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Turtle Conservation Centre staffs keep working during quarantine time of COVID-19



The TCC team took a group photo before the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

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(Ninh Binh) - The **Turtle Conservation Centre (TCC)** staff of **Cuc Phuong National Park**, Vietnam, had to keep working to look after the almost 2,000 tortoises and freshwater turtles that the centre looks after. During the **COVID-19** pandemic and lockdowns in Vietnam and the rest of the world, the keepers had to continue working to feed and care for the animals. In August 2021, with Hanoi in lockdown, the staff took photos to show their daily work. Some staff were required to move from their homes into the communes around the park into special accommodations in the forest, following social distancing regulations to allow them to continue working safely to provide daily care for our turtles and tortoises at the TCC.

We would like to thank all our staffs that worked so hard during this hard time, **Cuc Phuong National Park** for supporting everyone during this time, and our donors, including **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**, the **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)** and the **Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA)** amongst others.



The team is working to monitor turtle weights and perform the annual deworming for a Black-breasted Leaf Turtle (*Geoemyda spengleri*). Photo: Thuy Nguyen (ATP/IMC)



Animals' foods are shipped from the park's gate to the Centre by staff. Photo: Hang Tran (ATP/IMC)



Before Covid-19, the TCC staff already knew how to work together efficiently, and this proved invaluable through the pandemic. Photo: Thuy Nguyen (ATP/IMC)



Our builder, Bong Dinh has been working hard through the pandemic to improve the TCC; here, he is completing a new gate for the centre. Photo: Thuy Nguyen (ATP/IMC)



TCC staffs accomodation during quarantine. Photo: ATP/IMC



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