dec 2009		Death

116	?	12 Aug 2010	35	36	A07	12 Aug 2010	_____	Hatch
					HRF	12 Aug 2010	_____	Ownership
					A07	16 Nov 2010		Death

Totals: 2.1.2 (5)

A08

42	F	20 Aug 2002	1	2	HRF	20 Aug 2002	II-11	Hatch
					A08	19 Apr 2003	_____	Loan to
73	M	2 Aug 2005	37	38	HRF	2 Aug 2005	HSS73	Hatch
					A08	18 Apr 2009	_____	Loan to
95	M	18 Sep 2007	41	42	A08	18 Sep 2007	_____	Hatch
					HRF	18 Sep 2007	_____	Ownership

Totals: 2.1.0 (3)

A10

6	M	8 Nov 1996	1	3	HRF	8 Nov 1996	III-2	Hatch
					A10	4 Aug 2001	_____	Loan to
					A31	7 May 2002	_____	Loan to
					A10	8 Dec 2002	_____	Loan to
						5 Sep 2009		Death
7	F	24 Dec 1996	1	3	HRF	24 Dec 1996	III-3	Hatch
					A06	22 Nov 1998	_____	Loan to
					A07	5 Jul 2000	_____	Loan to
					A18	14 Dec 2001	_____	Loan to
					A31	6 May 2002	_____	Loan to
					A10	8 Dec 2002	_____	Loan to
44	M	31 Oct 2002	35	36	A07	31 Oct 2002	_____	Hatch
					HRF	31 Oct 2002	_____	Ownership
					A10	24 Jul 2004	_____	Loan to
80	?	10 Sep 2006	44	7	A10	10 Sep 2006	_____	Hatch
					HRF	10 Sep 2006	_____	Ownership
					A10	1 Mar 2007		Death
81	?	3 Sep 2006	44	7	A10	3 Sep 2006	_____	Hatch
					HRF	3 Sep 2006	_____	Ownership
					A10	8 Apr 2008		Death
94	M	27 Aug 2007	44	7	A10	27 Aug 2007	_____	Hatch
					HRF	27 Aug 2007	_____	Ownership
109	?	3 Feb 2010	44	7	A10	3 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
					HRF	3 Feb 2010	_____	Ownership
110	?	23 Mar 2010	44	7	A10	23 Mar 2010	_____	Hatch
					HRF	23 Mar 2010	_____	Ownership
115	?	1 May 2010	44	7	A10	1 May 2010	_____	Hatch
					HRF	1 May 2010	_____	Ownership

Totals: 3.1.5 (9)

A12

45	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002	_____	Hatch
						~ Jun 2002		Death
46	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002	_____	Hatch
						~ Jun 2002		Death
48	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002	_____	Hatch
						~ Jul 2002		Death
49	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002	_____	Hatch
						~ Jul 2002		Death

Totals: 0.0.4 (4)

A16

11	M	10 Nov 1997	1	3	HRF	10 Nov 1997	III-4	Hatch
					A06	22 Nov 1998	_____	Loan to
					A07	5 Jul 2000	_____	Loan to
					A16	16 Sep 2000	_____	Loan to
14	M	22 Oct 1998	1	3	HRF	22 Oct 1998	III-5	Hatch
					A07	22 Nov 1998	_____	Loan to
					A16	16 Sep 2000	_____	Loan to
97	F	15 Sep 2007	35	36	A07	15 Sep 2007	_____	Hatch
					HRF	15 Sep 2007	_____	Ownership
					A16	14 Mar 2010	_____	Loan to

Totals: 2.1.0 (3)

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A18
    15    F    20 Sep 1999       1       2  HRF        20 Sep 1999   II-6     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                             A18         8 Dec 2002 ______    Loan to

    69    M     9 May 2005      37      38  HRF         9 May 2005  HSS69     Hatch
                                             A33        28 May 2006   NURI     Loan to
                                             A18         3 Sep 2007 ______    Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A25
     3    F       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK  26 Sep 1995   NONE     Capture
                                             HRF        30 Sep 1995    III     Transfer
                                             A25        12 Jun 2004 ______    Loan to
                                                        22 Aug 2008           Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)
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A31
    22    M    19 Jun 2000       1       2  HRF        19 Jun 2000   II-7     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                                        14 Sep 2002           Death

    29    ?    15 Jul 2001       1       3  HRF        15 Jul 2001  III-9     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                                        14 Aug 2002           Death
Totals: 1.0.1 (2)
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A33
    53    F    20 Jul 2003      13       5  HRF        20 Jul 2003 030720     Hatch
                                             A51        16 Sep 2006 ______    Loan to
                                             A33        30 Dec 2007 ______    Loan to

    63    M     6 Jul 2004      35      36  A07         6 Jul 2004 ______    Hatch
                                             HRF         6 Jul 2004 ______    Ownership
                                             A51        14 Aug 2006 ______    Loan to
                                             A33        30 Dec 2007 ______    Loan to

    66    F     6 Aug 2004      13       5  HRF         6 Aug 2004 040806    Hatch
                                             A51         2 Jun 2006 ______    Loan to
                                             A33        30 Dec 2007 ______    Loan to
Totals: 1.2.0 (3)
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A35
    31    M     3 Aug 2001       1       2  HRF         3 Aug 2001  II-10     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                             A35        30 Nov 2002 ______    Loan to
                                                         ~ Jul 2006           Death

    34    M    30 Sep 2001       1       3  HRF        30 Sep 2001 III-11     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                             A35        30 Nov 2002 ______    Loan to
                                                       ~ 1 Apr 2007           Death
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)
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A36
    12    M    21 Nov 1997       1       2  HRF        21 Nov 1997   II-4     Hatch
                                             A07        22 Nov 1998 ______    Loan to
                                             A18        14 Dec 2001 ______    Loan to
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                             A36         8 Dec 2002 ______    Loan to
                                                        20 Oct 2003           Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A37
    33    M    19 Aug 2001       1       3  HRF        19 Aug 2001 III-10     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______    Loan to
                                             A37        11 Dec 2002 ______    Loan to
                                                        26 Dec 2003           Death

    60    F       ????        WILD    WILD  A37       ~15 Mar 2003 ______    Transfer

    61    M     7 Oct 2003    WILD      60  A37         7 Oct 2003 ______    Hatch

    62    F     5 Jun 2004    WILD      60  A37         5 Jun 2004 ______    Hatch

    67    M     5 Aug 2004    WILD      60  A37         5 Aug 2004 ______    Hatch

    83    ?   ~15 Jan 2006      25      60  A37       ~15 Jan 2006 ______    Hatch
                                                      ~15 Jan 2006           Death

    84    ?   ~15 Feb 2006      25      60  A37       ~15 Feb 2006 ______    Hatch
                                                      ~15 May 2006           Death
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    85    ?   ~15 Mar 2006      25      60  A37       ~15 Mar 2006 ______      Hatch
                                                      ~20 Mar 2006             Death

    86    M   ~20 Apr 2006      25      60  A37       ~20 Apr 2006 ______      Hatch

    87    M   ~15 Oct 2005      25      60  A37       ~15 Oct 2005 ______      Hatch

    89    M    18 Jan 2007      25      60  A37        18 Jan 2007 ______      Hatch

    92    M    10 Aug 2007      25      60  A37        10 Aug 2007 ______      Hatch
                                             HRF        10 Aug 2007 ______      Ownership

