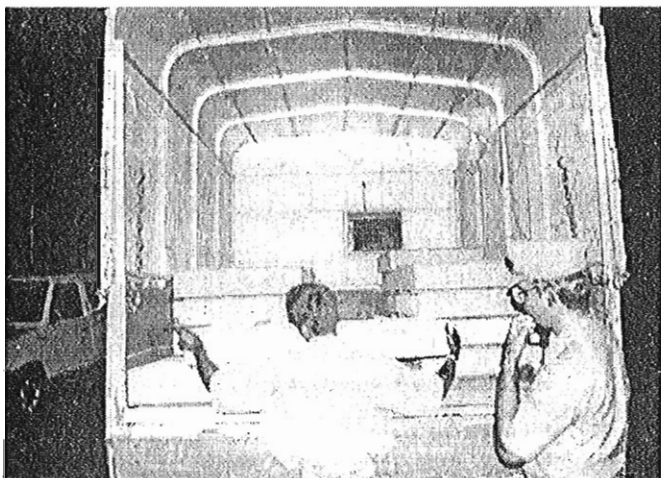


**Repatriated Star Tortoises from Singapore go to Nehru Zoo -- a Photo Feature**  
 B.C. Choudhury\* and B. Srinivas\*\*



At the Chennai Airport after being received from Singapore Airlines. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



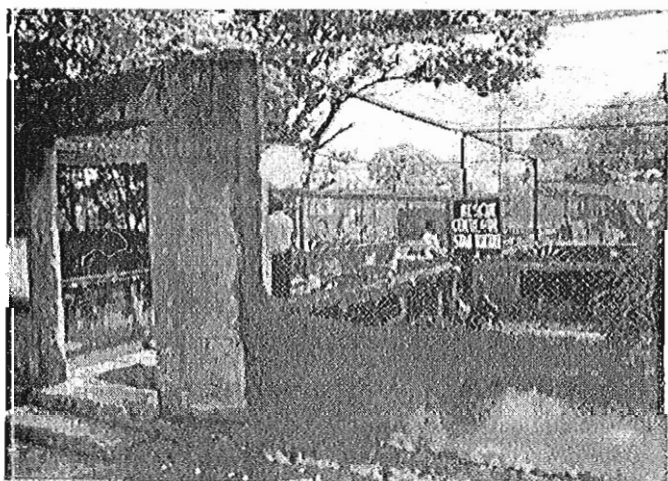
Close up of the enclosure. Photo by B.C. Choudhury.



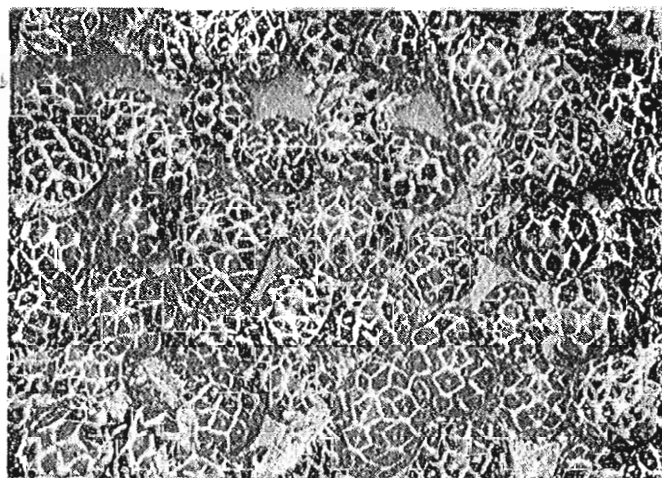
At the Hyderabad Air Cargo Complex. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



Tortoise box opened in the enclosure. Photo by B.C. Choudhury

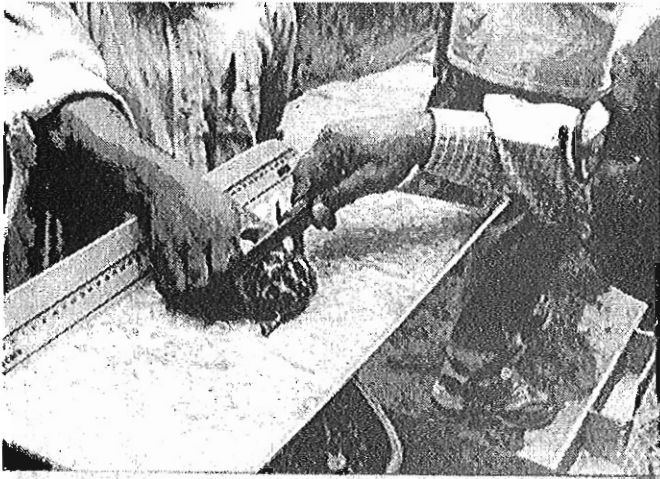


At the renovated Star Tortoise Rescue Centre at Hyderabad. Photo by B.C. Choudhury

