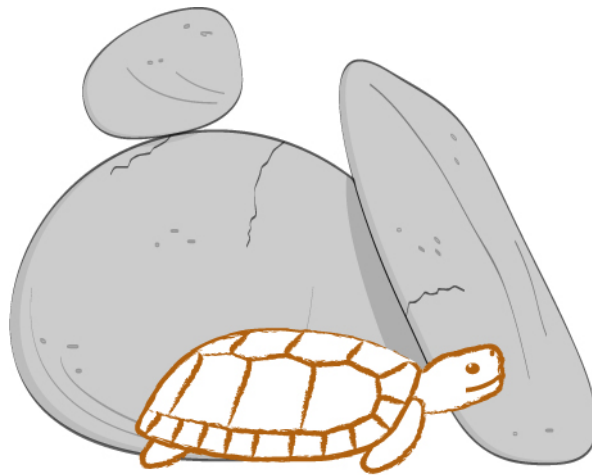


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1. INTRODUCTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013

The Homopus Research Foundation aims to facilitate the long-term survival of *Homopus* spp. in the wild, by gathering and distributing information about their biologies and by the formation of genetically healthy *ex situ* populations. In 2013, several activities contributed to this aim. The current report presents an overview of achievements in 2013, as well as activities planned for 2014 and thereafter. Moreover, the actual studbook populations for *Homopus areolatus*, *Homopus femoralis* and *Homopus signatus* are described, focussing on changes that occurred in 2013. All [previous annual reports](#) can be found on the website of the Homopus Research Foundation.

The 2012 annual report anticipated on several results for 2013. The following table summarises these plans, with results obtained in 2013.

Result	Due
Manuscript submitted on:	31-12-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behaviour in wild <i>H. signatus</i> 2013: First draft in preparation. This was a student's work that did not materialise as planned. Instead, a scientific manuscript on home ranges in <i>H. signatus</i> was drafted and submitted. In addition, popular papers on diet in <i>H. signatus</i> , husbandry and breeding in <i>H. areolatus</i> , husbandry automation, and the Homopus Research Foundation were published. See Chapter 6.	
Permit for study on thermoregulation in wild <i>H. signatus</i> (2012-2013) renewed (2014)	01-09-2013
2013: Permit renewed (number 460/2013).	
Fieldwork conducted on <i>H. signatus</i> thermoregulation	Sep-2013
2013: Fieldwork conducted in September-October. See Paragraph 1.3.	
Detailed studbook management plan <i>H. signatus</i> finalised	01-06-2013
2013: Studbook management plan finalised. See Paragraph 1.1.	
Memorandum of understanding with Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation drafted and submitted	01-06-2013
2013: Memorandum of understanding drafted and submitted. See Paragraph 1.1.	
Permit application to collect and export 5.5 wild <i>H. signatus</i> drawn up and submitted	31-12-2013
2013: Condition for this plan was a signed memorandum of understanding with the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation. Since the memorandum is still under review by the department, a permit application could not yet be submitted.	
Setup for studbook management plan <i>H. areolatus</i> drafted	31-12-2013
2013: Setup drafted and distributed among studbook participants for review. See Paragraph 1.2.	
Presentations held:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foraging in a fridge: thermoregulation in <i>H. signatus</i> (Pretoria Zoo, South Africa, and Goegap Nature Reserve, Springbok, South Africa) 	Feb-2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A conservation breeding programme for <i>H. signatus</i> (Pretoria Zoo, South Africa) 	Feb-2013
2013: Both presentations were held. In addition, presentations were held on the behaviour of wild <i>H. signatus</i> (Goegap Nature Reserve and Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences, Leeuwarden, Netherlands), and on defragmentation of highways in the Netherlands, including a case study on road mortality in <i>H. femoralis</i> (South African National Roads Agency, Pretoria, South Africa).	

Further progress that is worth listing:

- Several private tortoise keepers in Czech, Germany, Israel, UK and USA asked to obtain *Homopus* spp. Some of them received *H. signatus* in 2013.
- Collaboration was requested for a German documentary about biodiversity in South Africa. The collaboration would include filming of *H. signatus* in captivity and in the wild. However, the expectations of the producers were not realistic and preparations were stopped.
- Goegap Nature Reserve (Springbok, South Africa) asked to prepare a poster on *H. signatus* for display in the new conference facilities of the reserve. The poster will be prepared in 2014.
- A lecture request was received from the Dansk Amfibiecenter (Copenhagen, Denmark), but unfortunately this request was on too short notice.

- Information requests were received regarding:
 - Research methodologies in wild *Homopus* spp. (Namibia)
 - Average size reduction in *H. signatus* as a result of climate change (Germany)
 - Area of occupancy in *Homopus* spp. ranges (South Africa)
 - Involving the general public in tortoise conservation (South Africa)
 - Postdoc positions at the Homopus Research Foundation (China)
 - Updating Wikipedia with information and photos on *Homopus* spp. (South Africa)
 - Several identifications of photographs (South Africa)
- Reprint requests for *Homopus* papers were received from:
 - Department of Biology and Ecology, University of Niš (Serbia)
 - Veterinary Department of Utrecht University (Netherlands)
 - Several private individuals (France, USA)
- Review requests were received from:
 - African Herp News
 - African Zoology
 - Current Zoology
 - Student paper of the Veterinary Department of Utrecht University (Netherlands)
- Photographic material was provided to:
 - Turtles and Tortoises of the World, Studio Natura Arcadia, Italy
- The website of the Homopus Research Foundation was updated with new publications, actual studbook overviews, the final studbook management plan *H. signatus*, and fieldwork photos.

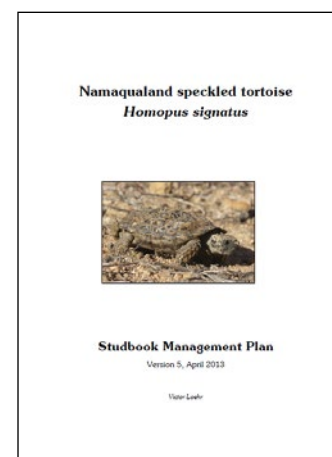
1.1. Long-term studbook management plan *Homopus signatus*

In April, the [studbook management plan for *H. signatus*](#) was finalised. This plan was co-produced by the studbook coordinators and studbook participants, in a process that started in 2008. The completion of the plan, after thorough review by the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, is a major achievement. The plan provides clear directions for the development of the studbook in the next years and decades. It will be updated every five years, and after every supplementation of new founders and after each change in the IUCN conservation status of the taxon. Since the conservation status of *H. signatus* is currently being elevated from Near threatened to Vulnerable, an updated plan may appear soon. The annual reports of the Homopus Research Foundation will report annual progress of the realisation of the studbook management plan.

Based on the studbook management plan, a memorandum of understanding was drafted to clarify the responsibilities of the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation and the Homopus Research Foundation. The draft was sent to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation for review in April. On two occasions, in June and November, the department was asked for information regarding the reviewing process. Unfortunately, these requests have not yet provided further information.

A first priority in the studbook management plan is the addition of new bloodlines to the captive population. This will require collecting and exporting permits, and applications for these permits will be submitted when there will be clarity on the memorandum of understanding.

The process to develop a long-term studbook management plan for a private breeding programme was presented at the symposium of the Herpetological Association of Africa, at Pretoria Zoo in February 2013. This meeting dealt with many other aspects of conservation breeding, and the case of *H. signatus* was often used as reference in plenary discussions.



1.2. Long-term studbook management plan *Homopus areolatus*

The studbook on *H. areolatus* is very different from that on *H. signatus*. The private ownership of most *H. areolatus* requires an approach that explicitly takes ownership into account. Furthermore, many owners have limited capabilities to communicate in English, resulting in a language barrier. Nevertheless, each studbook requires a long-term vision to facilitate present decision-making.

