

ELONGATED TORTOISE

DISTRIBUTION



The Elongated Tortoise is the most common Tortoise shipped to the Chinese food markets from Vietnam. Other threats include the pet trade and habitat destruction.

Our adult Tortoises were part of a large consignment illegally imported and seized by customs at Heathrow airport in 1998, they were brought to us for special care.

Once they were healthy and settled they started to breed, the two pictured (above right) hatched on 14th June 2007. Hatchling Tortoises can usually be seen in the animal house.



Indotestudo elongata



These two hatched here on 14th June 2007.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	South East Asia
Habitat	Tropical forests
Diet	Dark leafy greens, fruits, slugs, worms
Average length	30-35 cm
Number of eggs	2-9
Incubation	130-190 days
Lifespan	About 50 years

Male Elongated Tortoises engage in very aggressive courtship behaviour which can result in injury to the female, this involves ramming behaviour as well as vigorous biting about the head, neck and front legs of the female.

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for the Elongated Tortoise



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