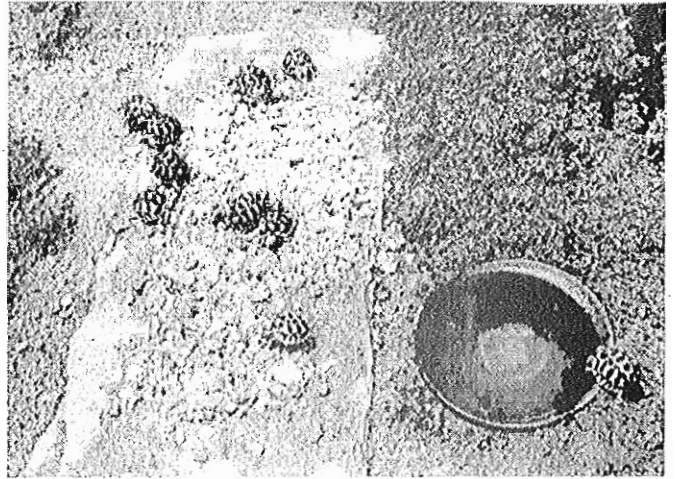


Tortoise before being measured and weighed. Photo by B.C. Choudhury.

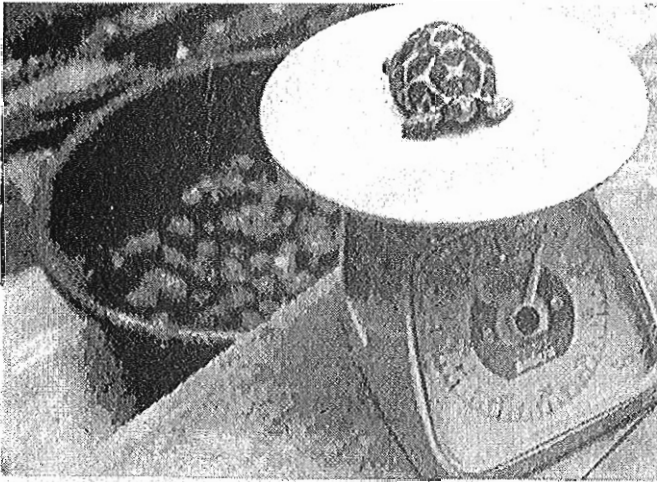
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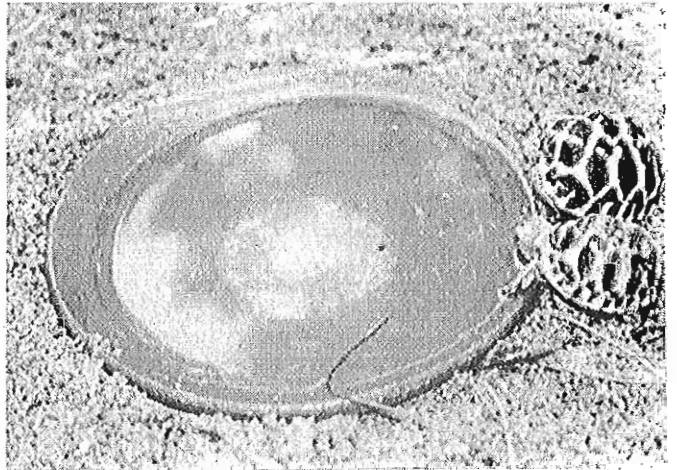
Tortoises being measured. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



