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Indochinese box turtles (*Cuora galbinifrons*) and elongated tortoises (*Indotestudo elongata*) in boxes.  
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### 'Rua Mua Ban' arrested. One of Vietnam's most active online traders of endangered turtles arrested in Hanoi, Vietnam.

A significant breakthrough in the illegal online trade of tortoises and freshwater turtles in Vietnam was made recently. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2015 the investigation Police Agency of Ha Dong Police, Hanoi, reported that they had arrested and prosecuted Mr Dinh Cong Thanh (born in 1987 in Thai Nguyen province, Vietnam) for violating the provisions stipulated in Article 190 - the Criminal Code of Vietnam on "rare and endangered wildlife protection".

Earlier, in the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2015, Ha Dong Environmental Police raided Dinh Cong Thanh's accommodation in Ha Dong district, Hanoi, and found 44 turtles of unknown origin. Of the 44 turtles seized, 8 turtles were identified as Indochinese Box Turtle (*Cuora galbinifrons*). Thanh confessed that he had been trading turtles online for several months.

ATP NOTE: Mr Dinh Cong Thanh is better known on Facebook as 'Rua Mua Ban' (Turtle Buy Sell) and has been active for some years in the illegal selling of protected and endangered turtles.

A total of 44 turtles of 11 species were seized on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 (07 native species and 04 exotic species).

Species:

- 08 *Cuora galbinifrons* (adults and sub-adults)
- 03 *Indotestudo elongata* (adults & sub-adults)
- 07 *Cuora amboinensis* (adults, sub-adults and juveniles)
- 07 *Mauremys sinensis* (adult, sub-adults and juveniles)
- 01 hatchling *Cuora mouhotii*
- 01 *Cyclemys olhamii* (adult)
- 01 *Cyclemys pulchristriata* (juvenile)

Exotic species: - 12 hatchling African spurred tortoise (*Geochelone sulcata*) CITES appendix II  
- 02 Chinese pond turtle (*Mauremys reevesii*) sub adults  
- 01 Common snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) juvenile  
- 01 Red ear slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) juvenile

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12 hatchling African spurred tortoise (*Geochelone sulcata*)  
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*Mauremys sinensis*, *Cuora amboinensis* & *Mauremys reevesii*  
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The Indochinese box turtle (*Cuora galbinifrons*) at Environmental Police station. Photo by: Nguyen Thu Thuy - ATP



12 hatchling African spurred tortoise (*Geochelone sulcata*). Photo credit: Anninhthudo.vn



A *Mauremys reevesii* turtle at Soc Son rescue centre after two month confiscation. Photo by: Tim McCormack - ATP



One common snapping turtle (*Chelydra serpentina*) was seized. Photo by: Nguyen Thu Thuy - ATP



A *Cuora mouhotii* was confiscated. Photo by: Nguyen Thu Thuy - ATP



Dinh Cong Thanh and the confiscated exhibits Photo credit: Anninhthudo.vn