    98    M    29 Dec 2007      25      60  A37        29 Dec 2007 ______      Hatch
Totals: 8.2.3 (13)
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A39
    40    M     2 Jul 2002       1       3  HRF         2 Jul 2002 III-13      Hatch
                                             A39        12 Apr 2003 ______      Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A40
    43    F    29 Sep 2002       1       2  A40         6 Jun 2003 ______      Loan to

    91    M     3 Aug 2007      37      38  HRF         3 Aug 2007 ______      Hatch
                                             A40        14 Nov 2009 ______      Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A42
    41    M    25 Jul 2002       1       3  HRF        25 Jul 2002 III-14      Hatch
                                             A08        19 Apr 2003 ______      Loan to
                                             A60        12 Oct 2009 ______      Loan to
                                             A42        22 Jan 2010 ______      Loan to

    55    ?     3 Sep 2003       1       2  HRF         3 Sep 2003  II-14      Hatch
                                             A42         7 Nov 2003 ______      Loan to
                                                        13 Mar 2004             Death
Totals: 1.0.1 (2)
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A43
    17    M       ????        WILD    WILD  A12         8 Sep 1999 ______       Transfer
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    18    M       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK ~16 Sep 1999   NONE      Capture
                                             A12       ~16 Sep 1999  VIEJO      Transfer
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    19    M       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK ~16 Sep 1999   NONE      Capture
                                             A12       ~16 Sep 1999 STUMPY      Transfer
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    20    F       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK ~16 Sep 1999   NONE      Capture
                                             A12       ~16 Sep 1999  MIDGE      Transfer
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    21    F       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK ~16 Sep 1999   NONE      Capture
                                             A12       ~16 Sep 1999 BERTHA      Transfer
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    27    ?    17 Oct 2000   MULT1   MULT2  A12        17 Oct 2000  SASHI      Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    28    ?    15 Nov 2000   MULT1   MULT2  A12        15 Nov 2000 PEANUT      Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    30    ?    26 Jul 2001   MULT1      20  A12        26 Jul 2001 ______       Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    32    ?    10 Aug 2001   MULT1      20  A12        10 Aug 2001 ______       Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    47    M       ????        UNK1    UNK2  A12         ~ Jan 2002  ERNST      Transfer
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    56    ?    22 Aug 2003   MULT1      20  A12        22 Aug 2003 ______       Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    57    ?    17 Sep 2003   MULT1      20  A12        17 Sep 2003 ______       Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to

    58    ?    20 Sep 2003   MULT1      20  A12        20 Sep 2003 ______       Hatch
                                             A43         ~ May 2004 ______ ltf Loan to
Totals: 4.2.7 (13)
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A50
     1    M       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK  27 Sep 1995   NONE     Capture
                                           HRF        30 Sep 1995      I     Transfer
                                           A25        12 Jun 2004 ______     Loan to
                                           A50         8 Mar 2009 ______     Loan to

     5    F    27 Feb 1996    WILD       3  HRF        27 Feb 1996  III-1    Hatch
                                           A50        16 Sep 2006 ______     Loan to
                                                      24 Mar 2009            Death

    13    M    26 Sep 1998       1       2  A07        22 Nov 1998 ______     Loan to
                                           A18        14 Dec 2001 ______     Loan to
                                           A31         6 May 2002 ______     Loan to
                                           HRF         8 Dec 2002   II-5     Transfer
                                           A50        16 Sep 2006 ______     Loan to
                                                      15 Sep 2010            Death

    64    M    29 Jul 2004       1       3  HRF        29 Jul 2004 III-19    Hatch
                                           A50        17 Apr 2005 ______     Loan to
                                                      25 Mar 2009            Death
Totals: 3.1.0 (4)
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A52
    70    M    24 Jun 2005       1       3  A25        24 Jun 2005 DOPPIE    Hatch
                                           HRF        24 Jun 2005 ______     Ownership
                                           A52         5 Jan 2007 ______     Loan to
                                                      11 Jun 2007            Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A54
    75    M     9 May 2006      13       5  HRF         9 May 2006 ______     Hatch
                                           A54        24 Mar 2007 ______     Loan to
                                                     ~27 Oct 2010            Death

    76    F    20 Jun 2006      13       5  HRF        20 Jun 2006    V-4     Hatch
                                           A54        24 Mar 2007 ______     Loan to

   102    M    28 Jun 2008      35      36  A07        28 Jun 2008 ______     Hatch
                                           HRF        28 Jun 2008 ______     Ownership
                                           A54         2 Jan 2010 ______     Loan to
                                                     ~27 Oct 2010            Death
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)
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A55
    74    M    31 Jul 2005       1       3  A25        31 Jul 2005 ______     Hatch
                                           HRF        31 Jul 2005 ______     Ownership
                                           A55        24 Mar 2007 ______     Loan to

    96    F    30 Jul 2007      35      36  A07        30 Jul 2007 ______     Hatch
                                           HRF        30 Jul 2007 ______     Ownership
                                           A61        13 Apr 2008 ______     Loan to
                                           A64        10 May 2009 ______     Loan to
                                           A55        12 Sep 2009 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A57
    10    M    22 Oct 1997       1       2  HRF        22 Oct 1997   II-3    Hatch
                                           A10         4 Aug 2001 ______     Loan to
                                           A31         7 May 2002 ______     Loan to
                                           A33         8 Nov 2002  UHURU     Loan to
                                           A57         6 Apr 2008 ______     Loan to

    79    F     9 Aug 2006      37      38  HRF         9 Aug 2006 ______     Hatch
                                           A57         5 Nov 2009 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A58
    71    M    25 Jun 2005      44       7  A10        25 Jun 2005 ______     Hatch
                                           HRF        25 Jun 2005 ______     Ownership
                                           A58         6 May 2008 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A59
    51    M     1 Jul 2003       1       2  HRF         1 Jul 2003  II-13    Hatch
                                           A41         2 Nov 2003 ______     Loan to
                                           A59        13 Sep 2008 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A60
    54    F     5 Sep 2003       1       3  HRF         5 Sep 2003 III-17     Hatch
                                             A42         7 Nov 2003 THEODO     Loan to
                                             A60        22 Jan 2010 ______     Loan to
                                                        29 May 2010            Death

    68    M    14 Aug 2004      35      36  A07        14 Aug 2004 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        15 Aug 2004 ______     Ownership
                                             A61         8 Oct 2006 ______     Loan to
                                             A60        18 Sep 2008 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)
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A62
    25    M    12 Sep 2000       1       3  HRF        12 Sep 2000  III-8     Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______     Loan to
                                             A37        11 Dec 2002 ______     Loan to
                                             A62       ~ 9 Oct 2008 ______     Loan to
                                                         2 Jan 2009            Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A63
    77    F    13 Jul 2006      44       7  A10        13 Jul 2006 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        13 Jul 2006 ______     Ownership
                                             A63        14 Aug 2010 ______     Loan to

