

Releasing 99 Turtles to the West Lake

The Hanoi Forest Protection Department in coordination with the West Lake Exploiting and Investment Company released 99 turtles into West Lake. These turtles, which are rare and precious, were cared for by the Hanoi Wildlife Rescue Centre. The Hanoi FPD received the turtles from the FPDs of Lang Son, Bac Ninh and Ninh Binh Provinces that confiscated the turtles from wildlife traders.

For the past 15 years, Vietnam's populations of wild turtles and tortoises have been serious threatened due to the illegal wildlife hunting and trade, and loss of habitat. Vietnam's 28 turtle and tortoise species are included in the List of Endangered Species. Among these are some endemic species which are considered to be rare and precious by the International Red Data Book.

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