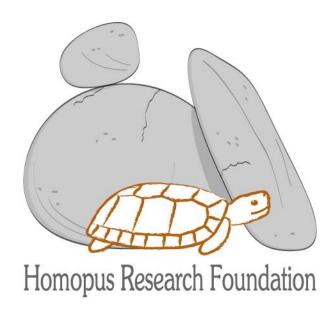
# Homopus Research Foundation



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# 1. Introduction and achievements in 2016

The Homopus Research Foundation aims to facilitate the long-term survival of *Homopus* spp. in the wild, by gathering and distributing information about their biologies and by the formation of genetically healthy *ex situ* populations. In 2016, several activities contributed to this aim. The current report presents an overview of achievements in 2016, as well as activities planned for 2017 and thereafter. Moreover, the actual studbook populations of *Homopus areolatus*, *Homopus femoralis* and *Homopus signatus* are described, focussing on changes that occurred in 2016. All <u>previous annual reports since 1995</u> can be found on the website of the Homopus Research Foundation.

### 1.1. Policies and permanent action points

From time to time, the Homopus Research Foundation communicates policies and permanent action points to the participants in the *Homopus* studbooks and to other stakeholders. To avoid losing sight of these important issues, they are listed here.

- Homopus Research Foundation and illegal activities (1 May 2011)
  The Homopus Research Foundation strongly condemns illegal activities. All Homopus individuals kept in the studbooks and at studbook locations have legal and traceable origins. Each participant is responsible for the paperwork for his or her tortoises and will not fraud. The Homopus Research Foundation will fully collaborate with authorities in case of legal investigations, providing backgrounds of studbook tortoises, DNA samples, etc. Moreover, illegal activities noted within the studbooks will be actively reported to the authorities, to facilitate prosecution. Obviously, participants involved in illegally activities will be unable to continue their participation.
- DNA samples from deceased wild-caught and F1 offspring H. signatus (22 November 2015) In case a H. signatus individual that was caught in the wild in 2015 or any of its F1 offspring dies, two DNA samples (e.g., tail or feet clips) will be collected immediately. One sample will be stored in 70% ethanol, and the other one will be dried using silica gel. Samples will be stored in the dark, out of reach of heat sources and sunlight. Keepers of H. signatus collected in 2015 or their offspring are advised to keep 70% ethanol and silica gel at hand to be prepared in case any animal would die unexpectedly.
- Volunteer tasks at the European Studbook Foundation (23 May 2016)
   The board of the <u>European Studbook Foundation</u> is always in need of volunteers to help with specific tasks. The overall work load has been broken down into smaller tasks to enable volunteers to engage in the foundation without needing to accept a formal position for indeterminate period of time. Studbook participants with time to spare are invited to contact the European Studbook Foundation directly.

### 1.2. Outstanding action points from the 2015 annual report

The 2015 annual report anticipated on several results for 2016. The following table summarises these plans, with results obtained in 2016.

Outstanding action points and results	Due
Manuscript submitted on:	31-12-2016
<ul> <li>Population dynamics of H. signatus '00-'15</li> </ul>	
2016: A manuscript was submitted, reviewed, revised and accep addition, a popular note was published on pyramiding in Chapter 6.	
Studbook management plan for H. signatus updated	30-06-2016
2016: The studbook management plan was updated on 7 April.	A draft was submitted to the
South African authorities and studbook participants for rev	view. The final version was
published on the website of the Homopus Research Found	dation. See Paragraph 1.3.

Outstanding action points and results	Due
Genetic relationship between H. areolatus studbook numbers 4 and 5 tested	30-06-2016
2016: Genetic relationship was tested. The two individuals were genetically relatively similar, but	
had different mothers. The male parentage could not be tested. See Paragraph 1.4.	
Genetic relationships between F1 offspring from new H. signatus founders and male founders tested	31-12-2016
2016: Although offspring was born from the founders that had been collected in 2015 (see	
Chapter 3), genetic testing was not yet performed. It was found to be more important to	
limit stress as much as possible to benefit acclimation and reproduction. As an alternative	
measure, DNA samples will be immediately collected when a founder or F1 offspring dies	
(see Paragraph 1.1).	
Presentation held on keeping and breeding Homopus (Turtle and Tortoise Preservation Group, USA)	Nov 2016
2016: The meeting venue turned out to be at a reptile trade fair. Since the Homopus Research	
Foundation should not give a false impression of involvement in commercial reptile trade,	
the invitation for the presentation was declined.	

### Further achievements that are worth listing:

- The Homopus Research Foundation and its projects were updated in the Dutch <u>National</u> Academic Research and Collaborations Information System
- Reprints of papers produced by the Homopus Research Foundation were distributed through Researchgate, with circa 20 downloads per week.
- In response to a popular paper "Twenty years of husbandry and breeding of the speckled tortoise (*Homopus signatus*) in a studbook: accomplishments and challenges for the future" that was published in The Batagur in 2015, two messages from leading southern African herpetologists were received:

<u>Bill Branch</u>: "Congratulations on 20 years of detailed documentation of your captives. It is a model of what captive husbandry should be about."

<u>Richard Boycott</u>: "Let me pass on my most sincere congratulations on the *Homopus signatus* studbook summary. You have done a wonderful job for the future survival of the species and have uncovered very important facts for the proper management of both captive and natural populations."

Both congratulations were extended to all *H. signatus* studbook participants, because without their efforts there would be no studbook.

- Review requests were received from:
  - African Journal of Herpetology;
  - o Conservation Physiology;
  - Journal of Herpetology;
  - Natural Areas Journal;
  - Pakistan Journal of Zoology;
  - o private researcher from Algeria (friendly review).
- A popular summary of a paper on carapacial scute patterns in H. signatus, produced by the Homopus Research Foundation, was printed in the magazine of the Dutch-Belgian Turtle and Tortoise Society.
- The Turtle Conservancy (USA) asked for specific suggestions for land purchase to protect surviving *H. signatus* populations.
- An invitation was received to present a lecture on *Homopus* (overview, field research and husbandry) at the Conference on Herpetology and Reptile Breeding, Pilsen Zoo, Czech Republic.
- Presentations were held:
  - o In South Africa, looking for the smallest tortoise in the world. January 2016. Lecture day of the terrarium society of Prague, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

- In South Africa, looking for the smallest tortoise in the world. June 2016. Lecture evening,
   Zoo Pilsen, Czech Republic.
- Information requests were received regarding:
  - setting up a tortoise trust for Homopus solus and Psammobates tentorius (Namibia);
  - setting up a field study on the combined effects of invasive plants and climate change on the thermal landscape for *H.* areolatus (South Africa);
  - the use of GPS trackers on wild Testudo graeca (Greece);
  - o the use of dataloggers on captive tortoises (UK);
  - o using webcams in terrariums (Netherlands);
  - peeling of the keratin scute layer in a wild H. areolatus
     (South Africa, photo right; this request was answered by a specialist veterinarian in the Netherlands);
  - placement of confiscated Psammobates tentorius and P. oculifer (Germany).