    78    M    10 Jun 2006      44       7  A10        10 Jun 2006 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        10 Jun 2006 ______     Ownership
                                             A63         7 Mar 2009 ______     Loan to
                                                        23 Jul 2010            Death

    93    M    30 Jul 2007      44       7  A10        30 Jul 2007 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        30 Jul 2007 ______     Ownership
                                             A63        14 Aug 2010 ______     Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)
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A64
    59    M    10 Jun 2004       1       3  HRF        10 Jun 2004 III-18     Hatch
                                             A61        17 Apr 2005 ______     Loan to
                                             A64        10 May 2009 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A65
    72    M    24 Jul 2005   MULT3   MULT4  HRF        24 Jul 2005    ?-1     Hatch
                                             A65        17 Oct 2009 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A67
   106    ?    20 May 2009      35      36  A07        20 May 2009 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        20 May 2009 ______     Ownership
                                             A67        13 Mar 2010 ______     Loan to

   107    ?    21 Jul 2009      35      36  A07        21 Jul 2009 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        21 Jul 2009 ______     Ownership
                                             A67        13 Mar 2010 ______     Loan to
Totals: 0.0.2 (2)
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A68
    99    M    21 May 2008      37      38  HRF        21 May 2008 ______     Hatch
                                             A68         5 Jun 2010 ______     Loan to

   100    M    24 Jun 2008      37      38  HRF        24 Jun 2008 ______     Hatch
                                             A68         5 Jun 2010 ______     Loan to
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)
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A69
    88    M   ~15 Nov 2005      25      60  A37       ~15 Nov 2005 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF       ~15 Nov 2005 ______     Ownership
                                             A69        30 Aug 2010 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A71
    82    M    26 Dec 2005      25      60  A37        26 Dec 2005 ______     Hatch
                                             HRF        26 Dec 2005 ______     Ownership
                                             A71        30 Aug 2010 ______     Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)
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A72
   105    F    27 Jul 2009      37       9  HRF        27 Jul 2009 ______     Hatch
                                             A72        29 Oct 2010 ______     Loan to
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   112    ?     8 Jun 2010      37       9  HRF         8 Jun 2010 ______      Hatch
                                             A72        29 Oct 2010 ______      Loan to
Totals: 0.1.1 (2)
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HRF
     2    F       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK  26 Sep 1995   NONE      Capture
                                             HRF        30 Sep 1995     II      Transfer
                                                        14 May 2004             Death

     4    M       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK  28 Sep 1995   NONE      Capture
                                             HRF        30 Sep 1995     IV      Transfer
                                                        24 Dec 1995             Death

     8    ?    26 Jan 1997       1       2  HRF         2 Feb 1997             Death

     9    F    30 Nov 1996       1       2  HRF        30 Nov 1996   II-1      Hatch

    16    ?     4 Oct 1999       1       3  HRF         4 Oct 1999  III-6      Hatch
                                                         4 Oct 1999             Death

    23    ?    19 Jul 2000       1       2  HRF        19 Jul 2000   II-8      Hatch
                                                        29 Jun 2001             Death

    24    ?     2 Aug 2000       1       3  HRF         2 Aug 2000  III-7      Hatch
                                                         2 Aug 2000             Death

    37    M       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK   3 Oct 2001   NONE      Capture
                                             HRF         6 Oct 2001 ______      Transfer
                                             A25         6 Oct 2001 ______      Loan to
                                             HRF        12 Jun 2004 0612-I      Transfer

    38    F       ????        WILD    WILD  SPRINGBOK   3 Oct 2001   NONE      Capture
                                             HRF         6 Oct 2001 ______      Transfer
                                             A25         6 Oct 2001 ______      Loan to
                                             HRF        12 Jun 2004 612-II      Transfer

    39    ?    11 Jun 2002       1       3  HRF        11 Jun 2002 III-12      Hatch
                                                        20 Jun 2002             Death

    90    F    29 May 2007      37      38  HRF        29 May 2007 ______      Hatch
                                                         8 Jul 2007             Death

   101    ?    10 Nov 2008      41      42  A08        10 Nov 2008 ______      Hatch
                                             HRF        10 Nov 2008 ______      Ownership
                                                       ~24 Nov 2008             Death

   104    M     4 Jun 2009      37      38  HRF         4 Jun 2009 ______      Hatch

   111    ?    13 May 2010      37      38  HRF        13 May 2010 ______      Hatch

   113    ?    16 Jun 2010      37      38  HRF        16 Jun 2010 ______      Hatch

   114    ?     4 Jul 2010      37       9  HRF         4 Jul 2010 ______      Hatch
Totals: 3.4.9 (16)
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PRAHA
    50    M    17 Jun 2003       1       3  HRF        17 Jun 2003 III-15      Hatch
                                             PRAHA      20 Dec 2003 ______      Loan to
                                                         3 Dec 2010             Death

    52    F     9 Jul 2003       1       3  HRF         9 Jul 2003 III-16      Hatch
                                             PRAHA      20 Dec 2003 ______      Loan to

    65    M    31 Jul 2004      35      36  A07        31 Jul 2004 ______      Hatch
                                             HRF        31 Jul 2004 ______      Ownership
                                             PRAHA      31 Aug 2006 ______      Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)
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WUPPERTAL
    26    F     7 Oct 2000       1       2  HRF         7 Oct 2000   II-9      Hatch
                                             A31         6 May 2002 ______      Loan to
                                             WUPPERTAL  18 Dec 2002 ______      Loan to
                                                         2 Jun 2008             Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)
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TOTALS: 55.26.35 (116)
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5. SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM STUDBOOK PARTICIPANTS

Location A07

In 2010, three eggs were produced by *H. signatus*, on 15 March, 17 March, and 19 May. Only the second egg hatched, on 12 August. Unfortunately, this individual (see below) died within a few months.

Location A10

Three hatchling *H. signatus* born in 2010 appear to be all females. Incubation conditions were as described in the 2009 annual report:

In order to alter the sex ratio for offspring H. signatus, I changed the set point of the incubator's temperature controller and I installed a new heat cable (increased wattage to provide sufficient heat to reach the set temperature). The set point was increased from 32.5°C to 33.5°C to increase the female/male ratio of the offspring. This resulted in a temperature of 33.5-34.0°C in the incubator (overall) with peaks up to 35°C for a very short time for some days when the set point of the temperature controller changed from night time (29°C) to daytime (33.5°C). In addition, the diurnal cycle was altered. Previously, day and night time were both 12 hours. In the new situation, day time was 18 hours and night time was 8 hours.

At these incubation conditions, a clutch of four *H. areolatus* eggs resulted in one egg (probably) dying during incubation, a second egg dying during hatching, and a third egg hatching but leading to a hatchling with a relatively large yolk sac.

On 19 March, a two-egg clutch from *H. femoralis* was found, but it did not develop. It appeared that *H. areolatus* and *H. femoralis* chose relatively exposed egg-laying sites, while *H. signatus* preferred sites that are covered by rocks or bushes.

Location A16

The female *H. signatus* was introduced to one of the males in 2010. Mating behaviour followed, but no eggs were produced yet.