In September, a discussion paper was drawn up and distributed among all studbook participants to gather opinions regarding the long-term future, taking the ownership and language barrier issues into account. In 2014, opinions will be used to further develop a long-term plan.

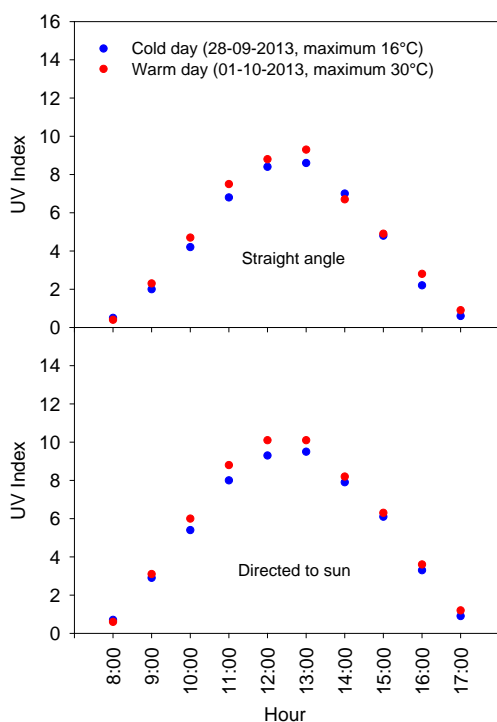
1.3. Progress thermoregulation field study *Homopus signatus*

This study was permitted by the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation. The permits that were issued (see Chapter 8) require periodic updates for the department. Because this information may be informative for *Homopus* studbook participants, it is included in the annual reports of the Homopus Research Foundation.

Fieldwork was conducted from 17 September till 4 October 2013, and attended by two Austrian volunteers (Sabine and Susanne Sommer). In total, 48 live *H. signatus* were encountered, including at least 31 recaptures from 2012 and before. Comparison with identification photographs from 2000-2002, when tortoises were not yet notched, may reveal additional recaptures. From the 11 females that carried iButtons and transmitters (fitted in 2012), six were recaptured using telemetry. Three others were found opportunistically, because their transmitters were failing. The remaining two females are still missing and may have failing transmitters too. It will be attempted to locate these individuals in September-October 2014. Eight iButtoned females were fitted with new transmitters for tracking in 2014. Their iButtons were reset, after downloading, to record finer scale measurements in winter and spring 2014.

Five of nine males with iButtons were recaptured and released after downloading and resetting their iButtons. One additional male had lost its iButton. The remaining three males may be found in 2014. In 2012, an individual with an iButton from 2003 was found, indicating that *H. signatus* can survive many years despite the presence of an iButton.

The 18 tortoise models left in the field in 2012 were still in position, except one batch of three models. This batch had been found by people and had been completely destroyed. All remaining models were returned to the field for fine-scale measurements in winter and spring 2014, after downloading their iButtons.



To facilitate captive husbandry of *H. signatus*, UV measurements (UV Index; Solarmeter 6.5, Solartech Inc., USA) were recorded on two spring days with different weather conditions. Both days had clear skies, but one day was cold (maximum ambient temperature 16°C) and the other day was warm (30°C). Tortoises were active on both days, and *H. signatus* has a unimodal activity pattern in spring.

UV intensities ranged from 0.4 to 10.1 and were similar on both days. When the Solarmeter was held in a straight angle, values were slightly lower than when the meter was directed towards the sun (i.e., mimicking a tortoise in basking position).

2. PLANS FOR 2014 AND THEREAFTER

The table below lists results anticipated for 2014 and thereafter, with progress indicated:

Result	Due	Current status
Manuscripts submitted on:		
• Behaviour in wild <i>H. signatus</i>	31-12-2014	First draft in preparation
• Scute abnormalities in <i>H. signatus</i>	31-12-2015	Data available
• Thermoregulation in wild <i>H. signatus</i>	31-12-2015	Not yet started
Poster on <i>H. signatus</i> prepared for display at the conference facilities of Goegap Nature Reserve	01-06-2014	Not yet started
Fieldwork conducted on <i>H. signatus</i> thermoregulation	Sep-2014	Not yet started
Memorandum of understanding with Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation reviewed and signed	31-12-2014	Draft memorandum of understanding under review by department.
Permit application to collect and export 5.5 wild <i>H. signatus</i> drawn up and submitted	31-12-2014	Condition for the application is a signed memorandum of understanding.
Evaluation of breeding and non-breeding <i>H. signatus</i> husbandry conditions in studbook completed	31-12-2014	List of potential questions drafted
Studbook management plan <i>H. areolatus</i> drafted	31-12-2015	Setup distributed among studbook participants for review.

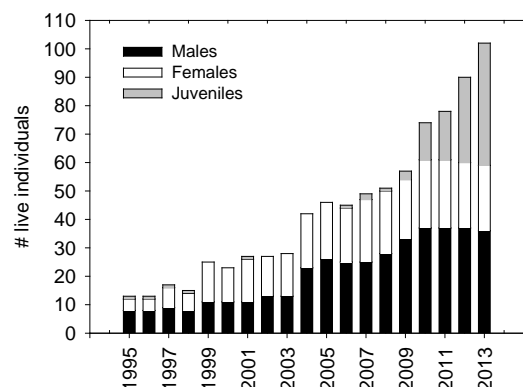
3. STUDBOOK SUMMARIES

To keep the studbook registrations up to date, it is vital that all studbook participants keep the coordinator informed of any changes. In the studbooks on *H. femoralis* and *H. signatus*, each participant has accepted this obligation in a formal agreement between participant and the Homopus Research Foundation. Regardless of the agreements, most participants are very motivated and inform the coordinator spontaneously when changes occur throughout the year. Others choose to wait until information is requested by the coordinator at the end of each year. However, some participants remain silent for an entire year or longer, despite repeated messages from the studbook coordinator. In order to keep track of where these communication flaws occur, the annual reports include a list of unresponsive locations. This will make it easier for the reader to assess the validity of studbook information per location, and will facilitate the coordinator when approaching a silent participant. In 2013, locations A45, A81 and PRAHA were unresponsive. Location A74 was removed from the studbook due to prolonged unresponsiveness. Removal was possible because this location did not keep studbook-owned tortoises.

Homopus areolatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2013: 89 (excluding 5 specimens lost to follow-up)
 Number of locations on 1 January 2013: 21 (6 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)
 New registrations: 0
 Births: 15, at 4 locations
 Deaths: 1
 Live specimens on 31 December 2013: 102 (excluding 6 specimens lost to follow-up)
 Number of locations on 31 December 2013: 26 (7 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 2 locations lost to follow-up)
 Interpretation of changes:

Besides locations A16, A44 and A46, which also produced offspring in 2012, one additional location (TCBCC) started producing hatchlings in 2013. Furthermore, location A37 produced eggs that are still being incubated. Unfortunately, the hatchlings born at location A44 were very weak and one died shortly after hatching. A third egg contained a dead hatchling. The cause of the condition of the hatchlings remains unknown. An adult male died as well, at



location A44, from a bacterial infection of the lungs followed by failure of several organs. At location A99, one tortoise was lost to follow-up due to disappearance from its outdoor enclosure.

The captive population continued its growth and now contains more than 100 live individuals. The number of locations grew as well. Although founders at location TCBCC have produced offspring, the genetic basis of the captive population is very narrow due to the fact that bloodlines 58 x MULT4 and 16 x 17 are heavily over-represented (73% of the current live population). Tortoises have already been inbred at location A56, and several other locations may start inbreeding soon. The studbook management plan that is currently in preparation (see Paragraph 1.2) will need to address this issue.