- Regular postings were placed on the Facebook page of the Cape Tortoise Group. Postings
  concerned advice to keepers of *Homopus* spp., but mainly awareness raising on their
  conservation.
- Photographic material was provided to several book authors (e.g., Ting Zhou, Hai-Tao Shi), webmasters, social media publishers, and a furniture designer.
- A protocol that has successfully been used by the Homopus Research Foundation to acclimate
  wild-caught *H. signatus* to northern hemisphere captive conditions was forwarded to the Dutch
  authorities upon the confiscation of a *H. femoralis* from South Africa.
- The webmaster of the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) was informed that the species account of *H. signatus* on the WAZA website contained multiple errors.
- The website of the Homopus Research Foundation received minor updates. Most importantly, the <u>studbook management plan for *H. signatus*</u> and <u>all studbook overviews</u> were updated.

### 1.3. Studbook management plan Homopus signatus

The first version of the <u>studbook management plan for *H. signatus*</u> was finished in 2013. It provides clear directions for the development of the studbook in the next years and decades and will be updated every five years. The plan will also be updated after every supplementation of the studbook with new founders and after each change in the IUCN conservation status of the taxon. The annual reports of the Homopus Research Foundation will report annual progress of the realisation of the studbook management plan.

As a consequence of the supplementation of the studbook with new founders in 2015, the studbook management plan was updated in 2016. The most important addition was an outline how F1 offspring from the new founders will be combined to maximise avoidance of inbreeding in the long run. In addition, the plan received minor improvements throughout.

All new founders have acclimated well. Whereas their egg production was scattered throughout seasons in 2015 and 2016, it appears that reproduction will follow a normal seasonal rhythm from 2017 onward. In total, the five

Namaqualand speckled tortoise
Homopus signatus

Studbook Management Plan
Version 7. April 2016

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new founder females have produced four hatchlings, at three locations (see Chapter 3 for details). Future genetic analysis (see Paragraph 1.1) will reveal any possible relationships between F1 offspring and (all) male founders, some of which had been collected relatively nearby the females. The four founders that had been collected in 2001 are also still alive and well, and the bloodline in which the genes of deceased founder female number 2 are represented has finally reproduced into F2. The latter was one of the priorities in the studbook management plan. More offspring should be produced in the next years. In order

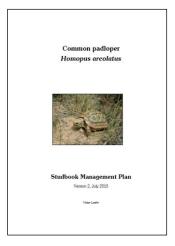
to better represent the genes of female 60 (lost to follow-up) in the population, one offspring from bloodline  $25 \times 60$  was combined with offspring from bloodline  $35 \times 36$ . There are more offspring from bloodline  $25 \times 60$  available for similar combinations.

Concluding, the execution of the studbook management plan for *H. signatus* is on track.

### 1.4. Studbook management plan Homopus areolatus

The first version of the <u>studbook management plan for *H. areolatus*</u> was finished in 2015 and the plan will be updated every five years. It follows the same format as the studbook management plan for *H. signatus*. A major difference between the two plans is that nearly all tortoises in the studbook on *H. areolatus* are privately owned, meaning that the development of the captive population (i.e., the execution of the studbook management plan) is directly in hands of the studbook participants, whereas the studbook coordinator has only a minor facilitating role.

In 2016, an important action that had been identified in the studbook management plan was carried out: The genetic relationship between studbook numbers 4 and 5 was analysed, because these tortoises might be siblings producing inbred offspring. The analysis showed that studbook numbers 4 and 5 had a different mother, but available tests were unable to determine if tortoises numbers 4 and 5 had the same father. Thus, the results were in part favourable for the development of the studbook.



Other important progress was the registration of a new, reproducing bloodline (potentially two) in South Africa. This progress is perfectly in line with the approach in the studbook management plan that additional founders should be sourced from keepers of *H. areolatus* outside the studbook.

Location A56, owning a considerable number of (genetically related) F1 offspring *H. areolatus*, had left the studbook in 2015, but allowed keepers of its tortoises to acquire them and to re-register them in the studbook. This opportunity led to the resurrection of three individuals that were previously registered lost to follow-up (see Chapter 3). These individuals are siblings and in need of genetically unrelated offspring from other bloodlines.

One of the main breeders of *H. areolatus* in the studbook, location A16, was contacted to enquire if it would be prepared to exchange tortoises within the studbook. At this time, location A16 declined. Enquiries at (breeding) location A37 were more successful and will hopefully result in exchanges of *H. areolatus* in the near future. Location WUPPERTAL agreed to transfer its non-reproductive bloodline to an experienced studbook location to hopefully facilitate reproduction.

Concluding, the execution of the studbook management plan for *H. areolatus* is experiencing ups and downs, but the participants (particularly the private owners with breeding results) should realise that they are the ones in charge.

### 1.5. Progress field studies on Homopus

In 2016, no fieldwork on *Homopus* was conducted. One study (2012-2015) on thermoregulation in *H. signatus* will be finalised in 2017 with the preparation of a final paper (see Chapter 6). In January-February 2017, several historic localities of *H. boulengeri* will be surveyed to hopefully find a site with a high enough population abundance for a future ecological field study.

