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Calling all Citizen Scientists – the Turtle Field Record Form is now available on the ATP Website

The Asian Turtle Program of Indo-Myanmar Conservation has been researching and collecting data on turtles in the wild and in the trade for over two decades now, and a key resource we have developed for this is the Turtle Field Record Form. Originally developed by Douglas Hendrie & Timothy McCormack, the founders of the Asian Turtle Program, the Field Record Form has been an invaluable tool for documenting encounters with turtles in the field and recording important details such as the species, location, measurements, and other information.

As well as collecting information on animals in the wild, often considered the most important records for understanding distributions and habitat preferences for species, the forms can also be used to collect information on local trade observations. If additional details on the trade and hunting techniques etc. are collected, this can provide important data on how many of these species are being threatened.

We have made the form available on our website so that anyone can record their turtle encounters and send the information to us for our database. You can [download the PDF](#) (see the Field Record Form below) or use [the online form](#), using the [submission instructions](#) which accompany it.

Visit our website and [fill in the online form](#) or [download the PDF](#) and send it back to us at info@asianturtleprogram.org. You can enjoy recording information about your findings in the wild and you'll be helping us track wild populations of endangered species and the illegal wildlife trade!

We are also looking for volunteers that could help translate the field record form into other local languages to make it more widely available. Please contact us if you can help support this.

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The Field Record Form has been an essential tool for ATP's fieldwork since its inception. ©ATP/IMC.



Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Field Record Report

1. Species <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	2. Local name <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>						
3. Date of observation: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	4. Record Number (please leave blank) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>						
Location and Reporting Information (required)							
5. Name of Location (site name) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	6. District <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>						
7. Province <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	8. Country <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>						
9. Reported by (name and organization/institution) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	10. Identified by (include name and organization/affiliations) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>						
Record Type and Classification (required)							
11. Observation Type (circle one): <input type="checkbox"/> A. Live specimen <input type="checkbox"/> B. Dead specimen <input type="checkbox"/> C. Shell, skull, remains <input type="checkbox"/> D. Unknown							
12. Voucher type (circle): <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Photograph attached <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Specimen/remains <input type="checkbox"/> 3. None <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Blood/tissue sample							
13. Classification of Report							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A1 Observed in the Wild <input type="checkbox"/> A2 Observed in possession of hunter/fisherman/other person(s) within the source area <input type="checkbox"/> B1 Observed in captivity within a community in close proximity to the source area <input type="checkbox"/> B2 Observed in local trade <input type="checkbox"/> C1 Reported in interview <input type="checkbox"/> C2 Site-specific record from report or other source without further reference 							
Other information (if available/optional)							
14. Age class: <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile <input type="checkbox"/> Hatchling <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	15. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown						
16. Length (Vertebral Carapace Length (VCL) (mm)) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	17. Width (Mid-line Carapace Width (MidW.ca) (mm)) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>						
18. Weight (g) <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>							
19. Additional locality information (forest, wetland, village, commune, ethnic group, etc.) Address: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> Name: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/> Age: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/> Ethnicity: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/> Profession: <input style="width: 20%;" type="text"/>	20. GPS Coordinates (if known)						
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21. Describe circumstances of observation/report (provide more details about the situation of turtle observation, source of turtle, price, quantity,...) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>							
22. Wild observation (Air temperature °C, water temperature °C, relative humidity %, slope, forest cover,...) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>							
23. Additional information (other wildlife observed, name of scientific reports, different GPS coordinates,...) <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div>							

Photograph (if available)

23. Attach photographs with Field Record when returning to ATP/IMC

Report by:

Date:

Dimension measurements (mm)

Maximum carapace length (MCL)	<input type="text"/>	Max plastron's length (PL)	<input type="text"/>
Maximum width of carapace (MaxW.ca)	<input type="text"/>	Height of carapace (H.ca)	<input type="text"/>
Middle Width of carapace (MidW.ca)	<input type="text"/>	Length of gular (L.G)	<input type="text"/>
Width of gular (P.G)	<input type="text"/>	Length of humeral (L.H)	<input type="text"/>
Width of humeral (P.H)	<input type="text"/>	Length of pectoral (L.P)	<input type="text"/>
Width of pectoral (P.P)	<input type="text"/>	Length of abdominal (L.AB)	<input type="text"/>
Width of abdominal (P.AB)	<input type="text"/>	Length of femoral (L.F)	<input type="text"/>
Width of femoral (P.F)	<input type="text"/>	Length of anal (L.AN)	<input type="text"/>
Width of anal (P.AN)	<input type="text"/>	Length of tail (L.cd)	<input type="text"/>

Type of sample collected

Date

Where to send Field Record Reports:**Physical copies:**

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