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This Keel Box Turtle has been
returned to its natural habitat.
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24 endangered Keel Box Turtles returned to the forest

The Asian Turtle Program (ATP) of Indo Myanmar Conservation (IMC) is proud to announce the release of 24 endangered Keel Box Turtles (*Cuora mouhotii*) into a protected area in Northern Vietnam on the 3rd of July 2019. These turtles were rescued in Lac Thuy district, Hoa Binh province in Northern Vietnam at the beginning of this year after local officers confiscated an illegal wildlife shipment.

Following intensive rehabilitation at the Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC) in Cuc Phuong National Park, which is supported and co-managed by the ATP, these lucky turtles were cleared for release back into the wild.

A team from ATP and TCC took the turtles deep into primary forest, including a long trek on foot to suitable release locations where the turtles were released just before the first tropical storm (Mun Storm) of 2019 hit northern Vietnam.



Carrying turtles to the suitable, protected habitat for release.
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We would like to recognise the hard work by the rangers of Lac Thuy district, Hoa Binh province as well as the staff of the TCC/ATP who have been working tirelessly to rescue, rehabilitate and release these animals. We would also like to thank Cleveland Metropark Zoo and private donors who made this work possible.



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Nguyen Thu Thuy, ATP's training and rescue coordinator, is performing a final check of the animals before they are loaded into a car for release. © Ha Hoang - ATP/IMC.



Tran Bao Ngoc is one of the TCC's staff involved with the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of the animals. © Ha Hoang - ATP/IMC.



Nguyen Duc Luong, turtle keeper at the TCC, releases one of the Keeled Box Turtles.
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