### 2. Plans for 2017 and thereafter

The table below lists results anticipated for 2017 and thereafter, with progress indicated:

Result	Due	Current status
Manuscripts submitted on:		
<ul> <li>thermoregulation in wild H. signatus '12-'15;</li> </ul>	31-12-2017	Data available
<ul> <li>parasite infestations in wild H. signatus;</li> </ul>	31-12-2017	Data available
<ul> <li>egg shell ultrastructure in wild and captive H. signatus;</li> </ul>	31-12-2018	Data available
<ul> <li>long-term captive reproduction in H. signatus;</li> </ul>	31-12-2018	Data available
<ul> <li>captive reproduction and growth in H. femoralis.</li> </ul>	31-12-2019	Data partly available
Presentations held on:		
<ul> <li>unexpected decline in a population of Homopus signatus</li> </ul>	Jan-2017	Abstract submitted
(Symposium of the Herpetological Association of Africa,		
Bonamanzi Game Reserve, South Africa);		
<ul> <li>tortoises of the genus Homopus: overview, field research and</li> </ul>	Feb-2017	Presentation available
husbandry (Conference on Herpetology and Reptile Breeding,		
Pilsen Zoo, Czech Republic);		
<ul> <li>in South Africa for a mysterious tortoise Homopus boulengeri</li> </ul>	March 2017	In preparation
(Spring meeting of the Prague terrarium society, Charles		
University, Czech Republic;		
<ul> <li>infestations of wild H. signatus by viruses, bacteria, round</li> </ul>	Mar-2017	Abstract submitted
worms and ticks (International Conference on Avian,		
Herpetological and Exotic Mammal Medicine, Venice, Italy).		
Field survey on H. boulengeri conducted	Jan/Feb-17	All preparation made
Meeting held on husbandry and breeding of H. areolatus <sup>1</sup>	31-12-2017	Not yet taken any action
Update website due to finalisation of H. signatus fieldwork	31-12-2017	Not yet taken any action
5.5 <i>H. signatus</i> collected in the wild and added to the captive population <sup>2</sup>	31-12-2020	Not yet taken any action

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Conditional is support for such a meeting by the studbook participants.

# 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 the Homopus Research Foundation. 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 at 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 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 2016, all locations have responded.

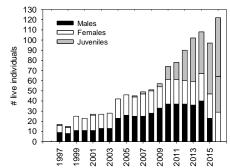
### Homopus areolatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2016: 98 (excluding 36 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 1 January 2016: 12 (7 countries,

including 2 zoos)
New registrations: 4

Births: 22, at 6 locations Deaths: 2 (all captive-bred)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Conditional are granted permits, tortoise activity, and field personnel.

Live specimens on 31 December 2016: 122 (excluding 33 specimens lost to follow-up) Number of locations on 31 December 2016: 17 (8 countries, including 2 zoos) Interpretation of changes:

The studbook population grew as a result of new registrations (i.e., a new South African participant), resurrection of tortoises that were lost to follow-up (i.e., locations that were withdrawn from the studbook in 2015), and births. There were only two deaths (locations WUPPERTAL and A121, primary death causes unknown). Two individuals that had died in 2013 were erroneously listed live in the studbook registration, which was corrected.

In 2016, the studbook was successful in keeping and breeding *H. areolatus*. The genetic composition of the studbook population is reasonably heterogeneous, with ample opportunity to expand the population without inbreeding. The <u>studbook management plan</u> for *H. areolatus* describes what is needed on the long-term, and Paragraph 1.4 reports progress.

### Homopus femoralis

Live specimens on 1 January 2016: 12

Number of locations on 1 January 2016: 4 (3 countries)

New registrations: 0

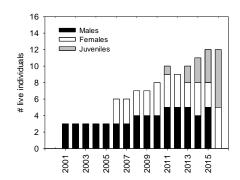
Births: 0 Deaths: 0

Live specimens on 31 December 2016: 12

Number of locations on 31 December 2016: 5 (4 countries)

Interpretation of changes:

The studbook population *H. femoralis* was stagnant in 2016. No eggs were produced, but it appears to be normal for this species to occasionally skip reproductive years. One offspring



was transferred to location A59 and two to a new location A84. Although there are couples present at four locations, the only adult couples are housed at locations A10 and HRF. It is not clear why the adult couple at location A10 still does not reproduce. There has been intensive exchange of information between location A10 en reproducing location HRF.

The purpose of the three females that were collected in the wild in 2006 was to gather and publish information on the biology of H. femoralis. Therefore, the studbook will focus on breeding and raising offspring to generate data on reproduction, growth and longevity, rather than on sound genetic management. Eggs produced in 2017 will be incubated at a relatively low temperature to produce males. The current regime produces 100% females at a diurnal temperature cycle of  $33^{\circ}$ C and  $28^{\circ}$ C, with a constant temperature of  $33^{\circ}$ C from incubation day 22 to 39 (all temperatures measured with a calibrated thermometer).

### Homopus signatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2016: 86 (excluding 16 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 1 January 2016: 39 (11 countries,

including 2 zoos) New registrations: 0 Births: 10, at 5 locations

Deaths: 6 (all captive-bred), at 6 locations

Live specimens on 31 December 2016: 90 (excluding 16

specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 31 December 2016: 43 (11 countries,

including 2 zoos)
Interpretation of changes:

of offspring, which offset relative

The studbook population grew as a result of a large number of offspring, which offset relatively high mortality in 2016. Four of the offspring originated from the new founders that were imported in 2015, adding to the genetic variation in the studbook population. Moreover, the first F2 offspring originating from bloodline 1 x 2 was born. More offspring from this bloodline (to be produced by locations A40, A59, A68, A79 and A116) is needed. Two couples originating from 1 x 2 were transferred to new locations in 2016 to increase the chance of success.

The relatively high mortality appears coincidental. One adult male died after a wound on one of the forelimbs had gone undetected and had severely inflamed. Wounds are seldom seen in captive *H. signatus*. Two other adult males died unexpectedly, after having been housed in their respective enclosures for many years. One of the males originated from parents that are no longer alive and represents an important genetic loss for the studbook population. A female also died unexpectedly. The two remaining deaths were one-year old juveniles that died from unknown causes. Although the primary death causes remain mostly undetermined, it is striking that the majority of deaths occurred when the keeper was on holidays.

After the import of the new founders in 2015, followed by their acclimation and reproduction in 2016, the execution of the <u>studbook management plan</u> is on track (see also Paragraph 1.3). In 2016, five locations received an unrelated breeding couple *H. signatus*, which will further contribute to breeding results in the next years.

### 4. ACTUAL STUDBOOK OVERVIEWS

The tables below give an overview of all live tortoises that are available in the studbooks on *H. areolatus*, *H. femoralis* and *H. signatus*. The tables do not include dead tortoises and tortoises lost to follow-up. Full overviews of all tortoises registered in the studbooks may be <u>downloaded from the website</u>.