Location A44

Let me say at first that is was a real successful year for my *H. areolatus*. Like I mentioned in the 2009 annual report, my female *H. areolatus* laid four eggs on 13 December 2009 and gained her normal weight within one week. She then laid a second clutch of four eggs on 10 January 2010, exactly four weeks after she laid the first clutch. Looking back at it, the stimulus for producing eggs might have been moving in the first week of November 2009. The tortoises were kept at cooler temperatures (day 25°C with spot up to 40°C, night 20°C) with a low relative humidity (30 to 70%) before moving. After moving, the temperatures were rather high (day 30°C with a spot up to 40°C, night 24°C) with a high relative humidity (day 70, night up to 100%). All eight eggs hatched, with an incubation time between 78-85 days (incubation as described in the 2009 annual report).

The hatchlings were transferred to other locations. Two of the hatchlings died this year. One hatchling died unexpectedly on its back under the heat lamp, the other hatchling had to be euthanized. It was already weak when it hatched, had good times and bad times, but in the end it refused to eat. Both hatchlings were put in formalin for histopathology. Some flagellates could be found in the rectum of both hatchlings, and both came out to be males. The two new *H. areolatus* transferred to my location do really

good. Studbook number 94 was first believed to be a female but now the tail grew really long. I hope I can tell the gender within one year.

The breeding pair of *H. areolatus* is doing good, but up to now the female shows no signs of producing eggs (there was no moving this year).

Location A46

The ticks that appeared associated with the death of several juvenile *H. areolatus* in 2010 were *Ornithodoros* spp.

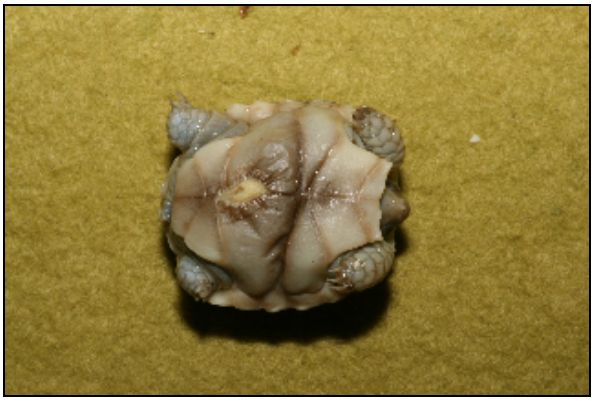
Location A55

Significant mating activity was observed for *H. signatus* in 2010.

Location A56

Homopus areolatus is kept outdoors during summer. These pictures show the terrariums.

Husbandry conditions resulted in offspring:



An extensive report from this location (in German) can be found in appendix 1.

Location A60

The following pictures show two *H. signatus* when the female was still alive. The female was upturned when found dead, the pictures show the soil type used. The right picture shows one of the eggs that was produced.

Location A65

I do have a noteworthy observation(s) with my male *H. signatus*. On several occasions, just before or during feeding, this male showed (mushroomed) his penis. This event lasted for several minutes (between 1-5 minutes). Substrate was not attached to the penis while it was outside the body. The tortoise had no problem retracting the penis and showed no signs of discomfort or stress and resumed feeding directly after the event. I did not noticed any semen flow or other bodily fluids.

Location A66

An extensive report from this location (in German) can be found in appendix 1.

Location A69

The solitary *H. signatus* is doing well, see picture.

Location HRF

Homopus signatus number 38 that had produced an egg that broke during oviposition on 2 March 2009, after which egg shell remains were retained in the body until 18 April (see 2009 annual report), produced two eggs in 2010. One of these eggs was already present in the female's body as a calcified egg on 2 March 2009. This egg hatched successfully, indicating that female *H. signatus* are capable of retaining a viable egg for more than one year. In the end of the 2010 egg-laying season, the female produced two marble-sized eggs stuck to one another, without yolks.

6. NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following overview summarises all manuscripts and articles that were submitted, accepted, or published in 2010.

Subject	Submitted	Accepted	Published	Journal
Husbandry and breeding account *Homopus* spp.	2003/2008			Mertensiella (English), resubmitted for inclusion in a book edited by Prof. W. Sachsse in 2008
Annual variation in reproduction of wild *H. s. signatus*	2008			Copeia (English)
Structure and dynamics of a Namaqualand speckled tortoise (*Homopus signatus signatus*) population over five years of rainfall variation	2009	2010	2010	Chelonian Conservation and Biology (English)
"Groot padloper" in het terrarium (*Homopus femoralis*) Boulengeri, 1888	2009	2010	2010	Trionyx (Dutch)
Road Mortality in the Greater Padloper, *Homopus femoralis*	2009			Turtle and Tortoise Newsletter (English)
Environmental factors affecting modelled current and future distributions of *Homopus signatus*, an arid-zone chelonian endemic to South Africa (co-authored)	2009			Journal of Arid Environments (English)
Darmobstructie bij een Namaqualand gespikkelde padloper (*Homopus signatus signatus*) Gmelin, 1789	2010	2010	2010	Trionyx (Dutch)

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

The available funds accumulated in 2010, as a result of several donations and low expenses. The low expenses were caused by the relatively unsuccessful fieldwork in February (see paragraph 1.2). The currently available funds suffice for the planned telemetry study on *H. femoralis*, but provide little financial space for the acquisition of additional research equipment.

Financial report Homopus Research Foundation 2010

Revenues		Expenses	
Net amount €	Item	Amount €	Item
Project H. femoralis 2006-2012		*Project H. femoralis 2006-2012*	
2,510	Remaining funds 2009	45	Aerial photos
663	Donations private individuals	27	Radiographs
3	Interest bank account	11	Refurbish rainfall logger
		1,000	Reservation rebatterying radiotransmitters
		2,000	Reservation purchase addi ional radiotransmitters
		92	Reservation other project expenses
3,176	Subtotal	3,176	Subtotal
Other		*Other*	
107	Donation V. Loehr to cover non-project expenses	26	Chamber of Commerce 2010
		81	Annual costs bank account
107	Subtotal	107	Subtotal
3,282	Total	3,282	Total

8. PERMIT OVERVIEW

The activities reported in this document would not have been possible without the following permits issued by the South African and Namibian authorities:

Exporting of H. areolatus

- Exporting permit 49683 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
- CITES exporting permit 8830 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
- CITES exporting permit 3558 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, South Africa)
- Health certificate 13\1\4\2\ 09/2- 1676/04 (Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development, Namibia)
- Various additional permits issued to individual studbook participants (Namibia)

Collecting and exporting of H. femoralis

- Collecting permit AAA004-00010-0035 (CapeNature, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permit 58679 (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- Health declaration dated 17-03-06 (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

Collecting and exporting of H. signatus

- Collecting permit 331/95 (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Africa)
- Collecting permit 28/2001 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permits 16579 and 281/95C (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- Permit to move animals/animal products 2001/10/3/A (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

Field study on H. boulengeri

- Research permits 755/05, 43/2005 and 35/2005 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)

Field study on H. femoralis

- Research permit AAA-004-000185-0035
- Research permit AAA-004-00020-0028
- Research permit AAA-004-000392-0035
- Research permit AAA-004-00027-0028