Homopus femoralis

Live specimens on 1 January 2013: 9

Number of locations on 1 January 2013: 3 (2 countries)

New registrations: 0

Births: 2

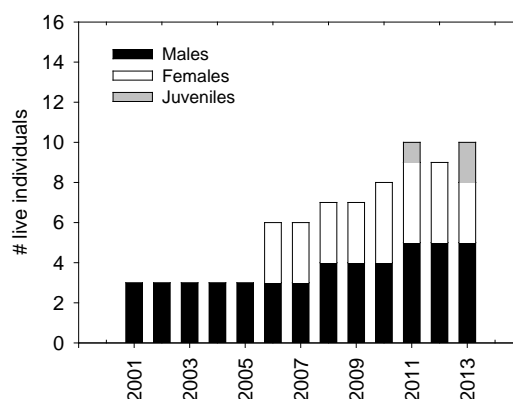
Deaths: 1

Live specimens on 31 December 2013: 10

Number of locations on 31 December 2013: 3 (2 countries)

Interpretation of changes:

Breeding results expanded from one to two locations, including location A08. At location HRF, one clutch is produced approximately every two years (2008, 2010, 2011, 2013). Unfortunately, a major loss occurred at location A08 where an adult female died. Post mortem results showed that the female had accumulated excess iron in the liver, resulting in bacterial infection and death. Since dietary causes could not be identified, the female may have suffered from a metabolic disorder.



Homopus signatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2013: 67 (excluding 16 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 1 January 2013: 33 (10 countries, 3 zoos; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

New registrations: 0

Births: 4, at 2 location

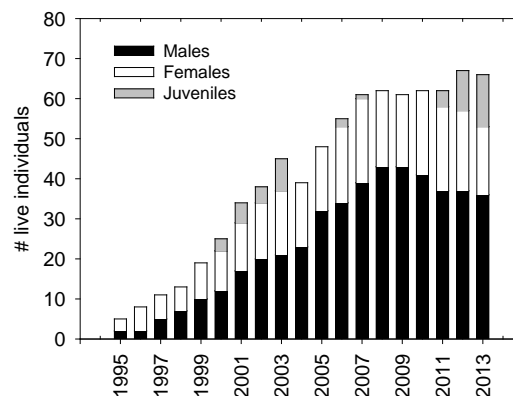
Deaths: 5, at 5 locations

Live specimens on 31 December 2013: 66 (excluding 16 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 31 December 2013: 35 (10 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

Interpretation of changes:

Breeding results in 2013 were rather disappointing, although as many as 3 hatchlings from an important bloodline were born at location A10. At location A55 two eggs hatched, but one of the hatchlings died after four months. Additional losses were two adult females at locations A16 (possibly as a result of compaction of soil in the digestive tract) and A18 (egg retention), an adult male at location A91 (apparently from a viral infection, but no virus could be detected), and an adult wild-caught female at location TCBCC (caused by a detrimental experimental setup with a datalogger on the carapace). Compacted soil in the intestinal tract has caused multiple deaths in *H. signatus*, and studbook participants should evaluate if their enclosures might promote similar problems. Loose sand should be avoided and replaced by firmer substrates such as loam or clay. Furthermore, tortoises should not be fed in a manner that may cause excessive sand sticking to the food.



The number of locations grew and remains large compared to the number of live tortoises in the studbook. Many individuals are housed solitarily and are awaiting genetically unrelated mates. Now that the studbook management plan has been finalised (see Paragraph 1.1), permit applications for the collection of new founders will be submitted to the Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation after the underlying memorandum of understanding will have been reviewed and signed. Eventually, this should lead to the availability of suitable mates for the solitary tortoises.

9	F	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 30 Apr 2000	BLACKY	Transfer Transfer Death
13	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 15 Feb 2000	A7	Transfer Transfer Death
15	F	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 15 Feb 2000	A4	Transfer Transfer Death
19	?	5 Feb 2000	MULT3	11	A12	5 Feb 2000 5 Feb 2000		Hatch Death
20	?	16 Mar 2000	MULT3	11	A12	16 Mar 2000 16 Mar 2000		Hatch Death
21	?	16 Mar 2000	MULT3	11	A12	16 Mar 2000 16 Mar 2000		Hatch Death

Totals: 1.3.3 (7)

A16

16	M	????	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Aug 1994		Transfer
17	F	????	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Aug 1994		Transfer
18	M	23 May 2000	16	17	A16	23 May 2000 30 Mar 2003		Hatch Death
38	F	5 Apr 2003	16	17	A16	5 Apr 2003 28 Nov 2006		Hatch Death
39	M	9 Apr 2003	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2003		Hatch
48	M	23 Mar 2004	16	17	A16	23 Mar 2004		Hatch
49	F	25 Mar 2004	16	17	A16	25 Mar 2004		Hatch
50	F	8 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	8 Aug 2004		Hatch
51	M	19 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	19 Aug 2004		Hatch
52	F	25 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	25 Aug 2004		Hatch
54	M	10 Jun 2005	16	17	A16	10 Jun 2005		Hatch
55	M	27 Jun 2005	16	17	A16	27 Jun 2005		Hatch
56	F	6 Oct 2005	16	17	A16	6 Oct 2005		Hatch
57	F	3 Nov 2005	16	17	A16	3 Nov 2005		Hatch
61	?	17 Dec 2006	16	17	A16	17 Dec 2006 ~ 9 May 2007		Hatch Death
108	M	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 A16	8 Mar 2010 4 Jun 2010		Hatch Transfer
109	F	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 A16	8 Mar 2010 4 Jun 2010		Hatch Transfer
115	?	30 May 2010	16	17	A16	30 May 2010		Hatch
116	?	31 May 2010	16	17	A16	31 May 2010		Hatch
122	?	2 Jul 2011	16	17	A16	2 Jul 2011		Hatch
134	?	27 Apr 2012	16	17	A16	27 Apr 2012		Hatch
135	?	25 Aug 2012	16	17	A16	25 Aug 2012		Hatch
146	?	9 Apr 2013	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2013		Hatch
147	?	9 Apr 2013	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2013		Hatch

Totals: 8.8.8 (24)

A26

27	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A26	???? 9 Jul 2001		Transfer Transfer
28	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A26	???? 9 Jul 2001		Transfer Transfer

Totals: 1.1.0 (2)

A27								
29	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A27	???? 9 Jul 2001 9 Nov 2001	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Transfer Death
30	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A27	???? 9 Jul 2001 11 Nov 2001	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Transfer Death
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A37								
22	M	????	WILD	WILD	UNKNOWN A20 A21 A37	???? ???? 17 Oct 2000 15 Sep 2002	_____ _____ _____ 1	Capture Transfer Transfer Transfer
23	F	????	WILD	WILD	UNKNOWN A20 A21 A37	???? ???? 17 Oct 2000 15 Sep 2002	_____ _____ _____ 2	Capture Transfer Transfer Transfer
24	F	~ 1993	UNK1	UNK2	A20 A21 A37	~ 1993 17 Oct 2000 15 Sep 2002	_____ _____ _____ 3	Hatch Transfer Transfer
46	M	30 Sep 2004	22	24	A37	30 Sep 2004	_____	Hatch
107	F	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 A37	8 Mar 2010 5 May 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
111	F	29 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 A37	29 Mar 2010 7 Jun 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
Totals: 2.4.0 (6)								

A42								
35	M	9 Jul 2002	16	17	A16 A42	9 Jul 2002 ~30 Sep 2005	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A43								
12	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12 A43	???? ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	_____ A6 _____ ltf	Transfer Transfer Loan to
14	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12 A43	???? 16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	_____ BABY _____ ltf	Transfer Transfer Loan to
Totals: 0.2.0 (2)								