Homopus areolatus: live and available studbook population. MULTX are groups of unregistered specimens at locations outside of the studbook, except MULT4 consists of studbook numbers 59 and 60, and MULT7 consists of studbook numbers 190 and 191. UNKX are specimens at locations outside of the studbook.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch	Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	1	Local ID	======================================
A10				5				ov 2007 ov 2007		Hatch Ownership Loan to Transfer
94	М	7 Ju	1 2009	16	17		7 Jı 5 Jı	ıl 2009 ın 2010	AUGUST	Hatch Transfer Transfer
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186	?	15 S∈	ep 2015	94	62	A10 HRF	15 Se 15 Se	ep 2015 ep 2015		Hatch Ownership
187	?	17 Se	ep 2015	94	62	A10 HRF	17 Se	ep 2015 ep 2015		Hatch Ownership
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17	F	??	???	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Au	ıg 1994		Transfer
39	М	9 Ap	or 2003	16	17	A16	9 Ap	or 2003		Hatch
48	М	23 Ma	ar 2004	16	17	A16	23 Ma	ar 2004		Hatch
49	F	25 Ma	ar 2004	16	17	A16	25 Ma	ar 2004		Hatch
50	F	8 Au	ıg 2004	16	17	A16	8 Au	ıg 2004		Hatch
51	М	19 Au	ıg 2004	16	17	A16	19 Au	ıg 2004		Hatch
52	F	25 Au	ıg 2004	16	17	A16	25 Au	ıg 2004		Hatch
54	М	10 Ju	ın 2005	16	17	A16	10 Ju	ın 2005		Hatch
55	М	27 Ju	ın 2005	16	17	A16	27 Ju	ın 2005		Hatch

56 57	F F			2005 2005			A16 A16	6 3	Oct Nov	2005 2005	 Hatch Hatch
108	М	8	Mar	2010	47	37	A44 A16	8	Mar Jun	2010	 Hatch Transfer
109	F	8	Mar	2010	47	37	A44 A16				
115	?	30	May	2010	16	17	A16				Hatch
116	?	31	May	2010	16	17	A16	31	Мау	2010	 Hatch
122	?	2	Jul	2011	16	17	A16	2	Jul	2011	 Hatch
134	?	27	Apr	2012	16	17	A16	27	Apr	2012	 Hatch
135	?	25	Aug	2012	16	17	A16	25	Aug	2012	 Hatch
146	?	9	Apr	2013	16	17	A16	9	Apr	2013	 Hatch
147	?	9	Apr	2013	16	17	A16				Hatch
152	?	11	Jun	2014	16	17	A16	11	Jun	2014	Hatch
153							A16				Hatch
157							A16				Hatch
182	?	26	Jul	2015	108	56	A16	26	Jul	2015	 Hatch
184	?	18	Aug	2015	108	56	A16	18	Aug	2015	 Hatch
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111	F	29	Mar	2010	47	37	A44 A37	29 7	Mar Jun	2010 2010	 Hatch Transfer
172	М	5	Jan	2014	22	24	A37	5	Jan	2014	 Hatch
173	М	12	Jan	2014	22	24	A37	12	Jan	2014	 Hatch
174	F	15	Aug	2014	22	24	A37	15	Aug	2014	 Hatch
175	F	15	Jan	2015	22	24	A37	15	Jan	2015	 Hatch
177	М	15	Feb	2012	22	24	A37	15	Feb	2012	 Hatch
178	F	15	Feb	2009	22	24	A37	15	Feb	2009	 Hatch
179	F	15	Feb	2005	22	24	A37	15	Feb	2005	 Hatch
180	F	15	Feb	2004	22	24	A37	15	Feb	2004	 Hatch
183	F	11	Aug	2015	22	24	A37	11	Aug	2015	 Hatch
211	?	8	Feb	2016	22	24	A37	8	Feb	2016	 Hatch
212	?	17	Mar	2016	22	24	A37	17	Mar	2016	 Hatch
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			- 5				HRF	13	Aug	2012		Ownership
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A46 58	М		???	?	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
162	?	29	Jan	2014	58	MULT4	A46	29	Jan	2014		Hatch
164	?	20	Feb	2014	58	MULT4	A46	20	Feb	2014		Hatch
165	?	20	Feb	2014	58	MULT4	A46	20	Feb	2014		Hatch
167	?	27	Feb	2014	58	MULT4	A46	27	Feb	2014		Hatch
169	?	13	Feb	2015	58	MULT4	A46	13	Feb	2015		Hatch
170	?	20	Feb	2015	58	MULT4	A46	20	Feb	2015		Hatch
171	?	20	Mar	2015	58	MULT4	A46	20	Mar	2015		Hatch
197	?	4	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	4	Feb	2016		Hatch
198	?	4	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	4	Feb	2016		Hatch
199	?	4	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	4	Feb	2016		Hatch
200	?	6	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	6	Feb	2016		Hatch
202	?	20	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	20	Feb	2016		Hatch
203	?	21	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	21	Feb	2016		Hatch
204	?	22	Feb	2016	58	MULT4	A46	22	Feb	2016		Hatch
205	?	3	Mar	2016	58	MULT4	A46	3	Mar	2016		Hatch
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93	М	7	Jul	2009	16	17	A16 A44	7 5	Jul Jun	2009 2010		Hatch Transfer
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A73	М	~22	Apr	2004	58	MULT4	A46	~22	Apr	2004	 Hatch Loan to
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A77 84	М	~ 7	Feb	2008	58	MULT4	A46 A77	~ 7	Feb Jun	2008 2011	 Hatch Transfer
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126	F	1	Feb	2012	58		A46		Feb	2012	 Hatch Transfer
127	М	2	Feb	2012	58	MULT4	A46 A99	2	Feb Sep	2012 2016	 Hatch Transfer
128	F	3	Feb	2012	58	MULT4	A46 A99	3	Feb Sep	2012 2016	 Hatch Transfer
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136	?	~18	Jan	2013	58	MULT4	A46 A99	~18	Jan Sep	2013 2016	 Hatch Transfer
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### Homopus femoralis: live and available studbook population.

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Homopus signatus: live and available studbook population. MULT1 are specimens 18 and 19, MULT2 specimens 20 and 21, MULT3 are specimens 13 (with MULT4 = 9) or 37 and MULT4 are specimens 9 or 38. UNK1 and UNK2 are unknown specimens outside of the studbook. Specimen number 95 is inbred and not available for further breeding.