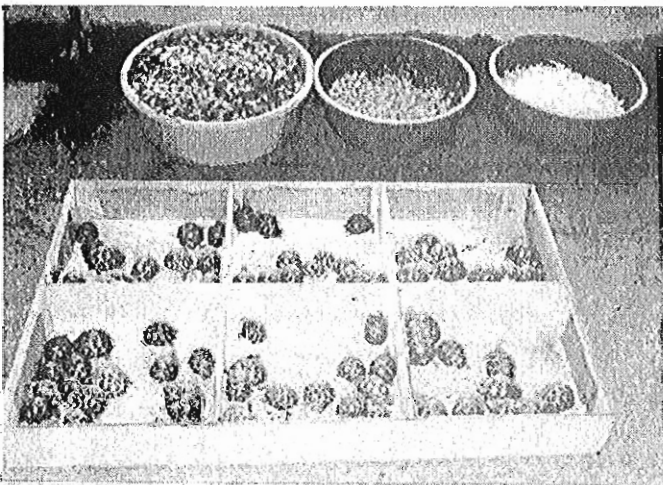
Feed and water inside the enclosure.  
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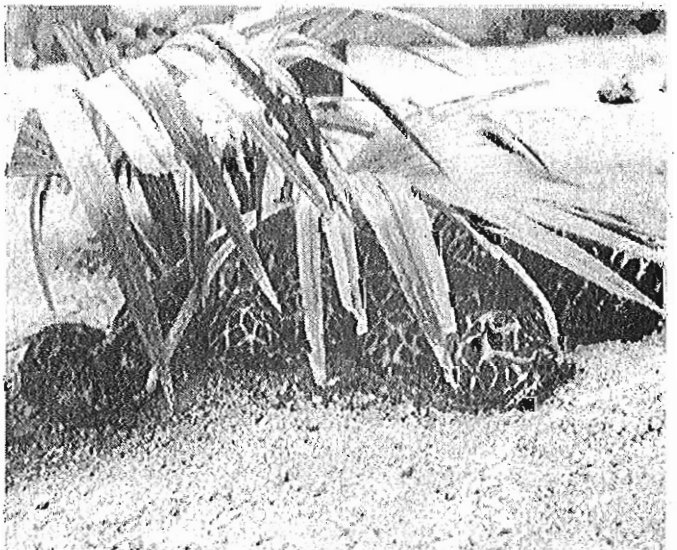
Weight being taken. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



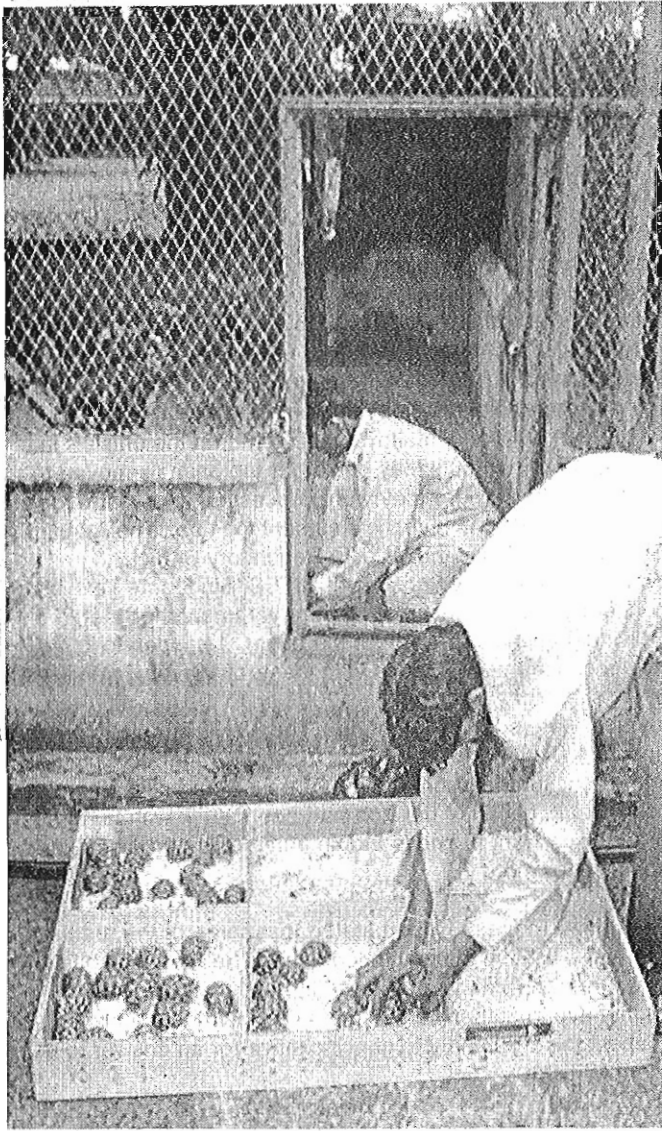
At the water trough. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