A44								
37	F	7 Aug 2003	5	4	HRF A10 HRF A44	7 Aug 2003 21 Aug 2004 27 Oct 2004 31 Oct 2004 14 Feb 2012	IV-3 _____ IV-3 ESMERA	Hatch Loan to Transfer Loan to Death
41	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL A44	28 Mar 1991 27 Aug 2010 24 Oct 2013	91586B H.BERT	Transfer Loan to Death
47	M	~ Jun 1993	UNK3	UNK4	A47 A48 A44	~ Jun 1993 ~ 2000 21 Nov 2004	_____ _____ HUGO	Hatch Transfer Transfer
62	F	~25 Nov 2007	5	4	A10 HRF A44	~25 Nov 2007 ~25 Nov 2007 27 Mar 2011	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
94	M	7 Jul 2009	16	17	A16 A44	7 Jul 2009 5 Jun 2010	_____ AUGUST	Hatch Transfer
113	M	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A44	30 Mar 2010 30 Mar 2010 20 Aug 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
114	M	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A44	30 Mar 2010 30 Mar 2010 26 Aug 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
130	?	16 Mar 2012	94	62	A44	16 Mar 2012	_____	Hatch
131	?	27 May 2012	94	62	A44 HRF	27 May 2012 27 May 2012	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership

132	?	18 Jul 2012	94	62	A44	18 Jul 2012	_____	Hatch
133	?	13 Aug 2012	94	62	A44 HRF	13 Aug 2012 13 Aug 2012	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
148	M	27 Apr 2013	94	62	A44	27 Apr 2013 29 Apr 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Death
149	?	27 Apr 2013	94	62	A44 HRF	27 Apr 2013 27 Apr 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
150	M	27 Apr 2013	94	62	A44	27 Apr 2013 29 Apr 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Death
Totals: 7.2.5 (14)								

A45								
25	F	15 Sep 2001	5	4	HRF A10 A16 A45	15 Sep 2001 24 May 2003 4 Dec 2004 27 Feb 2005	IV-1 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
34	M	30 Jun 2002	16	17	A16 A45	30 Jun 2002 27 Feb 2005	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
53	M	12 Jun 2005	34	25	A45	12 Jun 2005	_____	Hatch
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A46								
58	M	????	WILD	WILD	A46	9 Sep 1997	03	Transfer
59	F	????	WILD	WILD	A46	9 Sep 1997	01	Transfer
60	F	????	WILD	WILD	A46	25 Mar 1999	02	Transfer
100	?	3 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Feb 2010 25 Sep 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Death
103	?	3 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Apr 2010 18 Sep 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Death
104	?	3 Mar 2010	58	MULT4	A46	3 Mar 2010 13 May 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Death
106	?	9 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	9 Apr 2010 16 Sep 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Death
123	?	23 Jan 2012	58	MULT4	A46	23 Jan 2012	_____	Hatch
124	?	24 Jan 2012	58	MULT4	A46	24 Jan 2012	_____	Hatch
125	?	31 Jan 2012	58	MULT4	A46	31 Jan 2012	_____	Hatch
126	?	1 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	1 Feb 2012	_____	Hatch
127	?	2 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	2 Feb 2012	_____	Hatch
128	?	3 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	3 Feb 2012	_____	Hatch
129	?	4 Feb 2012	58	MULT4	A46	4 Feb 2012	_____	Hatch
136	?	~18 Jan 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~18 Jan 2013	_____	Hatch
137	?	~25 Jan 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~25 Jan 2013	_____	Hatch
138	?	~27 Jan 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~27 Jan 2013	_____	Hatch
139	?	~ 6 Feb 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~ 6 Feb 2013	_____	Hatch
140	?	~17 Feb 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~17 Feb 2013	_____	Hatch
141	?	~17 Feb 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~17 Feb 2013	_____	Hatch
142	?	~ 4 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~ 4 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
143	?	~10 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~10 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
144	?	~26 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~26 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
145	?	~26 Mar 2013	58	MULT4	A46	~26 Mar 2013	_____	Hatch
Totals: 1.2.21 (24)								

A48								
90	M	3 Feb 2009	47	37	A44 A48	3 Feb 2009 3 Feb 2009 10 Feb 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Transfer

93	M	7 Jul 2009	16	17	A16 A44 A48	7 Jul 2009 5 Jun 2010 13 Jun 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
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Totals: 2.0.0 (2)

A54

79	M	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
80	?	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008 15 Oct 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Death
81	F	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
82	F	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
83	?	~15 Mar 2007	58	MULT4	A46 A54	~15 Mar 2007 ~15 Jun 2008 15 Oct 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Death

Totals: 1.2.2 (5)

A56

67	F	8 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56	8 Apr 2004 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
70	F	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56	14 Mar 2004 ~15 Jun 2008 8 May 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Death
75	M	6 Jan 2004	58	59	A46 A56	6 Jan 2004 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
76	M	11 Jan 2004	58	59	A46 A56	11 Jan 2004 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
78	F	23 Mar 2005	58	MULT4	A46 A56	23 Mar 2005 ~15 Jun 2008	_____ _____	Hatch Transfer
99	?	17 Feb 2010	75	67	A56	17 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch

Totals: 2.3.1 (6)

A66

68	M	8 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66	8 Apr 2004 ~15 Jun 2008 18 Sep 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
77	F	14 Feb 2005	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66	14 Feb 2005 ~15 Jun 2008 18 Sep 2009	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
89	M	6 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66	6 Feb 2009 23 May 2011 9 Sep 2011	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
92	M	~ 7 Mar 2009	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A66	~ 7 Mar 2009 23 May 2011 9 Sep 2011	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer

Totals: 3.1.0 (4)

A70

110	?	8 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A70	8 Mar 2010 8 Mar 2010 5 Sep 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
112	?	30 Mar 2010	47	37	A44 HRF A70	30 Mar 2010 30 Mar 2010 5 Sep 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to

Totals: 0.0.2 (2)

A73

69	M	~22 Apr 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A73	~22 Apr 2004 ~21 May 2006 19 Jun 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
71	F	~ 6 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46 A56 A73	~ 6 Mar 2004 ~21 May 2006 19 Jun 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Transfer Transfer

Totals: 1.1.0 (2)

A74									
74	M	~11 Feb 2004	58	MULT4	A46	~11 Feb 2004	_____	Hatch	
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____	Transfer	
					A74	~ Mar 2009	_____	ltf Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A77									
84	M	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch	
					A77	2 Jun 2011	_____	Transfer	
85	M	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch	
					A77	2 Jun 2011	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)									

A86									
72	M	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	14 Mar 2004	_____	Hatch	
					A56	~21 May 2006	_____	Transfer	
					A86	~2012 +/-1-yr	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A87									
97	?	27 Jan 2010	75	67	A56	27 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~11 Jun 2011	_____	Transfer	
98	?	11 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	11 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Transfer	
105	?	~ 3 Apr 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~ 3 Apr 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Transfer	
119	?	~20 Jan 2011	58	MULT4	A46	~20 Jan 2011	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Transfer	
120	?	~21 Jan 2011	58	MULT4	A46	~21 Jan 2011	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Transfer	
121	?	~ 2 Feb 2011	58	MULT4	A46	~ 2 Feb 2011	_____	Hatch	
					A87	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 0.0.6 (6)									

A88									
87	?	~25 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~25 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Transfer	
					A88	~ Apr 2012	_____	Transfer	
91	?	12 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	12 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Transfer	
					A88	6 Apr 2012	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 0.0.2 (2)									

A96									
73	M	14 Mar 2004	58	MULT4	A46	14 Mar 2004	_____	Hatch	
					A56	21 May 2006	_____	Loan to	
					A96	22 Nov 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A97									
86	M	~ 7 Feb 2008	58	MULT4	A46	~ 7 Feb 2008	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A66	9 Sep 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A97	15 Sep 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A98									
88	?	5 Feb 2009	58	MULT4	A46	5 Feb 2009	_____	Hatch	
					A56	23 May 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A87	23 Jul 2011	_____	Loan to	
					A98	9 Mar 2013	_____	Transfer	
Totals: 0.0.1 (1)									

A99									
95	?	~15 Jan 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~15 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A99	27 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer	
101	?	~12 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~12 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch	
					A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to	
					A99	~27 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer	
						7 Aug 2013	_____	ltf Loan to	
Totals: 0.0.2 (2)									