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A08 95	М	18 Sep	2007	41	42	A08 HRF			2007			Hatch Ownership
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A10												
146	?	6 Jul	2015	35	36	A10 HRF			2015 2015			Hatch Ownership
148	?	16 Sep	2015	35	36	A10 HRF	16 16	Sep Sep	2015 2015			Hatch Ownership
149	?	17 Sep	2015	35	36	A10 HRF			2015 2015			Hatch Ownership

153	М	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A10	22 22 23	Sep Sep Sep	2015 2015 2015	NONE	Capture Ownership Loan to
158	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A10	22 22 23	Sep Sep Sep	2015 2015 2015	NONE	Capture Ownership Loan to
166	?	7 Jun 201	.6 35	36	A10 HRF	7 7	Jun Jun	2016 2016		Hatch Ownership
167	?	26 Aug 201	.6 35	36	A10 HRF	26 26	Aug Aug	2016 2016		Hatch Ownership
168	?	18 Sep 201	.6 35	36	A10 HRF	18 18	Sep Sep	2016 2016		Hatch Ownership
169	?	7 Sep 201	16 35	36	A10 HRF	7 7	Sep Sep	2016 2016		Hatch Ownership
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A37 86 Totals:		~20 Apr 200	)6 25	60	A37	~20	Apr	2006		Hatch
A40 43	F	29 Sep 200	)2 1	2	HRF A40	2 9 6	Sep Jun	2002		Hatch Loan to
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Totals:										
A42 41	М	25 Jul 200	)2 1	3	HRF A08 A60 A42	25 19 12 22	Jul Apr Oct Jan	2002 2003 2009 2010	III-14 	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
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A50 1	М	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 A50	27 30 12 8	Sep Sep Jun Mar	1995 1995 2004 2009	NONE I	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to
35	М	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07 A10 A50	4 6 16 26 16	Oct Oct Dec Oct Jul	2001 2001 2001 2012 2016	NONE	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to Loan to
36	F	????	WILD	WILD		3	Oct	2001	NONE	Canturo
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A51 147	?	28 Aug 201	.5 35	36	A10 HRF A51	28 28 10	Aug Aug Sep	2015 2015 2016		Hatch Ownership Loan to
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A55 143	?	5 Aug 201	.5 74	96	A55 HRF	5 5	Aug Aug	2015 2015		Hatch Ownership

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131	M		MITD	WILD	HRF A55	22 5	Sep 2 Sep 2	2015		Capture Ownership Loan to
156	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A55	22 S 22 S 23 S	Sep 2 Sep 2 Sep 2	2015 2015 2015	NONE	Capture Ownership Loan to
165	?	27 Oct 2016	151	156	A55 HRF	27 C	Oct 2	2016		Hatch Ownership
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A57										
150	М	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A57	22 S 22 S 23 S	Sep 2 Sep 2	2015 2015 2015	NONE	Capture Ownership Loan to
155	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A57	22 S 22 S 23 S	Sep 2 Sep 2	2015 2015 2015	NONE	Capture Ownership Loan to
164	?	15 Jun 2016	10	79	A57	15 3	Jun 2	2016		Hatch Ownership
Totals:	1.1.1	(3)								
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51	М	1 Jul 2003	1	2	HRF A41 A59	1 3 2 N 13 S	Jul 2 Nov 2 Sep 2	2003 2003 2008	II-13 	Hatch Loan to Loan to
113	М	16 Jun 2010	37	38	HRF A59	16 J	Jun 2	2010		Hatch Loan to
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157	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A59	22 S 22 S	Sep 2	2015	NONE	Capture Ownership Loan to
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A63										
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139	F	1 Sep 2014	1 35	36						Hatch
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72	М	24 Jul 2005	MULT3	MULT4	HRF A65	24 3 17 0	Jul 2 Oct 2	2005	?-1	Hatch Loan to
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130	F	9	Jul	2013	35	36	A10 HRF A83	9 9 14 23	Jul Jul Mar	2013 2013 2015 2016		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
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A68	F	30	Nov	1996	1	2	HRF A68	30 15	Nov May	1996 2014	II-1	Hatch Loan to
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100	М	24	Jun	2008	37	38	HRF A68	2 4 5	Jun Jun	2008		Hatch Loan to
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A76 114 Totals:	M	4	Jul	2010	37	9	HRF A76	4 ~27	Jul Jun	2010 2011		Hatch Loan to
A78 71	М	25	Jun	2005	44	7	A10 HRF A58 A10	25 25 6 22 10	Jun Jun May Jan	2005 2005 2008 2012		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
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A79						2	HRF	22	Oct	1997	II-3	Hatch
79	F	9	Aug	2006	37							
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A80 76	F	20	Jun	2006	13	5	HRF A54 A67 A80	24 25	Mar Jun	2007	V-4 	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
106	М	20	May	2009	35	36	A07 HRF A67 A80	20 20 13 19	May May Mar Jan	2009 2009 2010 2016		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
121	М	23	Sep	2011	35	36	A07 HRF A67	23 23 18	Sep Sep Nov	2011 2011 2011		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
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A84					1		A25 HRF A55	31 31 24	Jul Jul Mar	2005 2005 2007		Hatch Ownership Loan to
96	F	30	Jul	2007	35	36	A84 A07 HRF A61 A64 A55 A84	30	Jul Jul	2007		Loan to  Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to Transfer
119	М	~20	Apr	2011	44	7	A10 HRF A84	~20 ~20	Apr Apr	2011		Hatch Ownership Loan to