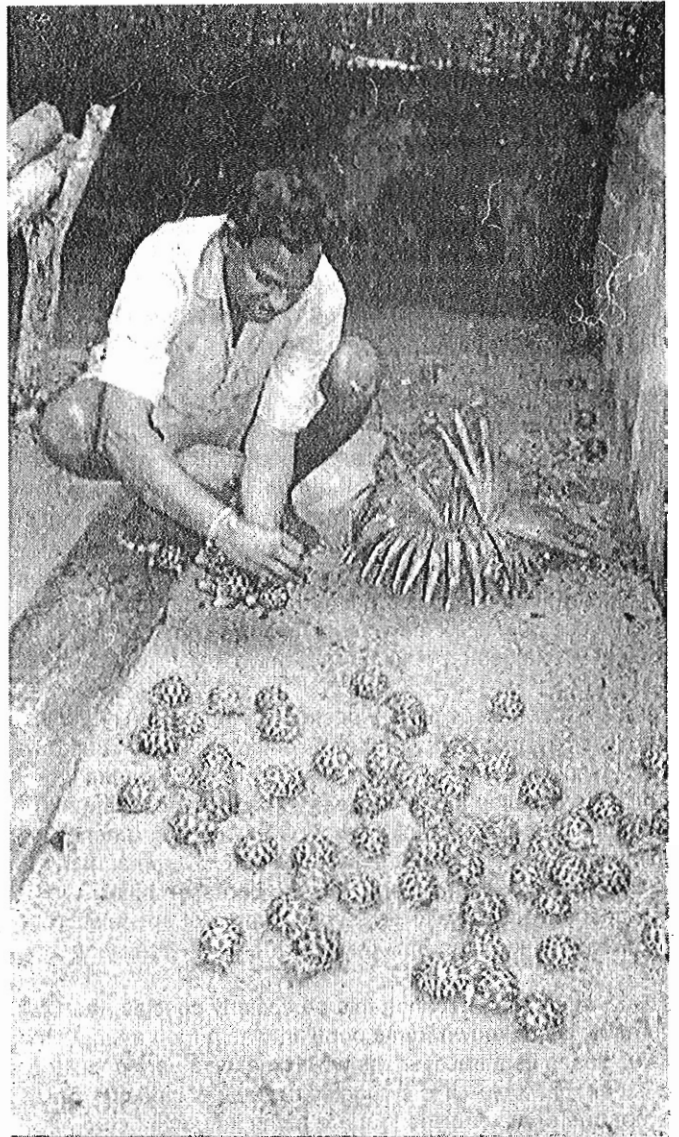
Tortoise with the food. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



Mid noon hiding ground for the tortoises inside the enclosures at Hyderabad zoo. Photo by B.C. Choudhury



Smaller tortoise being moved into intensive observation area. Photo by B. C. Choudhury



All tortoises released into enclosures. Photo by B. C. Choudhury

## Note on Singapore smuggled Star Tortoises at Hyderabad Zoo

B. Srinivas\*

On the morning of 23 August 2002, we received 19 crates containing 1813 Star tortoises which were the sum of surviving animals confiscated from three illegal shipments from India to Singapore. Mr. B.C. Choudhury from Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Mr. Hemanth kumar, Regional Deputy Director, Wildlife Preservation, Chennai and Dr. Anand Ramachandran from Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) have accompanied the consignment from Chennai.

Two quarantine centres were prepared for keeping the tortoises. The first centre is a large shed with partial roof so as to give proper sunlight for the animals. There is vegetation inside the shed also. The shelter has been divided into four partitions.

The second centre consists of 11 houses of the erstwhile crocodile complex. All houses were prepared as per the directions of the scientist from WII, Dehradun Mr. B. C. Choudhury.

The persons who are attending the Star Tortoises are as follows:

B.Srinivas, Curator; S. Rama Rao, ACF; Sri Moses, Assistant Curator, Dr. Navin Kumar, A.D.(Vet.); Dr. Akber, Vety. Asst. Surgeon; Mr. Syed Nasser, Biologist (Friends of Snakes); G.P. Jangaiah, Park Supervisor; Sri Ramulu, Head Animal keeper; Sri Jangaiah, Animal keeper and Mrs. Balamani, Animal keeper.