A100	96	M	~18 Jan 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~18 Jan 2010	_____	Hatch
						A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to
						A100	~13 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A101	102	M	~24 Feb 2010	58	MULT4	A46	~24 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
						A89	~ 1 Jun 2012	_____	Loan to
						A101	~12 Jul 2013	_____	Transfer
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A102	118	M	13 Nov 2010	75	67	A56	13 Nov 2010	_____	Hatch
						A102	~22 Nov 2013	_____	Transfer
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

HRF - Homopus Research Foundation									
	3	?	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Hatch
						HRF	21 Nov 1997	III	Death
							29 Oct 1999		
	26	?	15 Oct 2001	5	4	HRF	15 Oct 2001	IV-2	Hatch
							26 Apr 2002		Death
	31	?	11 Nov 2001	5	4	HRF	11 Nov 2001	_____	Hatch
							11 Nov 2001		Death
	36	?	12 Oct 2002	5	4	HRF	12 Oct 2002	_____	Hatch
							12 Oct 2002		Death
Totals: 0.0.4 (4)									

TCBCC - Turtle Conservancy Behler Chelonian Center									
	10	M	????	WILD	WILD	A13	????	_____	Transfer
						A12	~16 Sep 1999	ERNST	Transfer
						A43	~ May 2004	_____	Loan to
						TCBCC	7 Oct 2005	AREO02	Transfer
	11	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Transfer
						A12	~16 Sep 1999	A5	Transfer
						A43	~ May 2004	_____	Loan to
						TCBCC	7 Oct 2005	AREO01	Transfer
	151	?	2 Jun 2013	10	11	TCBCC	2 Jun 2013	_____	Hatch
Totals: 1.1.1 (3)									

WUPPERTAL - Wuppertal Zoological Garten									
	40	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL	28 Mar 1991	91586A	Transfer
	42	F	22 Feb 1999	58	MULT4	A46	22 Feb 1999	_____	Hatch
						HRF	4 Nov 2004	NOMARK	Transfer
						WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586C	Loan to
							14 Apr 2005		Death
	43	F	21 Dec 1999	58	MULT4	A46	21 Dec 1999	_____	Hatch
						HRF	4 Nov 2004	CR1	Transfer
						WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586D	Loan to
							26 Mar 2005		Death
	44	F	20 Dec 2001	58	MULT4	A46	20 Dec 2001	_____	Hatch
						HRF	4 Nov 2004	CL2	Transfer
						WUPPERTAL	9 Nov 2004	91586E	Loan to
							4 Nov 2005		Death
Totals: 1.3.0 (4)									
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TOTALS: 48.40.59 (147)									

Homopus femoralis: Total studbook population.

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Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event	
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A08	1	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28	~ Jan 2001	_____	Transfer
						HRF	23 Dec 2001	I	Loan to
						A08	17 Apr 2002	_____	Loan to

6	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W HRF A08	16 Mar 2006 19 Mar 2006 2 Apr 2006 11 Mar 2013	NONE _____ _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Death
11	?	1 Apr 2013	1	6	A08 HRF	1 Apr 2013 1 Apr 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
Totals: 1.1.1 (3)								

A10								
2	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28 A08 A10	~ Jan 2001 23 Dec 2001 30 Jul 2006	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Loan to Loan to
5	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W HRF A10	16 Mar 2006 19 Mar 2006 30 Jul 2006	NONE _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

HRF - Homopus Research Foundation								
3	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28 HRF	~ Jan 2001 23 Dec 2001	_____ III	Transfer Loan to
4	F	????	WILD	WILD	BEAUF W HRF	16 Mar 2006 19 Mar 2006	NONE _____	Capture Transfer
7	M	7 Jun 2008	3	4	HRF	7 Jun 2008	_____	Hatch
8	M	30 Jun 2010	3	4	HRF	30 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch
9	?	26 May 2011	3	4	HRF	26 May 2011 28 Dec 2012	_____ _____	Hatch Death
10	F	28 May 2011	3	4	HRF	28 May 2011	_____	Hatch
12	?	12 Jul 2013	3	4	HRF	12 Jul 2013	_____	Hatch
Totals: 3.2.2 (7)								

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TOTALS: 5.4.3 (12)								

Homopus signatus: Total studbook population. MULT1 are specimens 18 and 19, MULT2 specimens 20 and 21. UNK1 and UNK2 are unknown specimens outside of the studbook. ltf means that a specimen is lost to follow-up. Specimen number 95 is inbred and not available for further breeding.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
A07								
103	M	10 Aug 2008	35	36	A07 HRF A07	10 Aug 2008 10 Aug 2008 27 Feb 2009	 	Hatch Ownership Death
108	?	~27 Sep 2009	35	36	A07 HRF A07	~27 Sep 2009 ~27 Sep 2009 ~15 Dec 2009	 	Hatch Ownership Death
116	?	12 Aug 2010	35	36	A07 HRF A07	12 Aug 2010 12 Aug 2010 16 Nov 2010	 	Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 1.0.2 (3)								
A08								
42	F	20 Aug 2002	1	2	HRF A08	20 Aug 2002 19 Apr 2003	II-11 	Hatch Loan to
73	M	2 Aug 2005	37	38	HRF A08	2 Aug 2005 18 Apr 2009	HSS73 	Hatch Loan to
95	M	18 Sep 2007	41	42	A08 HRF	18 Sep 2007 ~18 Sep 2007	 	Hatch Ownership
101	?	10 Nov 2008	41	42	A08 HRF A08	10 Nov 2008 10 Nov 2008 ~24 Nov 2008	 	Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 2.1.1 (4)								

A10	6	M	8 Nov 1996	1	3	HRF A10 A31 A10	8 Nov 1996 4 Aug 2001 7 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 5 Sep 2009	III-2 _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
	35	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07 A10	4 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 16 Dec 2001 26 Oct 2012	NONE _____ _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to
	36	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07 A10	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 16 Dec 2001 26 Oct 2012	NONE _____ _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to
	80	?	10 Sep 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A10	10 Sep 2006 10 Sep 2006 1 Mar 2007	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
	81	?	3 Sep 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A10	3 Sep 2006 3 Sep 2006 8 Apr 2008	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
	130	?	9 Jul 2013	35	36	A10 HRF	9 Jul 2013 9 Jul 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
	131	?	4 Oct 2013	35	36	A10 HRF	4 Oct 2013 4 Oct 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
	132	?	~23 Oct 2013	35	36	A10 HRF	~23 Oct 2013 23 Oct 2013	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
Totals: 2.1.5 (8)									

A12	45	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002 ~ Jun 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
	46	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002 ~ Jun 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
	48	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002 ~ Jul 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
	49	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002 ~ Jul 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
Totals: 0.0.4 (4)									

A16	11	M	10 Nov 1997	1	3	HRF A06 A07 A16	10 Nov 1997 22 Nov 1998 5 Jul 2000 16 Sep 2000	III-4 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
	14	M	22 Oct 1998	1	3	HRF A07 A16	22 Oct 1998 22 Nov 1998 16 Sep 2000	III-5 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
	97	F	15 Sep 2007	35	36	A07 HRF A16	15 Sep 2007 15 Sep 2007 14 Mar 2010 6 Apr 2013	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)									

A18	15	F	20 Sep 1999	1	2	HRF A31 A18	20 Sep 1999 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 17 Mar 2013	II-6 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
	69	M	9 May 2005	37	38	HRF A33 A18	9 May 2005 28 May 2006 3 Sep 2007	HSS69 NURI _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)									

A25	3	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25	26 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 12 Jun 2004 22 Aug 2008	NONE III _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									

A31								
22	M	19 Jun 2000	1	2	HRF A31	19 Jun 2000 6 May 2002 14 Sep 2002	II-7 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
29	?	15 Jul 2001	1	3	HRF A31	15 Jul 2001 6 May 2002 14 Aug 2002	III-9 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.1 (2)								