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A103 94	М	27	Aug	2007	44	7	A10 HRF A82 A92 A103	27 ~27 10 18 8	Aug Aug Mar Mar Mar	2007 2007 2012 2013 2014		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
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A104 7	F	24	Dec	1996	1	3	HRF A06 A07 A18 A31 A10 A65 A104	24 22 5 14 6 8 11	Dec Nov Jul Dec May Dec Nov May	1996 1998 2000 2001 2002 2002 2012 2014	III-3	Hatch Loan to
44	М	31	Oct	2002	35	36	A07 HRF A10 A65 A104	31 31 24 11	Oct Oct Jul Nov	2002 2002 2004 2012		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
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A105 82	М	26	Dec	2005	25	60	A37 HRF A71 A85 A105	26 26 30 5	Dec Dec Aug Mar Oct	2005 2005 2010 2014 2014		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
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A110 14	М	22	Oct	1998	1	3	HRF A07 A16 A110	22 22 16 14	Oct Nov Sep Mar	1998 1998 2000 2015	III-5 	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
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A111 110	F	23	Mar	2010	44	7	A10 HRF A58 A10 A81	23 ~23 10 22 22	Mar Mar Nov Jan Feb	2010 2010 2011 2012 2012		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
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A112 131	М	4	Oct	2013	35	36	A10 HRF A112	4 4 12	Oct Oct Sep	2013 2013 2015		Hatch Ownership Loan to
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A113 126 Totals:	M 1.0.0	16	Aug	2012								Hatch Loan to
A114 124	М	30	Jun	2012	37	9	HRF	30	Jun	2012		Hatch Loan to
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A115												
87	М	~15	Oct	2005	25	60	A37 A115	~15 21	Oct Nov	2005 2015		Hatch Transfer
89	М	18	Jan	2007	25	60	A37 A115	18 ~21	Jan Nov	2007 2015		Hatch Transfer
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A116												
42	F	20	Aug	2002	1	2	HRF A08 A116	20 19 31	Aug Apr Jan	2002 2003 2016	II-11 	Hatch Loan to Loan to
73	М	2	Aug	2005	37	38	HRF A08 A116	2 18 31	Aug Apr Jan	2005 2009 2016	HSS73	Hatch Loan to Loan to
125	М	7	Jul	2012	74	96	A55 HRF	7 7	Jul Jul	2012		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
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A120 145	?	20 Ju	n 2015	35	36	A10 HRF A120	20 20 10	Jun Jun Sep	2015 2015 2016		Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals:	0.0.1	(1)									
A122 112	М	8 Ju	n 2010	37	9	HRF A72 A83 A122	8 29 16	Jun Oct Aug	2010 2010 2012		Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
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93	М	30 Ju	1 2007	44		A10 HRF A63 AMSTERDAM	30 14	Jul	2007		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
115	?	6 Ju	1 2011	37	9	HRF AMSTERDAM	6 6	Jul Nov	2011 2012	R12043	Hatch Loan to
117	?	12 Ju	n 2011	37		HRF AMSTERDAM					Hatch
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159	F	??	??	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF	22 22	Sep Sep	2015 2015	NONE	Capture Transfer
161	?	26 Ja	n 2016	WILD	159	HRF	26	Jan	2016		Hatch
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# 5. SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM STUDBOOK PARTICIPANTS

Location A44

All *H. areolatus* at my location were kept together. Temperatures were low in November and December 2015, 14 to 18°C, with a very short light period. The oldest female (number 130) laid two eggs on top of the substrate unexpectedly on 13 February 2016. One egg had a crack in the shell on 28 February. When I opened the egg further, I could see a heartbeat for a short while. The second egg had a crack in the shell on 18 April 2016 and I opened the egg on 2 May 2016. The embryo was dead. The female laid one more fertile egg on the 31 May 2016,

but I lost the egg with a crack in the shell after some days.

I expect *H. areolatus* number 130 to lay more eggs; the cloaca was dilated and the older male was seen to be interested in the females. The second female has a problem



interested in the females. The second female has a problem at its right eye, which has stayed close for some weeks. All animals are kept together in a  $120 \times 60 \times 60$  cm terrarium with UV light; I do plan to separate numbers 130 and 132 from the numbers 133 and 149 next spring.

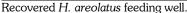
### Location A46

On 8 March 2014, I found a small H. areolatus (31.0 x 28.5 x 16.0 mm, body mass 7.0 g) in the open outdoor enclosure of the adult tortoises, alongside additional hatchlings. The small hatchling developed more slowly than its siblings. In April 2015, prior to a brumation period, it measured 41.0 x 39.0 x 18.5 mm, body mass 11.0 g. In November 2015, the tortoise quite surprisingly measured 44.0 x 39.0 x 20.5 mm, body mass 18 g.

As a result of a tick infestation in the enclosures, the tortoise was moved to an enclosure without ticks in November 2015. A few weeks later, the tortoise had not grown and lost 4 g body mass. Moreover, the shell of the tortoise had become softer, the skin parchment-like, and the eyes sunken. Observation frequency was increased and when no improvements were noted, the tortoise was moved from its relatively warm and sunny enclosure to a more shaded, wooden, closed enclosure. The tortoise was fed and soaked, but its status did not improve. Also the cooler Autumn and Winter days (May-August 2016) did not bring improvement.

In the end of August 2016, the shell of the tortoise had become harder again. The tortoise fed well, but did not grow. It was transferred to a new, open, outdoor enclosure with natural vegetation, many retreats and a cover consisting of shade cloth. The enclosure received relatively little sunlight and was quite cool and humid (not wet). The tortoise behaved in a normal fashion, ate well, and its measurements were  $49.5 \times 41.5 \times 24.0 \, \text{mm}$ , body mass  $24 \, \text{g}$ , on  $25 \, \text{December 2016}$ .







Recovered (hardened) plastron of *H. areolatus*.

It is not clear what caused the sudden improvements. One would expect that any possible physiological disorders would results in disrupted water or nutrient balances, regardless of husbandry conditions. It was clear that the tick infestation, and the transfers of the tortoise (stress) and particularly the transfer to a relatively warm enclosure, contributed to the declining health of the tortoise. Nevertheless, I need to stress that similar conditions have never caused problems in other hatchling *H. areolatus*.

Because the shell softening, skin and eye changes were reversible when husbandry conditions changed (i.e., reduced amount of sunlight and reduced enclosure temperature), I am inclined to believe that the husbandry changes had a positive effect on the physiology and behaviour (e.g., feeding, drinking) of the tortoise. If there are other keepers of *H. areolatus* with similar experiences, I would be much interested to hear.

### Location A57



The captive-bred couple *H. signatus* produced a first egg on 21 February - the couple was later transferred to location A79. The egg hatched on 15 June.



### Location A66

Detailed reports on H. areolatus and H. signatus are presented in Appendix 1.

### Location A84



A first hatchling *H. signatus* was born in 2016.

### Location A110

In autumn, the behaviour of the H. signatus changed. The tortoise often fell asleep half hidden between the rocks, closer to the lamp, probably in an attempt to get warm longer as night temperatures fell into  $17^{\circ}$ C in the room.

Although its beak has regained a normal shape, probably due to more fibrous feeding than he was having at the previous location, the posterior nails are still very long. The nails do not seem to wear fast on the granite rocks. However, I have doubts letting a veterinarian trim them. The body mass has seen no noticeable changes during the last year.

### Location A116

The H. signatus are housed in two new enclosures. I have used 120~kg of substrate (60 kg of loam and 60 kg of play sand). In the enclosure measuring 125~x 95 cm is about 10-12~cm soil, in the enclosure measuring 125~x 40 cm is about 4-5 cm soil. There are two 50W UV lamps in the bigger enclosure and one 35~W UV lamp in the smaller one. The UV lamps can be easily moved up or down if needed. For the bright illumination there are two 1~m led strip (4000-4500K (daylight), 2,070~lm/m, 120~leds/m, 20~W/m, CRI 92), and just as an experiment an additional 1~m UV led strip (14.4~W/m, 395-405~nm). The lights are controlled by an astrotimer set to the  $N20^{\circ}41'$ . There are two plastic caves in each enclosure surrounded by some stones, wooden roots and plants. The bigger enclosure can be separated in two by inserting non-transparent glass in the guides in the centre.