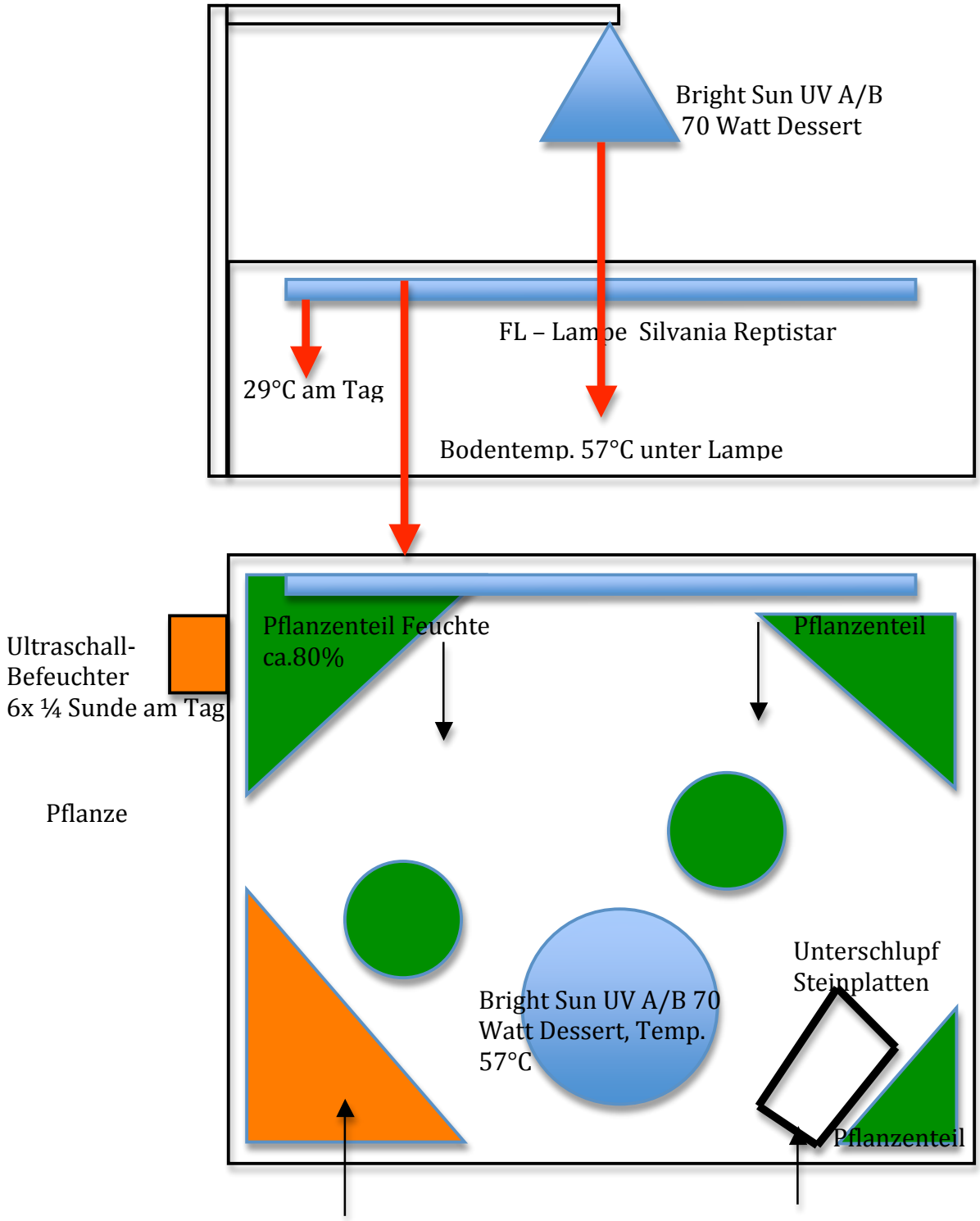
Field studies on H. signatus and H. s. cafer

- Research permits 137/99, 84/99, 019/2001, 010/2001, 46/2003, 26/2003, 8/2003, 168/2003, 43/2003, 158/2003, 633/2003, 25/2003, 158/2004 and 633/2004 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- Research permits 428/2002 and 41/2002 (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Africa)

APPENDICES 1 AND 2 - REPORTS FROM LOCATIONS A56 AND A66

Terrarium *Homopus areolatus* Schlüpfling

Grundfläche Breite 58cm x 53cm
Mit HQI Bright Sun UV A/B Dessert
FL – Lampe Silvania Reptistar UV A/B
Ultraschall – Befeuchter Solis Travel 100ml/ h



Temperaturen: Höhle Unterschlupf Tag 32° 40% Feuchte
Nachts ca. 18°C 70% Feuchte

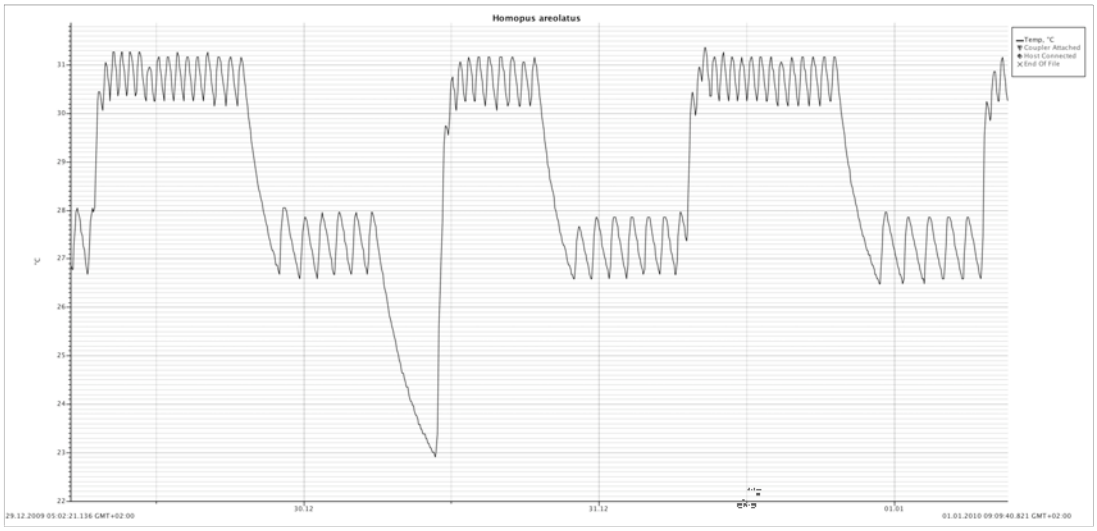
Erster Schlüpfling von *Homopus areolatus*

Schlüpfling hat Schildanomalie

		Female Studbook No. 67		Male Studbook Nr. 75
	Ei: Gew. 8.3gr. L 32.5mm, D 20.2mm			
Ei vom 22.10.2009 geschlüpft 27.1.2010 Brutdauer 97 Tage			N. Bad	Grösse Länge x Breite x Höhe
28.01.2010	Gewicht	5,3gr	5,6gr	26,5 x 23,8 x 18
30.01.2010		5,9	5,8	
02.02.2010		5,9	6,0	
04.02.2010		5,7	5,8	
07.02.2010		5,9	6,0	

Bruttemperaturen:

