

TORTOISE & FRESHWATER TURTLE FIELD SKILLS TRAINING COURSE 2023



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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 18th **Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Field Skills Training Course**

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Obtain new research **skills for fieldwork** 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 2023, following course completion.



GENERAL INFORMATION

TIME & LOCATION

Course date: 31/03/2023 to 09/04/2023

Duration: 08 days

Location: Cuc Phuong National Park, Nho Quan District, Ninh Binh Province

WHO CAN APPLY

We strongly encourage applications from Vietnamese students, Laotian students enrolled at Vietnamese universities, young national biologists, rangers & conservatoinists.

COURSE FEE

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

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should fill out an online application form through this link (English or scan the QR code): <https://bit.ly/2xWP7Kk> or Vietnamese: <https://bit.ly/3ctGndF>.

Only shortlisted applicants will be notified

Application Dealine: 15th February 2023

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COURSE LECTURERS



Timothy 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 Asian Turtle Program (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.



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 13 years as well as involved in many research and conservation programs related to reptiles, mammals and birds.



Nguyen Thu Thuy - Animal Manager

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



Nguyen Thanh Luan - Central Vietnam Project Manager

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



Hoang Van Ha - Program Coordinator

Ha was once a students participating in one of the first Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Field Skills Training Courses. Over the past decade, he has been involved in research and conservation activities of tortoises and freshwater turtles in Vietnam to help build long term species focus projects.