I noticed a wound on the carapace of studbook number 125 upon arrival. After short consultation with the studbook coordinator and a veterinarian, I visited MVDr. Jan Hnizdo at the animal clinic in Prague on 2 February. The diagnosis was shell rot; dangerous because there was a hole through the bony carapace

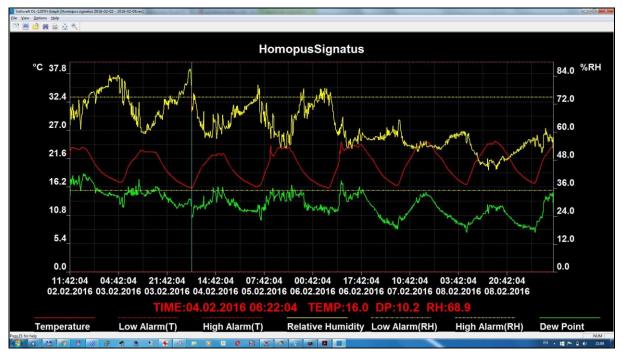
and very close to kidney. Wound swaps for bacteriological and mycological investigations were made. Until the results were available, I should use strong permanganate solution to clean the wound three times a day. Keeping under sterile conditions was necessary. I prepared a simple enclosure in a plastic box with an artificial rock-cave a newspapers on the ground. The animal seemed to be fine with it and ate.

The samples taken showed that the shell rot was caused by *Serratia marcescens*. Because of the good condition of the tortoise, aggressive local cleaning and permanganate treatment was suggested. On 17 March, the wound was already dry and clean, and the tortoise was moved to its final enclosure.



The adult pair 42 and 73 was immediately doing well. The animals were eating, defecating, basking and hiding. It was very hard to even see them. A datalogger (Voltcraft DL-120TH) and a webcam (Zoneway) were installed in February. A first egg was produced on 15 March. Unfortunately, the eggshell cracked towards June and the egg did not develop.





Location A118



Enclosure for a juvenile *H. signatus*.

### Location A121

Below are photos of an outdoor enclosure for *H. areolatus* (top), male feeding on purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*) (left), and two hatchlings (right). The enclosure is raised for better drainage, with many levels, and succulents with other food plants. I even included a log in each. The tortoises seem to like climbing quite a lot, and they also seem to appreciate the holes I have made under the rocks (using flower pots cut in half).







Location HRF
An interesting case was noted of synchronised basking in a couple H. signatus.





Thermal image of an adult female H. femoralis basking in natural sunlight shining in a small portion of the enclosure.

 $\label{location PLZEN} Location \textit{ PLZEN} \\ \text{The enclosure for } \textit{H. signatus} \text{ is situated in a large greenhouse}.$ 





# 6. New publications

The following overview summarises all manuscripts and articles that were submitted, accepted, published, or under review in 2016.

Subject	Submitted	Accepted	Published	Journal
Wide variation in carapacial scute patterns in a natural population of speckled tortoises, Homopus signatus.	2015	2016	2016	African Journal of Herpetology (English)
Bultvorming in wild tortoises (pyramiding in wild	2015	2016	2016	Trionyx (Dutch)
tortoises).				
Unexpected Decline in a Population of Speckled	2016	2016		Journal of Wildlife Management
Tortoises.				(English)

## 7. FINANCIAL REPORT

The lack of field projects resulted in very little expenses in 2016. The only project expenses were for a genetic analysis to determine if *Homopus areolatus* studbook numbers 4 and 5 might be siblings (see Paragraph 1.4). A significant donation was received from studbook participant Martijn Kooijman, and overhead costs were covered by Victor Loehr.

There is a small surplus of funds that will be used in future projects.

Revenues Net amount €	ltem	Expenses Amount €	ltem
Projects		Projects	
340	Remaining funds 2015	121	Analysis genetic relationship H. areolatus 4 and 5
200	Donations private individuals	419	Reservation expenses 2017
540	Subtotal	540	Subtotal
Other		Other	
98	Donation V. Loehr to cover costs bank account	98	Annual costs bank account
0	Interest bank account		
98	Subtotal	98	Subtotal
638	Total	638	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)
- Collecting permit 053/2015 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation)
- CITES exporting permits 16579 and 281/95C (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permit 148487 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation)
- Permit to move animals/animal products 2001/10/3/A (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

### Field study and surveys on H. boulengeri

- Research permits 755/05, 43/2005 and 35/2005 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- Research permit 245/2/2015 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and 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)
- Research permits 152/2012 and 153/2012, 460/2013 and 052/2015 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, South Africa)

# Appendix 1

Detailed *H. areolatus* and *H. signatus* husbandry information from location A66 (Marcel and Lydia Reck).

# Haltungsbericht Homopus areolatus September 2016

von Marcel und Lydia Reck, Schweiz

Im Aussengehege waren sie bis 19. September 2016 unter gleichen Bedingungen wie 2015 getrennt in den für sie gewohnte Gehege. Eier hat das female seit 26. September 2015 (total 6 Eier bei uns) keine mehr gelegt. Kann sein, dass durch die längere Trennung das female nicht mehr motiviert ist Nachzuchten zu produzieren.

Nach wie vor sind wir daran, fremdes Blut für diese Tiere zu bekommen, das sich als sehr schwierig herausstellt. Eigentlich schade, denn es sind Beides sehr schöne Tiere.



Sehnsüchtig schauen sie sich an und begreifen nicht, dass sie getrennt sein müssen. Es ist sehr interessant die Geschwister zu beobachten wie sie sich anschauen und das male manchmal mit dem Kopf nickt.



Terrarium vom 19.September 2016, wie immer liebevoll eingerichtet und mit Pflanzen für den Snack zwischendurch, wenn das Futter zu spät serviert wird. Sogar die frischen Triebe der Euphorbien werden zeitweise angeknabbert wie in der Natur.



male sehen wir nicht toll aus female



Ich finde einfach keinen Weg, der zu meiner Schwester führt......

# **Haltebericht homopus signatus**

November 2016 von Marcel und Lydia Reck, Schweiz

Wir halten diese Tiere ja erst seit der Übergabe vom 24. Oktober, aber es ist eine Freude sie zu beobachten, es sind so herrliche quirlige Tiere.

