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## New video to support the conservation of the endangered Big-headed turtle in Vietnam

Illegal hunting and trade threatens to push the Big-headed Turtle (*Platysternon megacephalum*) to extinction. In Vietnam, law enforcement needs to be strengthened and public awareness of the plight of the species and its legal protections need to be increased.

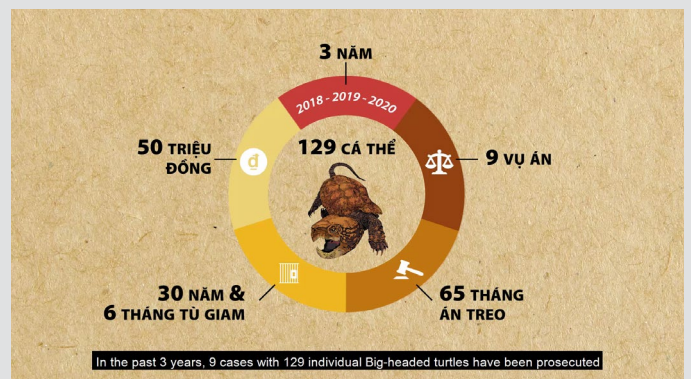
The EDGE project for the Big-headed Turtle is a collaboration between the Asian Turtle Program of Indo Myanmar Conservation and its partners, with both the Turtle Conservation Centre of Cuc Phuong National Park and Pu Mat National Park playing important roles in the coordinated rescue and release of this highly threatened species. The new informative video has been produced to help spread awareness of the law surrounding the endangered turtle species. The video script was developed by the ATP/IMC with artwork from several talented Vietnamese illustrators, Jeet Zdung, Nguyen Ngoc Hoan, and Dinh Kieu Duong.

The Asian Turtle Program has been working with numerous international and local partners to raise the awareness for the species in Vietnam as a part of Assessment of release strategies for confiscated and Endangered Big-headed turtles in Vietnam project supported by the Fondation Segré Conservation Fund and Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.



The Big-headed turtle, a small freshwater turtle, is also legally protected

This video includes beautiful art by Jeet Zdung, depicting the unique Big-headed Turtle (*Platysternon megacephalum*).



In the past 3 years, 9 cases with 129 individual Big-headed turtles have been prosecuted



Learn about how the Big-headed Turtle is being impacted by the illegal wildlife trade and how enforcement agencies are trying to stop it.

We have been especially pleased to see the strong cooperation between rescue centres and national parks in Vietnam as part of this project, with Hanoi Wildlife Rescue Centre, the Turtle Conservation Centre in Cuc Phuong National Park and Pu Mat National Park all involved.



[Link to the video online](#)

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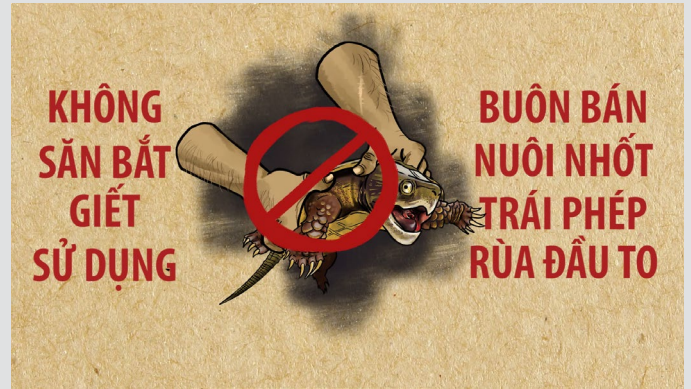
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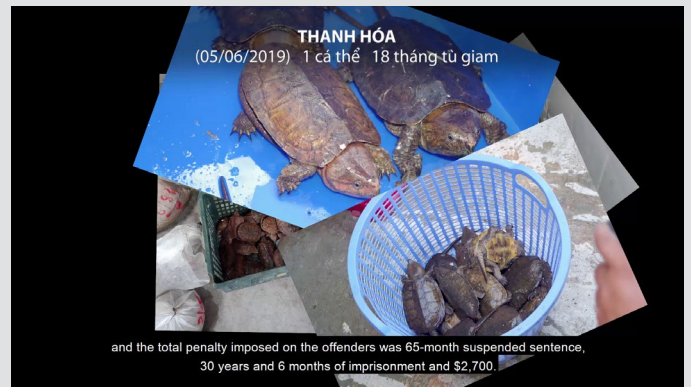
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The video aims to raise awareness in support of the conservation of the big-headed turtle in Vietnam



The video features images of rescued turtles from many confiscations in which ATP/IMC has worked with our partner, the Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC) of Cuc Phuong National Park and local police and FPD in Vietnam.