06.00 – 18.00	31,5°C	Feuchte 80 – 85%
18.00 – 24.00	27,0°C	Feuchte 85 – 90%



Strohmausfall 6 Stunden auf 23°C runter hat anscheinend auf die Bebrütung keinen Einfluss gehabt. Nach 97 Tagen Brutdauer ohne Probleme geschlüpft

7.2.2010

Terrarium *Homopus areolatus* Schlüpfling

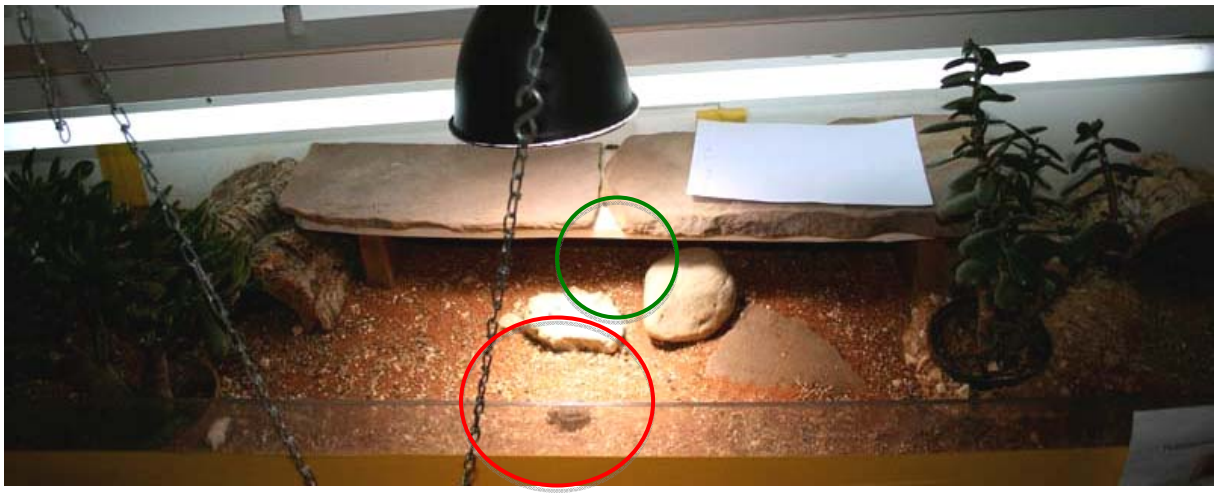
Grundfläche Breite 150cm x 40cm
Mit HQI Bright Sun UV A/B Dessert
FL – Lampe Silvania Reptistar UV A/B
Ultraschall – Befeuchter Eigenbau 300ml/ h

Wir feiern die Naturbrut im Terrarium von *Homopus areolatus*
Beiliegend die Informationen über Terrarium und Temperaturen

Länge 1.5m Tiefe 0.4m

Ultraschallbefeuchter

Fundort 17.02.2010 08.30 unter Bright Sun 70W UV A/B Dessert, das ausserordentliche sie lag auf dem Rücken. Zweimal Glück der Schlupf und das auffinden der Schildkröte unter der Lampe (Temperatur unter Lampe bis 50°C) nach 30-40 Minuten wäre sie an Überhitzung gestorben.



Möglicher Fundort

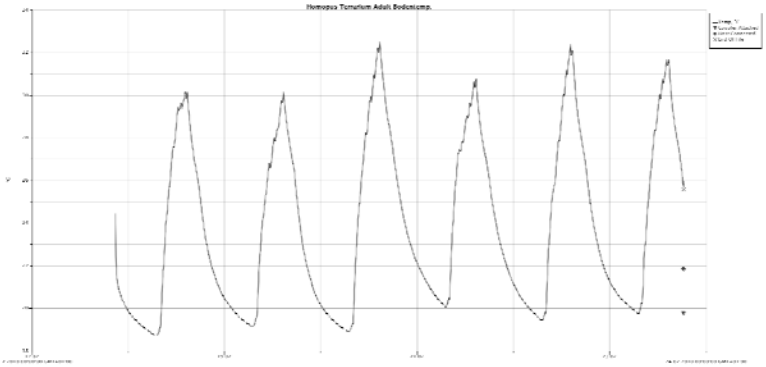
Zweiter Schlüpfling von *Homopus areolatus*

Schlüpfling				
		Female Studbook No. 67		Male Studbook Nr. 75
Ei vom ?????? geschlüpft 17.2.2010 Brutdauer ?? Tage	Im Terrarium gelegt		N. Bad	Grösse Länge x Breite x Höhe
17.02.2010	Gewicht	5,5gr	5,7gr	27,5 x 25,8 x 17
17.02.2010		5,5	5,7	
18.02.2010		5,8	6,1	
19.02.2010		6,5	6,5	
21.02.2010		6,5	6,7	

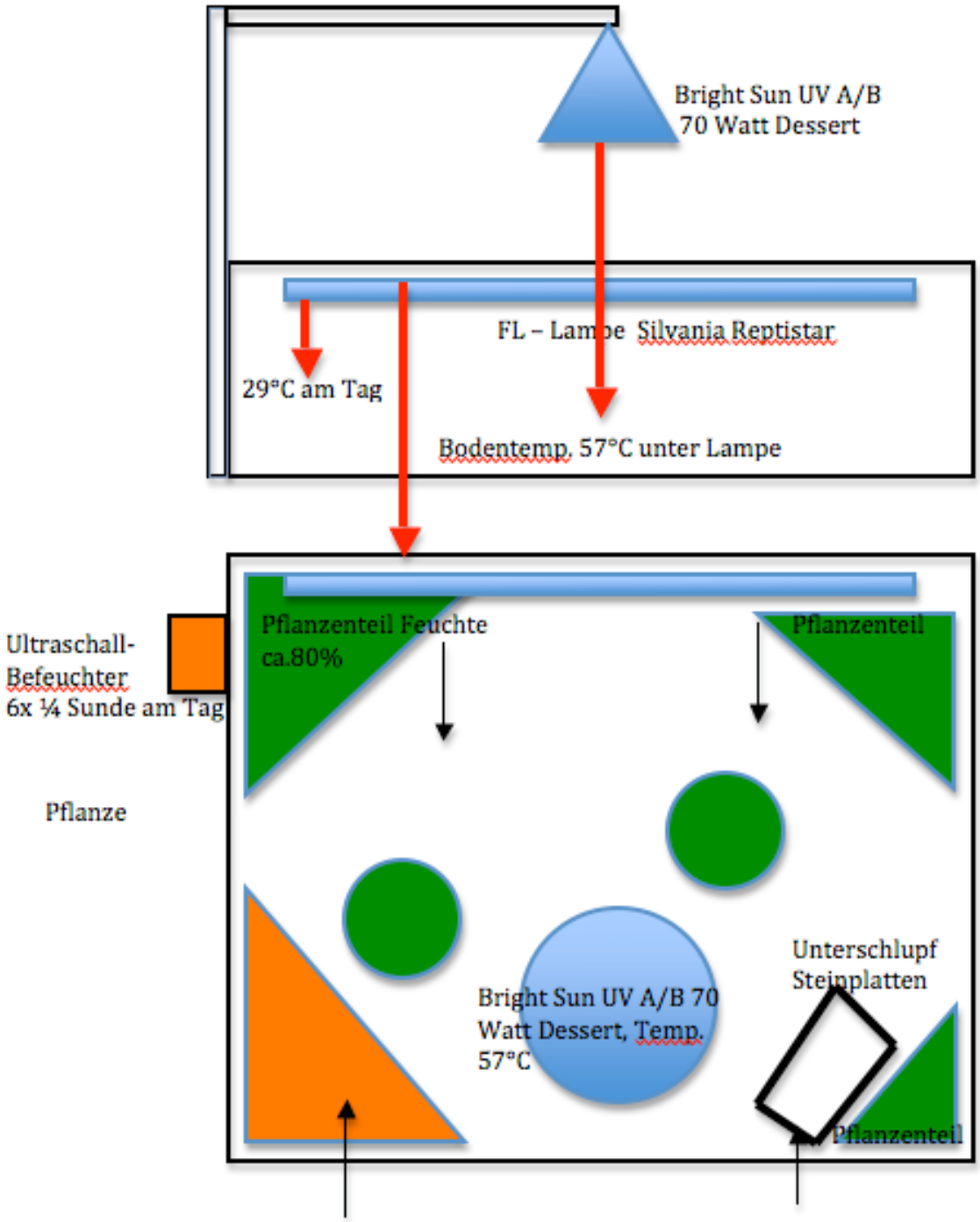
Bruttemperaturen = Raumtemperaturen und Bodentemperaturen
Raum Tags 29,5°C ± Raum Feuchte 55 – 65%
Raum Nachts 19,0°C ± Raum Feuchte 40 – 45%

