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18 endangered box turtles confiscated by Nghe An province's Police.  
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## Confiscation of endangered box turtles in Nghe An province, Vietnam

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016, Police of Nghi Loc district, Nghe An province has investigated and discovered 18 endangered box turtles being transported illegally on a bus from Vinh city in Nghe An province to Hanoi.

During the investigation the driver confessed that he transported these turtle for another trader in Quang Tri province and was to deliver them to Hanoi. On the same day, these turtles were handed over to the wildlife rescue centre of Pu Mat National Park in Nghe An province from where they are to be rescued into the wild.

ATP NOTE: The ATP has been in contact with Pu Mat National Park and can confirm there were 13 Keeled box turtles (*Cuora mouhotii*), 3 Indochinese box turtles (*Cuora galbinifrons*) and 2 Bourret's box turtle (*Cuora bourreti*) transferred to the center. Guidance on rescue, care and diet of these turtle has

also been provided and we will continue to assist them in the rescue and release of these endangered turtles. It has also been highlighted that *Cuora bourreti* is not native to the national park.

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