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Two highly endangered Southeast Asia turtle species now listed on the IUCN Red List of endangered species.

Two highly endangered box turtles have now been added onto the IUCN Red List as critically endangered in September 2016. The Southern Vietnamese Box Turtle (*Cuora picturata*) is only known from the two provinces of Khanh Hoa and Phu Yen in south central Vietnam and Bourret's Box Turtle (*Cuora bourreti*) has a limited range in central Vietnam and across into Laos. Both species were previously considered sub-species of the Indochinese Box Turtle (*Cuora galbinifrons*) until they were evaluated in 2004 by Stuart and Parham and accepted by Turtle Taxonomy Working Group (TTWG) in 2014.

Both species have been heavily impacted by the illegal wildlife trade and habitat loss throughout their range. The recognition will help with development of legislation related to the species and clearly shows how critically threatened these two very range-restricted species are.

Link to IUCN Red List: [Cuora picturata](#), and [Cuora bourreti](#)

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The Southern Vietnamese Box Turtle (*Cuora picturata*) was only discovered in the wild in 2011.
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Bourret's Box Turtle (*Cuora bourreti*) only occurs in a few provinces of central Vietnam and across into Laos.
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