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Research and Conservation Center
for Endangered Turtles and Tortoises
Am Katzelbach 98, 8054 Graz, Austria
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LOAN AGREEMENT

This loan agreement is being contracted

between the **Turtle Island non profit GmbH**
Am Katzelbach 98, 8054 Graz, Austria
as the lender

and **Prague Zoo, contributory organization**
U Trojského zámku 120/3
171 00 Praha 7 – Troja, Czech Republic
as the loan receiver

Animals concerned: **9 captive bred (2016) Northern River Terrapins (*Batagur baska*)**

Turtle Island together with Zoo Vienna, Turtle Survival Alliance and Bangladesh Forest Department, manages a conservation breeding program for the Critically Endangered *B. baska*. Beginning with less than 10 founder specimens in 2010 the captive population increased to more than 500 turtles. We have been releasing adult males and in near future subadult captive bred specimens to learn about the ecology and biology of this unknown species.

The only breeding group of *B. baska* outside the countries of origin is at Turtle Island in Graz, Austria. Having bred more than 30 specimens, we are now going to distribute our offspring to partner institutions, which can provide the space and expertise to keep and possibly breed this large growing terrapin. Zoo Prague is providing the ideal requirements.

Therefore, the Turtle Island nonprofit GmbH provides Prague Zoo with 0,0,9 *Batagur baska* (Northern River Terrapin).

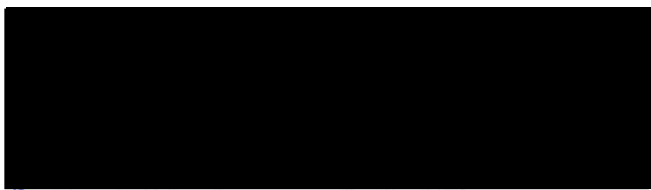
The loan receiver will provide the above-mentioned specimen(s) with proper care and facilities as required by the species needs and by applicable legal regulations.

The loan receiver is responsible for housing and feeding the animals appropriately, as well as providing medical care if necessary.

In case of disease or injury of the animal(s) the loan receiver will inform the lender promptly. This needs to be especially the case if a high-risk operation is necessary. In case of the death of the animal(s) the loan receiver is obliged to initiate a necropsy and will communicate the results to the lender.

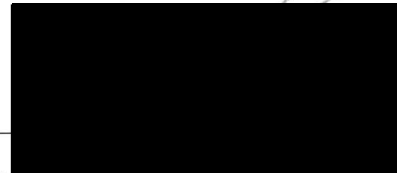
Ownership of any possible offspring will be a matter of a separate agreement. The loan receiver shall submit the lender, on a yearly basis, a report on any of the loaned specimens.

This agreement is concluded for an undefined period.



Turtle Island non profit GmbH
as the lender

20 -04- 2021



Prague Zoo
as the loan receiver



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