A33								
53	F	20 Jul 2003	13	5	HRF A51 A33	20 Jul 2003 16 Sep 2006 30 Dec 2007	030720 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
63	M	6 Jul 2004	35	36	A07 HRF A51 A33	6 Jul 2004 6 Jul 2004 14 Aug 2006 30 Dec 2007 12 Nov 2011	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Death
66	F	6 Aug 2004	13	5	HRF A51 A33	6 Aug 2004 2 Jun 2006 30 Dec 2007 1 Apr 2012	040806 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 1.2.0 (3)								

A35								
31	M	3 Aug 2001	1	2	HRF A31 A35	3 Aug 2001 6 May 2002 30 Nov 2002 ~ Jul 2006	II-10 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
34	M	30 Sep 2001	1	3	HRF A31 A35	30 Sep 2001 6 May 2002 30 Nov 2002 ~ 1 Apr 2007	III-11 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)								

A36								
12	M	21 Nov 1997	1	2	HRF A07 A18 A31 A36	21 Nov 1997 22 Nov 1998 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 20 Oct 2003	II-4 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A37								
33	M	19 Aug 2001	1	3	HRF A31 A37	19 Aug 2001 6 May 2002 11 Dec 2002 26 Dec 2003	III-10 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
60	F	????	WILD	WILD	UNKNOWN A37	???? ~15 Mar 2003	NONE _____ ltf	Capture Transfer
61	M	7 Oct 2003	WILD	60	A37	7 Oct 2003 18 Dec 2011	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Transfer
62	F	5 Jun 2004	WILD	60	A37	5 Jun 2004 18 Dec 2011	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Transfer
67	M	5 Aug 2004	WILD	60	A37	5 Aug 2004 18 Dec 2011	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Transfer
83	?	~15 Jan 2006	25	60	A37	~15 Jan 2006 ~15 Jan 2006	_____ _____	Hatch Death
84	?	~15 Feb 2006	25	60	A37	~15 Feb 2006 ~15 May 2006	_____ _____	Hatch Death
85	?	~15 Mar 2006	25	60	A37	~15 Mar 2006 ~20 Mar 2006	_____ _____	Hatch Death
86	M	~20 Apr 2006	25	60	A37	~20 Apr 2006	_____	Hatch
87	M	~15 Oct 2005	25	60	A37	~15 Oct 2005	_____	Hatch
89	M	18 Jan 2007	25	60	A37	18 Jan 2007	_____	Hatch
92	M	10 Aug 2007	25	60	A37 HRF	10 Aug 2007 ~10 Aug 2007	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership

98	M	29 Dec 2007	25	60	A37	29 Dec 2007 7 May 2012	_____	Hatch Death
Totals: 8.2.3 (13)								

A39								
40	M	2 Jul 2002	1	3	HRF A39	2 Jul 2002 12 Apr 2003	III-13 _____	Hatch Loan to
88	M	~15 Nov 2005	25	60	A37 HRF A69 A39	~15 Nov 2005 ~15 Nov 2005 30 Aug 2010 24 Nov 2011	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
111	F	13 May 2010	37	38	HRF A39	13 May 2010 3 Dec 2011	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

A40								
43	F	29 Sep 2002	1	2	HRF A40	29 Sep 2002 6 Jun 2003	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
91	M	3 Aug 2007	37	38	HRF A40	3 Aug 2007 14 Nov 2009	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A42								
41	M	25 Jul 2002	1	3	HRF A08 A60 A42	25 Jul 2002 19 Apr 2003 12 Oct 2009 22 Jan 2010	III-14 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
55	?	3 Sep 2003	1	2	HRF A42	3 Sep 2003 7 Nov 2003 13 Mar 2004	II-14 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.1 (2)								

A43								
17	M	????	WILD	WILD	A12 A43	8 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Transfer Loan to
18	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE VIEJO _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to
19	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE STUMPY _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to
21	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE BERTHA _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to
27	?	17 Oct 2000	MULT1	MULT2	A12 A43	17 Oct 2000 ~ May 2004	SASHI _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
28	?	15 Nov 2000	MULT1	MULT2	A12 A43	15 Nov 2000 ~ May 2004	PEANUT _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
30	?	26 Jul 2001	MULT1	20	A12 A43	26 Jul 2001 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
32	?	10 Aug 2001	MULT1	20	A12 A43	10 Aug 2001 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
47	M	????	UNK1	UNK2	A12 A43	~ Jan 2002 ~ May 2004	ERNST _____ ltf	Transfer Loan to
56	?	22 Aug 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	22 Aug 2003 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
57	?	17 Sep 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	17 Sep 2003 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
58	?	20 Sep 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	20 Sep 2003 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 4.1.7 (12)								

A50								
1	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 A50	27 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 12 Jun 2004 8 Mar 2009	NONE I _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to Loan to

5	F	27 Feb 1996	WILD	3	HRF A50	27 Feb 1996 16 Sep 2006 24 Mar 2009	III-1 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
13	M	26 Sep 1998	1	2	A07 A18 A31 HRF A50	22 Nov 1998 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 16 Sep 2006 15 Sep 2010	_____ _____ _____ II-5 _____ _____	Loan to Loan to Loan to Transfer Loan to Death
64	M	29 Jul 2004	1	3	HRF A50	29 Jul 2004 17 Apr 2005 25 Mar 2009	III-19 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
Totals: 3.1.0 (4)								

A52								
70	M	24 Jun 2005	1	3	A25 HRF A52	24 Jun 2005 24 Jun 2005 5 Jan 2007 11 Jun 2007	DOPPIE _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)								

A54								
68	M	14 Aug 2004	35	36	A07 HRF A61 A60 A54	14 Aug 2004 15 Aug 2004 8 Oct 2006 ~18 Sep 2008 ~16 Apr 2011 ~17 Oct 2011	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
75	M	9 May 2006	13	5	HRF A54	9 May 2006 24 Mar 2007 ~27 Oct 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
102	M	28 Jun 2008	35	36	A07 HRF A54	28 Jun 2008 28 Jun 2008 2 Jan 2010 ~27 Oct 2010	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
Totals: 3.0.0 (3)								

A55								
74	M	31 Jul 2005	1	3	A25 HRF A55	31 Jul 2005 31 Jul 2005 24 Mar 2007	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
96	F	30 Jul 2007	35	36	A07 HRF A61 A64 A55	30 Jul 2007 30 Jul 2007 13 Apr 2008 10 May 2009 12 Sep 2009	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to Loan to
127	?	~ Sep 2012	74	96	A55 HRF	~ Sep 2012 12 Sep 2012	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
129	?	22 Jun 2013	74	96	A55 HRF A55	22 Jun 2013 22 Jun 2013 20 Nov 2013	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Death
Totals: 1.1.2 (4)								

A57								
10	M	22 Oct 1997	1	2	HRF A10 A31 A33 A57	22 Oct 1997 4 Aug 2001 7 May 2002 8 Nov 2002 6 Apr 2008	II-3 _____ _____ UHURU _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to
79	F	9 Aug 2006	37	38	HRF A57	9 Aug 2006 5 Nov 2009	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.1.0 (2)								

A59								
51	M	1 Jul 2003	1	2	HRF A41 A59	1 Jul 2003 2 Nov 2003 13 Sep 2008	II-13 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
113	M	16 Jun 2010	37	38	HRF A59	16 Jun 2010 3 Dec 2011	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)								

A60	54	F	5 Sep 2003	1	3	HRF A42 A60	5 Sep 2003 7 Nov 2003 22 Jan 2010 29 May 2010	III-17 THEODO _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									

A62	25	M	12 Sep 2000	1	3	HRF A31 A37 A62	12 Sep 2000 6 May 2002 11 Dec 2002 ~ 9 Oct 2008 2 Jan 2009	III-8 _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A63	77	F	13 Jul 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A63	13 Jul 2006 13 Jul 2006 14 Aug 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
	78	M	10 Jun 2006	44	7	A10 HRF A63	10 Jun 2006 10 Jun 2006 7 Mar 2009 23 Jul 2010	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Death
	93	M	30 Jul 2007	44	7	A10 HRF A63	30 Jul 2007 30 Jul 2007 14 Aug 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)									