Das male verfolgt das female den ganzen Tag, auch Paarungen konnte ich schon beobachten. Ob eine erfolgreiche Paarung schon stattgefunden hat, kann ich nicht mit Bestimmtheit sagen.

Das male Jahrgang 11/1997 hat durch diesen Stress 0,36 g abgenommen, die Grösse blieb, da Erwachsen.

Das female Jahrgang 09/13 hat erfreulicher Weise innerhalb von nur 4 Wochen 10,71g zugenommen und ist um 0,6mm gewachsen. Beim Messen haben wir auch folgendes festgestellt, dass es 0,9 mm höher geworden ist. Hat die Gewichtszunahme und das h Mass eventuelle mit Eier etwas zu tun? Bitte nicht lachen, hat dies ein anderer Halter bereits beobachtet?



Sie benutzen das ganze Terrarium, das male klettert manchmal wie wild über Stock und Stein. Es sind sicherlich keine langweiligen Tiere, da läuft immer etwas. Das male ist vor allem ein zutrauliches Tier, es begrüsst mich immer an der Scheibe und möchte vielleicht fotografiert werden.



Der Tagesablauf läuft bei ihnen folgender Massen ab: Geschlafen wird immer in einer der 4 Höhlen, entweder zusammen in der grossen, oder getrennt in einer Kleinen.

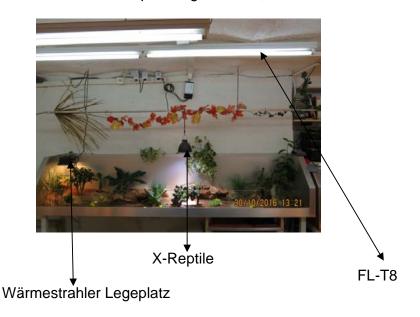


Die grosse Höhle mit Lichtspiegelungen mit getrockneten Gräsern.



Zwei der drei kleinen Höhlen

Das male ist immer als Erstes wach, geht von der kleinen oder grossen Steinhöhle rechts je nach Schlafplatz unter den X-Reptile Strahler 150 Watt von 9.30 bis 18.30 Uhr. Etwas später gesellt sich auch das female dazu und sie wärmen sich gemeinsam auf. Nach 45 Minuten schalten sich dann die FL-T8 Röhren zu, von 10.15 bis 19.15 Uhr. Der Legeplatz mit dem Wärmestrahler 120 Watt befindet sich auf der linken Seite, wird nach dem Aufwärmen am Sonnenplatz rege benutzt, von 10.30 bis 17.00 Uhr.





Legeplatz links hinten



Sonnenplatz rechts Mitte



Legeplatz links



Sonnenplatz rechts





Die Pflanzen werden nur örtlich nach Bedarf gespritzt oder gegossen, damit die Tiere immer nach Bedarf trockene, aber auch wenn nötig feuchte Orte aufsuchen können. Es wurden nur Pflanzen eingesetzt, die auch längere Zeit die Trockenheit ertragen. Da wir wissen, dass es in der Natur zum Beispiel Springbock in Afrika eines der trockensten Naturbiotope ist, tagsüber mit einer sehr geringen Luftfeuchtigkeit, wollen wir dies Nachahmen so gut wie möglich.

Nun nochmal zu den Tieren und ihren Fressgewohnheiten. Sie lieben Blüten, vor allem die Nachtkerzen, die ich ihnen bis Mitte November aus dem eigenen Garten anbieten konnte. Im Sommer werden immer Hibiskusblüten gedörrt, damit alle unsere tropischen Landschildkröten bis im Frühjahr auf Blüten nicht verzichten müssen. Auch konnten wir lange aus dem eigenen Garten Breit-, Spitzwegerich und Löwenzahn, (in den Wintermonaten gedörrt), dass sie sehr gerne fressen, manchmal auch Sprossen. Alle anderen Pflanzen müssen noch getestet werden, da uns die Erfahrung noch fehlt bei den signatus. 1-2 Mal pro Woche Wasser. Wir haben uns noch mit A83 kurzgeschlossen, er hat diesen Tieren bis anhin vor allem Wegerich und Löwenzahn gefüttert.



Der Kot sieht jedenfalls gut aus, oder?



Ich habe diesen Monat noch diverse Messungen gemacht und in eine Excel-Tabelle übertragen (siehe unten). Diese Messungen sind für uns wichtige Erfahrungswerte und geben eine gute Rückverfolgbarkeit.

# Technische Daten Homopus signatus ab Okt. 2016

Terrarien - Grösse Länge 250cm, Tiefe 50cm

Alle Lampen werden monatlich überprüft und je nach Leistung in der Höhe neu eingestellt.

Datum	Strahler / Leuchtmittel / Ort	Daten und Ort	Temperatur °C	္ ့	Zeiten	Zeiten  Luftfeuchtigkeit %	igkeit %
			Tag	Nacht		Tag	Nacht
27.10.2016	27.10.2016   15tk. X - Reptile 150 Watt E27, 50cm ab Boden   UV 100 - 250mW, LUX 25000 - >100000	UV 100 - 250mW, LUX 25000 - >100000	D30cm 28 - 42°		09:30 - 18:30   15 - 40%	15 - 40%	%09
	2Stk. FL Silvania 36W T8/860 Daylight	Grundbeleuchtung allg. LUX 1000-2500	22,5 - 23°	16-17°	16-17° 10:15 - 19:15 40 - 45%	40 - 45%	%02
	1Stk. Halogen-Strahler 120W, 30cm ab Boden	Eiablage-Platz, LUX 3200-5200	D30cm 33 - 36°		10:30 - 17:00 20 - 40%	20 - 40%	20%
	Allgemein ausserhalb Strahler	Schatten unter Pflanzen usw.	22,5 - 23°	16 - 17°		40 - 45%	%02
	Kleine Steinhöhle 10 x 15cm	male und female Übernachtung täglich	26,5°	17,5°	17,5° 18:30 - 09:30	45%	%09
	Grosse Steinhöhle 20 x 30cm	male und female tagsüber gelegentlich	20 - 21°	16°		%99	%09

Achtung! UV, Temperaturen und Lux - Werte müssen unbedingt regelmässig gemessen und neu eingestellt werden! Messungen bei Homopus - Arten immer 1 - 2cm ab Boden!

Achtung! Terarium ist nach oben und nach vorne offen, also keine Überhitzungsgefahr! In UV - Lampennähe keine Klettermöglichkeit, da Absturzgefahr! Erstellt am 14. Dez. 2016