

To: Animal Acquisition Committee

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Subject: **AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE ACQUISITION**

Date: 2010-10-25

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the following new species be added to the collection:

0.0.6 Hamilton pond turtles (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*)

10.10 SE Asian chelonians as available

Financial Impact:

Turtles will be donated to Toronto Zoo as part of a SE Asian rescue programme for the turtle Survival Alliance.

Background:

Collection planning for amphibians and reptiles in the Conservation, Education & Research Division is completed for 3-5 year time frames and is reviewed each year to ensure that the collection is achieving display, education, and conservation, and AZA Taxon Advisory Group objectives of the long range collection plan. SE Asian turtle species have been on the collection plan for Indo Malaya for five years. Animal Care staff have been informed and support these acquisitions.

Comments/Discussion:

Based on the above review, approval is sought to acquire 0.0.6 Hamilton pond turtles (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*). A display is currently available and these turtles will join our group of turtles currently in the exhibit. Indo Malaya is the focus area for the S.E. Asian turtle crisis graphics and breeding of turtles rescued from illegal trade as part of assurance colonies.

Conclusions:

Based on the above review, approval is sought to acquire 0.0.6 Hamilton pond turtles (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*) and up to 10.10 SE Asian chelonians as available opportunistically.

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