A65	7	F	24 Dec 1996	1	3	HRF A06 A07 A18 A31 A10 A65	24 Dec 1996 22 Nov 1998 5 Jul 2000 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 11 Nov 2012	III-3 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to
	44	M	31 Oct 2002	35	36	A07 HRF A10 A65	31 Oct 2002 31 Oct 2002 24 Jul 2004 11 Nov 2012	_____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
	72	M	24 Jul 2005	MULT3	MULT4	HRF A65	24 Jul 2005 17 Oct 2009	?-1 _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)									

A67	76	F	20 Jun 2006	13	5	HRF A54 A67	20 Jun 2006 24 Mar 2007 25 Jun 2012	V-4 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
	106	M	20 May 2009	35	36	A07 HRF A67	20 May 2009 20 May 2009 13 Mar 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
	107	M	21 Jul 2009	35	36	A07 HRF A67	21 Jul 2009 21 Jul 2009 13 Mar 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
	121	?	23 Sep 2011	35	36	A07 HRF A67	23 Sep 2011 23 Sep 2011 18 Nov 2011	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 2.1.1 (4)									

A68	99	M	21 May 2008	37	38	HRF A68	21 May 2008 5 Jun 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
	100	M	24 Jun 2008	37	38	HRF A68	24 Jun 2008 5 Jun 2010	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 2.0.0 (2)									

A71	82	M	26 Dec 2005	25	60	A37 HRF A71	26 Dec 2005 26 Dec 2005 30 Aug 2010	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A75	59	M	10 Jun 2004	1	3	HRF	10 Jun 2004	III-18	Hatch
						A61	~17 Apr 2005	_____	Loan to
						A64	10 May 2009	_____	Loan to
						A75	27 Apr 2011	PANSER	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A76	114	M	4 Jul 2010	37	9	HRF	4 Jul 2010	_____	Hatch
						A76	~27 Jun 2011	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A78	71	M	25 Jun 2005	44	7	A10	25 Jun 2005	_____	Hatch
						HRF	25 Jun 2005	_____	Ownership
						A58	6 May 2008	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A78	10 Mar 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A79	118	F	1 May 2010	44	7	A10	1 May 2010	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~ 1 May 2010	_____	Ownership
						A58	10 Nov 2011	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A79	22 Feb 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									

A80	109	F	3 Feb 2010	44	7	A10	3 Feb 2010	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~ 3 Feb 2010	_____	Ownership
						A58	10 Nov 2011	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A80	17 Mar 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									

A81	110	F	23 Mar 2010	44	7	A10	23 Mar 2010	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~23 Mar 2010	_____	Ownership
						A58	10 Nov 2011	_____	Loan to
						A10	22 Jan 2012	_____	Loan to
						A81	22 Feb 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									

A83	112	M	8 Jun 2010	37	9	HRF	8 Jun 2010	_____	Hatch
						A72	29 Oct 2010	_____	Loan to
						A83	16 Aug 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A84	119	?	~20 Apr 2011	44	7	A10	~20 Apr 2011	_____	Hatch
						HRF	~20 Apr 2011	_____	Ownership
						A84	8 Sep 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 0.0.1 (1)									

A85	128	?	15 Jun 2012	35	36	A07	15 Jun 2012	_____	Hatch
						HRF	15 Jun 2012	_____	Ownership
						A85	20 Oct 2012	_____	Loan to
Totals: 0.0.1 (1)									

A90	125	M	7 Jul 2012	74	96	A55	7 Jul 2012	_____	Hatch
						HRF	7 Jul 2012	_____	Ownership
						A90	1 Mar 2013	_____	Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A91	105	M	27 Jul 2009	37	9	HRF	27 Jul 2009	_____	Hatch
						A72	29 Oct 2010	_____	Loan to
						A91	9 Mar 2013	_____	Loan to
							19 May 2013	_____	Death
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A92									
94	M	27 Aug 2007	44	7	A10 HRF A82 A92	27 Aug 2007 ~27 Aug 2007 10 Mar 2012 18 Mar 2013	_____		Hatch Ownership Loan to Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A93									
104	M	4 Jun 2009	37	38	HRF A93	4 Jun 2009 20 Jul 2013	_____		Hatch Loan to
Totals: 1.0.0 (1)									

A94									
120	F	~19 Sep 2011	44	7	A10 HRF A94	~19 Sep 2011 ~19 Sep 2011 4 Oct 2013	_____		Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)									

A95									
122	?	31 May 2012	74	96	A55 HRF A95	31 May 2012 31 May 2012 11 Nov 2013	_____		Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 0.0.1 (1)									

AMSTERDAM - Artis Royal Zoo									
115	?	6 Jul 2011	37	9	HRF AMSTERDAM	6 Jul 2011 6 Nov 2012	_____	R12043	Hatch Loan to
117	?	12 Jun 2011	37	9	HRF AMSTERDAM	12 Jun 2011 6 Nov 2012	_____	R12042	Hatch Loan to
Totals: 0.0.2 (2)									

HRF - Homopus Research Foundation									
2	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF	26 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 14 May 2004	NONE II		Capture Transfer Death
4	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF	28 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 24 Dec 1995	NONE IV		Capture Transfer Death
8	?	26 Jan 1997	1	2	HRF	2 Feb 1997			Death
9	F	30 Nov 1996	1	2	HRF	30 Nov 1996	II-1		Hatch
16	?	4 Oct 1999	1	3	HRF	4 Oct 1999 4 Oct 1999	III-6		Hatch Death
23	?	19 Jul 2000	1	2	HRF	19 Jul 2000 29 Jun 2001	II-8		Hatch Death
24	?	2 Aug 2000	1	3	HRF	2 Aug 2000 2 Aug 2000	III-7		Hatch Death
37	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 HRF	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 12 Jun 2004	NONE _____		Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer
38	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 HRF	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 12 Jun 2004	NONE _____		Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer
39	?	11 Jun 2002	1	3	HRF	11 Jun 2002 20 Jun 2002	III-12		Hatch Death
90	F	29 May 2007	37	38	HRF	29 May 2007 8 Jul 2007	_____		Hatch Death
123	?	24 Jun 2012	37	38	HRF	24 Jun 2012	_____		Hatch
124	?	30 Jun 2012	37	9	HRF	30 Jun 2012	_____		Hatch
126	?	16 Aug 2012	37	9	HRF	16 Aug 2012	_____		Hatch
Totals: 2.4.8 (14)									

PRAHA - Zoo Praha									
50	M	17 Jun 2003	1	3	HRF PRAHA	17 Jun 2003 20 Dec 2003 3 Dec 2010	III-15 _____		Hatch Loan to Death

52	F	9 Jul 2003	1	3	HRF PRAHA	9 Jul 2003 20 Dec 2003	III-16 _____	Hatch Loan to
65	M	31 Jul 2004	35	36	A07 HRF PRAHA	31 Jul 2004 31 Jul 2004 31 Aug 2006	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
Totals: 2.1.0 (3)								

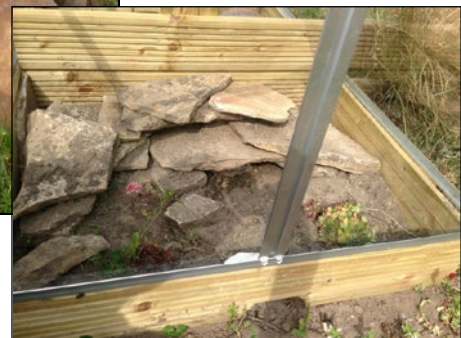
TCBCC -	Turtle Conservancy	Behler	Chelonian	Center				
20	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK	16 Sep 1999	NONE	Capture
					A12	~17 Sep 1999	MIDGE	Transfer
					A43	~ May 2004	_____	Loan to
					TCBCC	7 Jan 2005	SIGN01	Transfer
						1 Jul 2013	_____	Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)								

WUPPERTAL -	Wuppertal Zoological	Garten						
26	F	7 Oct 2000	1	2	HRF	7 Oct 2000	II-9	Hatch
					A31	6 May 2002	_____	Loan to
					WUPPERTAL	18 Dec 2002	_____	Loan to
						2 Jun 2008	_____	Death
Totals: 0.1.0 (1)								
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TOTALS: 62.30.40 (132)								

5. SPECIFIC INFORMATION FROM STUDBOOK PARTICIPANTS

Location A57

The couple *H. signatus* was kept outdoors during summer.