Bodentemperatur:

Im Substrat ca. 8cm Tief Tag ca. 32,5°C Nachts ca. 18°C

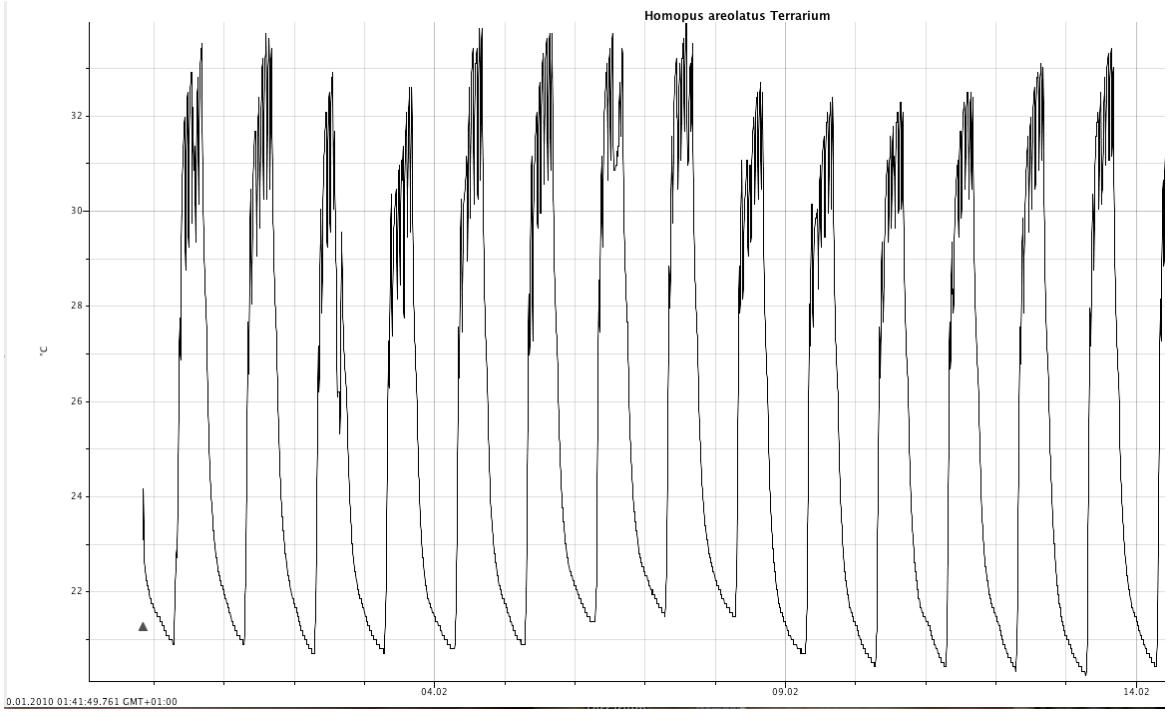


Wird mit dem Schlüpfling vom 27.1.2010 zusammen im Terrarium gehalten.



Temperaturen: Höhle Unterschlupf Tag 32° 40% Feuchte
Nachts ca. 18°C 70% Feuchte

Temperaturen im Terrarium 15 cm vom Lichtkegel der Bright Sun UV A/B Dessert weg, gemessen 4cm über Boden.



23.2.2010

Tagebuch Homopus

Januar 2010
Heute 1.1.2010 haben wir sie gebadet, gewogen und Fotos gemacht. Sie waren danach sehr lebendig.
Das erste Mal haben wir Kürbis gefüttert, dies wurde vorsichtig gekostet.
Auch das Ei haben wir nach 12 Wochen durchleuchtet. Bis anhin sieht es nicht nach Erfolg aus, die Flüssigkeit hat sich gesenkt und ist erstarrt, aus meiner Erfahrung daher nicht befruchtet. Aber so lange es nicht platzt oder riecht lassen wir es im Brutkasten.

Februar 2010
Das Ei haben wir nun nach 20 Wochen weggeworfen.
Wir haben die Ernährungsliste ergänzt. Ich habe Sojasprossen gefüttert und diese fressen sie noch lieber als rohe Karotten. Am Freitag 25.2. haben wir beobachtet, dass sie sich angeschaut und dabei genickt haben, es sah wirklich sehr lustig aus. Natürlich haben wir sie wieder gemessen und gebadet. Nach wie vor klettern sie sehr gerne.

Auch die Lampen werden unterschiedlich genutzt.

Bild links Bright Sun bringt weisses Licht bis 60’000 Lux, rechts Ultra Vitalux die ca. nur 1/5 Lux bringt aber einen hohen UV Anteil hat, sie nutzen beide Lampen rege nach Bedürfnis. Wichtig ist, dass man die Lux und UV Werte misst, um dementsprechend die Höhe nach Alterung der Leuchtmittel korrigieren kann.

März 2010
Viel Neues gibt es bei uns nicht, die Tiere sind aktiv. Eine Paarung haben wir noch nie gesehen, ob das Männchen noch zu jung ist? Schön ist zu sehen, dass dieses Pärchen sich gut versteht und keine Probleme macht. Wir glauben deshalb, dass es im Moment schade wäre, wenn wir dieses Pärchen trennen würden.
Als wir mal über Mittag nach Hause kamen, sahen wir, dass das Männchen unter der Ultra-Vitalux sonnte, aber so haben wir es noch nie gesehen, er streckte seine Beine so lange heraus, dass es aussah, als sei er tot.
Diesen Monat haben wir gekochte Bohnen gegeben, das Interesse war nicht so gross, probiert haben Beide. Wir tauschen regelmässig mit Location A56 Erfahrungen über die Nahrung aus, diese ist sehr Unterschiedlich, bei uns haben sie Sojasprossen und Karotten sehr gerne, bei Ihnen nicht.

