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Impressed Tortoises returned to the wild in central Vietnam

On the 5th of June 2021, a group of three Impressed Tortoises (*Manouria impressa*), listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List, were released back into the wild in Bach Ma National Park, Thua Thien Hue province in central Vietnam. The animals had been transferred from the Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC) in Cuc Phuong National Park in northern Vietnam where they had been cared for by staff of the TCC and the Asian Turtle Program (ATP) of Indo-Myanmar Conservation (IMC).

These tortoises were handed over to the TCC from someone who had been keeping them as pets in December 2020.

31 macaques and one monitor lizard were also released during this trip, in collaboration with the National Park staff.

Thanks to all of the hard-working staff for rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing these turtles and to all of our partners, donors and supporters who help us with activities like this

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This Impressed Tortoise (*Manouria impressa*) steps out into his new home in the wild.

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Nguyen Thu Thuy, TCC's Animal Rescue and Training Coordinator releasing one of the tortoises. © ATP/IMC

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The rangers carry the tortoises over the rough terrain to safe habitat. © Nguyen Thu Thuy - ATP/IMC.



Goodbye, little tortoise! © Nguyen Thu Thuy - ATP/IMC.



This monitor lizard was also released during this trip.
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A swift exit for this monitor lizard!
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