



Turtle Island is the most comprehensive research and breeding center for endangered turtle species. With more than 300 species and almost 3,000 individuals, we are leading the charge on turtle conservation with the largest and most diverse collection of turtles on earth.

As a recognized scientific institution, our goal is to link in-situ (inside the habitat) and ex-situ (outside the natural habitat) research with the purpose of saving as many turtle species from extinction as possible.

For four decades, the founders of Turtle Island have been actively involved in turtle conservation. Alongside the tireless dedication, knowledge, and support of private donors and volunteers, we have made major breakthroughs in species conservation – already saving multiple turtle species from extinction! With great appreciation, Turtle Island continues to rely on our supporters to ensure the wellbeing and survival of the oldest and most threatened vertebrate species on our planet – the turtle.

#### **We are**

- a recognized scientific institution, research facility, and zoo, focusing on the conservation and breeding of the world's most endangered and overlooked turtle species.
- a CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) certified institution (registration number AT033).
- a research station for the taxonomy and biology of turtles, with a focus on reproductive biology and ecology.
- Austria's only official shelter and sanctuary for confiscated or unwanted turtles.
- an European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA) studbook keeper for 11 turtle species.
- facilitators of in-situ reintroduction projects (e.g., Vienna Zoo and other internationally renowned zoos and research stations).
- public awareness advocates and educators for species conservation.

### Turtle Island in Figures

- Founded in 2013 by Dr. Peter Praschag (internationally recognized scientist and zoologist)
- Comprised of 4 scientifically recognized centers, located in Austria
- Approximately 3,100 turtle specimens in total
- Home of 295 turtle taxa
- We house 37 of the 50 most endangered turtle species
- Home of approx. 90% of the turtles within the two most endangered genera worldwide (*Batagur* & *Cuora*)
- Successful conservation breeding of more than 170 species
- Eight of these species were the world's first captive-bred successes
- Successful breeding of three species that are already extinct in the wild

We look forward to your contribution to the Austrian "Turtle Island" donation account at AT24 1200 0100 0741 0201, or take advantage of other support possibilities.

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