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## TCC Receives 15 Turtles From Pu Mat National Park

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On the 23rd of April 2019, staff from the Asian Turtle Program (ATP) of Indo Myanmar Conservation (IMC) and the Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC) of Cuc Phuong National Park, Ninh Binh Province, Vietnam, travelled to Pu Mat Rescue Centre in Pu Mat National Park to collaborate with Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW) on the rescue of 15 turtles of two species.

The turtles, which comprised 14 Big-Headed Turtles (*Platysternon megacephalum*) and one Yellow-Headed Temple Turtle (*Heosemys annandalii*), were initially rescued by SVW and taken to Pu Mat. However, the TCC is a specialist centre for the care of turtles and it was decided to transfer them to support the care of the turtles in the hope of a future release.

We want to thank Save Vietnam's Wildlife for coordinating with ATP/IMC and the TCC with this rescue; we hope to continue collaborating in the future and saving more turtles!

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These endangered Big-Headed Turtles (*Platysternon megacephalum*) will join a number of the same species already at the TCC.  
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ATP/TCC staff prepare to transfer 15 turtles of two species from Pu Mat Rescue Centre to the Turtle Conservation Centre.  
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One of Vietnam's largest species, this Yellow-Headed Temple Turtle (*Heosemys annandalii*) is being moved to a larger enclosure after its long journey.

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