

Heosemys grandis - Giant Asian Pond Turtle

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Other Names:

Distribution: Cambodia; Lao PDR; Malaysia; Myanmar; Thailand; Viet Nam

Physical

Characteristics: Length: up to 48cm

International Conservation Status:

CITES Appendix II

IUCN: VU

National Protection in Singapore:

Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act, 2006

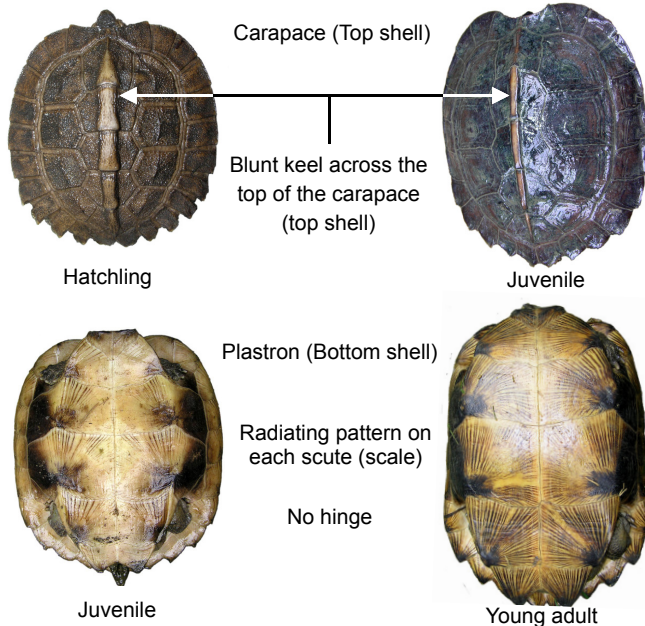
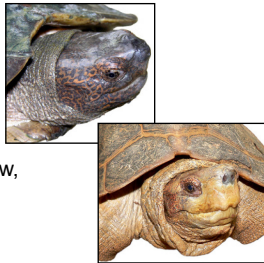


Heosemys grandis (Giant Asian Pond Turtle)
Credit: Chris R. Shepherd

Traded as: Food and as pets

Distinguishing Features:

- One of the largest hard-shelled Asian turtles
- Blunt keel runs across the top shell
- Usually 5 scutes (scales) across top shell
- Head greyish green to brown in colour with yellow, orange or pink spots, often fades with age



Credit: All images Sabine Schoppe

Similar to:

Heosemys spinosa - Spiny Turtle

IUCN: EN.

Size: up to 23cm

Traded as: Food and pets

Carapace:

- Usually 5 scutes across the top
- Blunt keel across the top shell



Top shell serrated in young animals

Plastron

- Radiating pattern on each scute (scale)
- No hinge

Distribution: Brunei; Indonesia; Malaysia; Philippines; Singapore; Thailand

Notochelys platynota - Malayan Flat-shelled Turtle

IUCN: VU.

Size: up to 40cm

Traded as: Food and pets

Carapace:

- Usually 6 - 7 scutes across the top
- Blunt keel across the top

Plastron:

- Irregular blotches or no pattern
- Hinge

Distribution: Brunei; Indonesia; Malaysia; Thailand; Viet Nam

Leucocephalon yuwonoi - Sulawesi Forest Turtle

IUCN: CR

Size: up to 25 - 28cm

Traded as: Food and pets

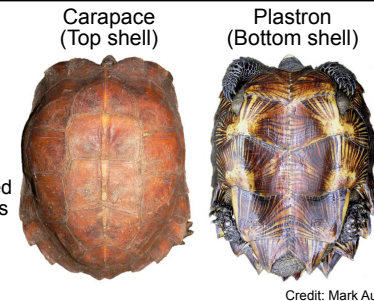
Carapace:

- Usually 5 scutes across the top
- 3 keels across the top shell

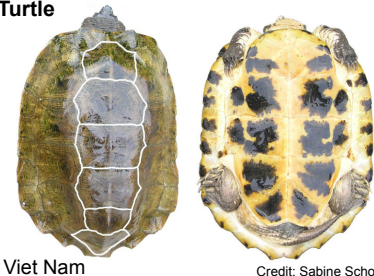
Plastron:

- Irregular blotches or no pattern
- No hinge

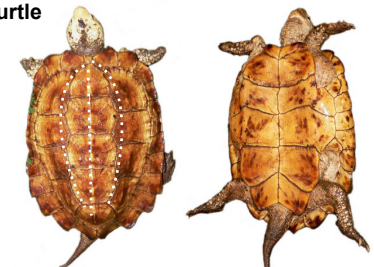
Distribution: Indonesia



Credit: Mark Auliya



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Cyclernys spp. - Leaf Turtle species

IUCN: *Cyclernys dentata*: NT, other species not yet assessed

Size: up to 25cm

Traded as: Food and pets

Carapace

- Usually 5 scutes across the top
- Blunt keel across the top shell, less obvious in adults



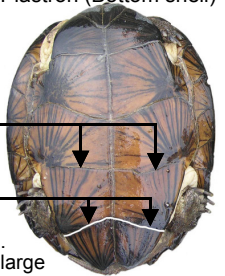
Cyclernys spp. (Leaf Turtle)

Plastron (Bottom shell)

Radiating pattern on each scute (scale)

Hinge (often difficult to see)

Seam between last two scutes (scales) curves strongly forward. Scutes below are fairly large



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