April 2010
Da wir am 8. Mai in die Ferien gehen und das Terrarium nicht zwei Mal am Tag kontrolliert wird, hat Marcel beide UV Lampen (nur Grundbeleuchtung 12 Std.) als Test eine Woche nicht im Betrieb, damit das Terrarium und die Tiere nicht überhitzen, somit müssen die Pflanzen nicht täglich nachgegossen werden. Der Ultraschall-Vernebler Produkt Location A56 war in dieser Zeit immer in Betrieb. Die Tiere waren nicht mehr so aktiv, dadurch sieht man, dass die Tiere die UV Bestrahlung wirklich benötigen. Der Test war erfolgreich. Mitte Woche hatte ich die Vitalux über Mittag eine halbe Stunde als weiteren Test eingeschaltet. Die Tiere waren wieder aktiver und gingen sofort unter die Lampe. Gefressen haben sie dadurch weniger, aber das übliche, zusätzlich Löwenzahn- und Hahnenfussblüten. Bis Ferienbeginn 8. Mai ist die ganze Technik wieder in Betrieb wie vor dem Test.

Mai 2010
Anfangs Monat zeigte das Hompus Männchen sein Geschlechtsteil, das konnten wir bis anhin nie beobachten, somit hoffen wir, dass wir bald auch eine Paarung sehen. Unsere Ferien sind (wie der Test mit den Lampen) reibungslos verlaufen. Unsere Söhne haben die Tiere vorbildlich versorgt. Wir sind sehr froh, dass wir auf die Beiden zählen können.
Es ist sonst Ruhe eingekehrt, fressen auch weniger, sie warten manchmal auch auf ihr Lieblingsessen Sojasprossen, die es jedoch nicht immer gibt.
Nun hoffen wir, dass das Wetter bald wärmer wird, damit wir die Tiere ins Aussengehege platzieren können. Sind gespannt, wie sie sich dann verhalten, ob sie wieder aktiver werden, klettern können sie dort viel. Nächsten Monat gibt es hoffentlich auch Bilder davon.

Juni 2010
Die Tiere harren weiter im Terrarium aus, da das Wetter nicht sommerlich ist. Unser Lichtblick war der 19. Juni, da durften A56 und A73 bei A66 den aus Namibia lebenden A46 begrüssen. Wir befürchteten, da er einen Tag vorher Fieber hatte, dass der Termin platzt. Es war uns sehr wichtig, dass er sieht, wo und wie die Tiere gehalten werden. Er erzählte uns viele interessante Geschichten aus seinem Leben mit diesen Tieren. Für uns alle war dieser Abend sehr lehrreich und interessant.
Am 25. Juni konnten wir die Tiere endlich im Aussengehege platzieren, sie erkunden dieses genau. Das Weibchen sehen wir öfters unter der grossen Wurzel, das Männchen ist immer an verschiedenen Orten. An Versteckmöglichkeiten fehlt es ihnen nicht. Im Moment sind wir enttäuscht, das die Klettermöglichkeiten nicht ausgenutzt werden. Selbstverständlich wurde eine Lampe Vitalux montiert, damit kältere Tage überbrückt werden können. Die Hälfte des Aussengeheges haben wir mit einem flexibles Plexiglas überdeckt zum Schutz der elektrischen Installation.


Juli 2010
Die Tiere fühlen sich sichtbar wohl im Aussengehege. Am Morgen wärmen sich Beide am Alu blech auf und über Mittag ist das Männchen immer sehr aktiv und läuft umher.
Bereits am 6. Juli erfolgte eine Probebohrung, die aber erst am 7. Juli durch zwei Eier gekrönt wurde. Leider ging beim vorsichtigen Ausgraben eines zu Bruch, da sie seht Dünnschalig sind.
Nun blüht der Hibiskus, den sie sehr gerne als Nahrung fressen, den Stempel der Blüte lassen sie aber liegen.

August 2010
Die Klettermöglichkeit werden jedoch aussen nicht genutzt wie im Innenterrarium. Da das Wetter zeitweise nicht so warm ist und das Weibchen wieder nervös einen Platz zum Graben sucht und wir Angst vor einer Legenot haben, schalten wir die Vitalux des Öfteren ein. Nicht viel später am 12. August gib es wieder eine Probebohrung. Am 13. August hat sie die definitive Grube gemacht und zwei Eier gelegt. Beide Eier sind heil im Brutapparat.

September 2010
Am 17. September konnten wir nicht länger warten, da die Temperaturen stark gesunken sind. Ueber Mittag hat Marcel die Tiere ins Innenterrarium umgesetzt. Das er am 12. September sorgfältig eingerichtet hat.
Ab 28-30. September sind beide Tiere nervös, rannten und kletterten umher, Sie sonnt ihr Hinterteil unter der Lampe, dies ist ein Zeichen, dass es bald wieder Eier gibt. Sie ruhte sich sogar einmal auf dem Männchen aus.
Es ist wiederum festzustellen, dass sie beide Lampen Vitalux wie Bright Sun rege benutzen.

Oktober 2010
Hurra, am 1. Oktober hat das Weibchen wieder 2 Eier gelegt. Es ging sehr schnell, um 14.30 Uhr hatte sie schon ein 7 cm tiefes Loch, beim nächsten Kontrollgang um 15.00 Uhr war sie bereits am Zudecken. Der Abstand vom 2. zum 3. Gelege beträgt 7 Wochen (48Tg), vorher nur 5½ Wochen (38Tg).

November 2010
Am 5. November legte sie das letzte Gelege mit einem Ei. Nach wie vor wissen wir nicht, ob ein Junges schlüpft, dies wird sich wohl erst im Jahr 2011 zeigen.
Seither sind die Tiere ruhig geworden, fressen auch nicht mehr soviel, nun hat die Sommerruhe wohl begonnen.
Da die Temperaturen im Raum massiv (auf 15°) gesunken sind, habe ich die zwei Bright Sun wieder auf 20cm Höhe eingestellt. Auch habe ich die Glasscheiben

wieder montiert, damit die Temperaturen wie in der Natur von 16-33° simuliert werden können.

Dezember 2010
Das Weibchen hat sich zeitweise in ihrer Höhle rechts eingenistet neben den beiden Bright Sun, mit dem Rückenpanzer an die Decke im Unterschlupf angepasst. Manchmal verweilt sie dort eine Woche und wechselt danach in den Unterschlupf links zum Männchen, neben Trinkgefäss und Vitalux. An der Technik haben wir nichts geändert, da sich die Tiere im letzten Jahr (Dezember 09) nach unseren Beobachtungen wohl gefühlt haben.

Wir hoffen, dass der Zuchtbuchführer die anderen Teilnehmer motiviert, damit ein Erfahrungsaustausch gewährleistet wird. Es ist für Alle sehr wichtig, damit unsere Tiere die bestmöglichsten Bedingungen erhalten. Das würde uns Schweizer helfen und sehr freuen!