Location A68

A new room with roof windows was constructed to house *H. signatus* and other species.



The Velux windows are automatically operated through a NV Solo device (Window Master). When required, the room is heated via a room thermostat.



A connection between enclosures enables tortoises to move from one enclosure to the other. The connection is usually blocked, but can be opened if desired. In one instance, a male *H. signatus* was placed in the enclosure of another male. The newly introduced male immediately started inspecting the enclosure. This occurred visually and olfactorily, intensively sniffing the soil and decorations. When the two tortoises bumped into each other, they started fighting, despite the enclosure offering many opportunities for avoidance.

Fighting involved ramming with the shells, and biting in the nuchal and anterior marginals. Subsequently, the males started biting the forelimbs and neck as well. They managed to flip over their opponent several times, and continued biting when this had occurred. Since none of the males tried to escape the other male, they were visually separated by a rock. Nevertheless, both males started moving through the enclosure until they bumped into each other again, and resumed fighting. Therefore, the introduced tortoise was quickly returned to its original enclosure.

In another instance, an introduced male started sniffing the water bowl, followed by aggressive biting in a manner that appeared similar to biting another male. Since both males have identical water bowls in their enclosures, the smell of the resident male on the water bowl may have caused the biting reflex.

Location A83

Due to problems in some pens, I have temporarily put two captive-bred *Malacochersus tornieri* born in 2013 in the *Homopus signatus* pen. As soon as the male *H. signatus* saw the two tortoises it lost its shyness, came out its rocky crevice and tried to mate with the bigger one. The *H. signatus* forced the *M. tornieri* in a corner of the pen and started rhythmically wave its head in front of the baby's back. Soon I decided to separate them as the *M. tornieri* appeared to fear the male *H. signatus*.



Location A91

We used a home-made transportation box for the long transport in the car, which worked out well; the tortoise seemed to be fast asleep, when we arrived home. The transportation box consists of a plastic box (25 x 15 cm) with a hiding place made of flat stones that are glued securely together with silicone and fixed in the bow with screws. The bottom can be covered with paper or some terrarium soil. We put the plastic box into a larger Styrofoam box with holes in the cover onto a piece of foam plastic to reduce shock. The

spaces between the plastic and Styrofoam boxes are filled with crumpled paper. When we put the tortoise in the box, it went straight in the hiding place, stemmed its legs firmly against the stones and remained there unmovingly, until we arrived home. Whenever we controlled it on the road, it had its eyes closed and seemed to be asleep.



The following photos show the enclosure in which *H. signatus* is housed.



Several plants were used in the enclosure:

Plant name	Included in terrarium	Buds fed	Fed in total
<i>Haworthia reinwarthii</i>	x	No buds	x
<i>Opuntia ficus indica</i>	x	No buds	x
<i>Aloe erinacea</i> "Namibia"		No buds	
<i>Aloe c/hufarensis</i>	x	No buds	x
<i>Haworthia fasciata</i>	x	No buds	x
<i>Haworthia pygmaea</i>	x	x	x
<i>Haworthia limifolia</i>	x	No buds	x
<i>Crassula ovata</i>			
<i>Lithops</i> (<i>mayeri</i> , <i>aucampiae</i> , <i>reinfildii</i>)	x	No buds	x
<i>Haworthia</i> x	x	x	x

6. NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following overview summarises all manuscripts and articles that were submitted, accepted, [published](#), or under review in 2013.

Subject	Submitted	Accepted	Published	Journal
Activity of the greater padloper (<i>Homopus femoralis</i> , Testudinidae) in relation to rainfall	2012	2012	2012 ¹	African Zoology (English)
<i>Homopus femoralis</i> (greater padloper): reproduction	2012	2013	2013	Herpetological Review (English)
Erfahrungen bei der Haltung und Fortpflanzung der Areolen-Flachschildkröte (<i>Homopus areolatus</i>) unter unterschiedlichen Bedingungen in Namibia und in der Schweiz	?	?	2013	Marginata (German)
De insectenetende gespikkelde padloper (<i>Homopus signatus</i>) Gmelin, 1789	2013	2013	2013	Trionyx, Terra (Dutch), African Herp News (English), Sacalia (German)
ESF-stamboek <i>Homopus signatus</i>	2013	2013	2013	Trionyx (Dutch)
Geautomatiseerd terrariumhouden met Siemens LOGO!	2013	2013	2013	Trionyx (Dutch)
Small home ranges in the Namaqualand speckled tortoise, <i>Homopus signatus</i> , in spring	2013			Journal of Herpetology (English)

¹ Appeared after publication of the 2012 annual report

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Most materials required for the current *H. signatus* thermoregulation study (see Paragraph 1.3) were purchased in 2012, resulting in little expenses in 2013. The remaining funds for 2014 will suffice to finalise this study. Significant donations were received from studbook participants Martijn Kooijman and Paul van Sloun.

Revenues		Expenses	
Net amount	Item	Amount	Item
€		€	
Project <i>H. signatus</i> 2012-2014		Project <i>H. signatus</i> 2012-2014	
41	Remaining funds 2012	262	iButtons (5 pcs)
330	Donations private individuals	p.m.	Other research materials
		109	Reservation project expenses 2014
371	Subtotal	371	Subtotal
Other		Other	
36	Donation V. Loehr to cover non-project expenses	78	Annual costs bank accounts
42	Interest bank account		
78	Subtotal	78	Subtotal
448	Total	448	Total

8. PERMIT OVERVIEW

The activities reported in this document would not have been possible without the following permits issued by the South African and Namibian authorities:

Exporting of H. areolatus

- Exporting permit 49683 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
- CITES exporting permit 8830 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Namibia)
- CITES exporting permit 3558 (Ministry of Environment and Tourism, South Africa)
- Health certificate 13\1\4\2\ 09/2- 1676/04 (Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development, Namibia)
- Various additional permits issued to individual studbook participants (Namibia)

Collecting and exporting of H. femoralis

- Collecting permit AAA004-00010-0035 (CapeNature, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permit 58679 (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- Health declaration dated 17-03-06 (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

Collecting and exporting of H. signatus

- Collecting permit 331/95 (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Africa)
- Collecting permit 28/2001 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- CITES exporting permits 16579 and 281/95C (Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa)
- Permit to move animals/animal products 2001/10/3/A (Department of Agriculture, South Africa)

Field study on H. boulengeri

- Research permits 755/05, 43/2005 and 35/2005 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)

Field study on H. femoralis

- Research permit AAA-004-000185-0035
- Research permit AAA-004-00020-0028
- Research permit AAA-004-000392-0035
- Research permit AAA-004-00027-0028

Field studies on H. signatus and H. s. cafer

- Research permits 137/99, 84/99, 019/2001, 010/2001, 46/2003, 26/2003, 8/2003, 168/2003, 43/2003, 158/2003, 633/2003, 25/2003, 158/2004 and 633/2004 (Northern Cape Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- Research permits 428/2002 and 41/2002 (Western Cape Nature Conservation Board, South Africa)
- Research permits 152/2012 and 153/2012 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, South Africa)
- Research permit 460/2013 (Northern Cape Department of Environment and Nature Conservation, South Africa)