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The Elongated Tortoise is now Critically Endangered



A critically endangered Elongated Tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*) hatched at the **Turtle Conservation Centre** (TCC) of Cuc Phuong National Park, northern Vietnam.

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(Hanoi) - A new assessment of the Elongated Tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*) by the **International Union for the Conservation of Natures (IUCN's) Red List of Threatened Species** has elevated its status from **Endangered (EN)** to **Critically Endangered (CR)**, the most severe category, barring extinction in the wild.

This assessment comes as, despite the sizable global distribution, the Elongated Tortoise has seen significant population declines throughout most of its range due to overhunting and habitat loss. The species is found in the Asian countries of **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, India, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam**. However, a rapid decline in populations throughout most of the species' range is the reason for its uplisting. Hopefully, its new conservation status will help it receive higher legal protections from countries throughout its range and more focused conservation projects to save this species from extinction.

If you want to learn more about this **critically endangered** turtle species, please click the link below:
<https://www.iucnredlist.org/species/10824/152051190>.

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