The Asian Turtle Program (ATP) of Indo-Myanmar Conservation (IMC) is, once again, collaborating with the Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC), Cuc Phuong National Park (NP), Vietnam to organize the seventeenth Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Field Skills Training Course. The training course is aimed at providing students, young conservationists and officials working in wildlife conservation in Vietnam with field skills and knowledge related to turtle research and conservation.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

*Enrolling the course, the participants have chance to:*

- Obtain new research skills for field work including surveying, proper handling and data collection on tortoise and freshwater turtle species;
- Gain in-depth knowledge of turtle biology, behaviour and ecology;
- Learn about the identification and conservation status of tortoises and freshwater turtles in Vietnam;
- Have a chance to design and complete a short research project during 2022, following course completion.
Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Field Skills Training Course

TIME & LOCATION
Course date: 16th – 23rd April 2022
Course duration: 08 days
Location: Cuc Phuong National Park,
Nho Quan District, Ninh Binh Province

COURSE FEES
The ATP/IMC will cover course fees, including materials, food, accommodation, and reasonable transport costs for course participants.

WHO CAN APPLY?
We strongly encourage applications from Vietnamese students, Laotian students enrolled at Vietnamese universities, young national biologists, rangers and conservationists.

COURSE LECTURERS

Tim McCormack - Director
Tim has spent many years conducting research and awareness activities focused on Vietnam's most endangered tortoise and freshwater turtle (TFT) species and as a co-founder of the ATP helped establish many of the current conservation projects for TFT in Vietnam. Now he is responsible for overseeing the ATP/IMC's research and awareness activities and general program developments.

Hoang Van Ha - Vietnam Turtle Program Coordinator
Ha is one of the students participating in the first courses and over the past decade, he has been involved in the research and conservation activities of tortoises and freshwater turtles in Vietnam.

Nguyen Thu Thuy - Animal Manager
Thuy is responsible for managing staff and supervising activities at the Turtle Rescue Centre with a focus on the rescue, conservation breeding and releases of turtles, as well as managing awareness activities and volunteers.

Nguyen Thanh Luan - Scientific Officier
Luan has been passionate about herpetology, especially turtles, for a long time. Since 2012, he has been in charge of the ATP/IMC's field surveys and other scientific research activities.

Nguyen Tai Thang - Rafetus Project Manager
Thang is an alumnus of the 2010's training course. He has been researching Hoan Kiem turtles throughout northern Vietnam for over ten years as well as involved in many research and conservation programs related to reptiles, mammals, birds, etc.

HOW TO APPLY
- Applicants should fill out an online application form through this link: https://bit.ly/2xWP7Kk
- You can download an application form and course information sheet at https://bit.ly/346UCpT to fill in offline before completing the online application
- Application deadline: 31/03/2022
- Only qualified applicants shall be notified

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