

Re-homed Turtles Produce Hatchlings

An update on the Yellow-headed Temple Turtles re-homed to a conservation programme in the U.S.

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We are happy to inform you that one of the Yellow-headed Temple Turtles (*Heosemys annandalii*) that the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden helped to re-home to the United States, laid a clutch of eight eggs on 18th January, 2011 (see the [TSA Blog](#)). With the attentive care of Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) member Kenan Harkin, all of the eggs recently hatched after incubation in their new Florida home in April 2011 (see the [TSA Blog](#))! This could just be the first batch of more to come.



Yellow-headed Temple Turtles under temporary care at KFBG.

The turtles were confiscated in an anti-smuggling operation by the Hong Kong Marine Police in February 2010. They were believed to be destined for food markets in South China. After rescue, they were sent to our Wild Animal Rescue Centre for temporary care. A total of 48 survivors, left Hong Kong in October 2010 to join a conservation breeding programme under the TSA in the United States. For more information, read our previous news article [here](#).

A positive and happy outcome for this consignment of animals!