

# The World's Top 25 Endangered Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles – 2011

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Photo E.H. Chan

*Batagur affinis*  
Southern River Terrapin



Photo C. Tabaka

*Chitra chitra*  
Asian Narrow-headed Softshell Turtle



Photo B.D. Horne

*Batagur kachuga*  
Red-crowned Roofed Turtle



Photo R. Ghosh

*Batagur baska*  
Northern River Terrapin



Photo R. Hudson

*Batagur trivittata*  
Burmese Roofed Turtle



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*Geochelone platynota*  
Burmese Star Tortoise



Photo T. Zhou, W.P. McCord, T. Blanck

*Cuora yunnanensis*  
Yunnan Box Turtle



Photo G. Kuchling

*Cuora aurocapitata*  
Yellow-headed Box Turtle



Photo M. Merida

*Dermatemys mawii*  
Central American River Turtle



Photo A. Cadavid

*Podocnemis lewyana*  
Magdalena River Turtle



Photo A.G.J. Rhodin

*Chelonoidis abingdonii*  
Pinta Island Giant Tortoise



Photo R.A. Mittermeier

*Mesoclemmys hoguei*  
Hoge's Side-necked Turtle



Photo A.G.J. Rhodin

*Astrochelys yniphora*  
Ploughshare Tortoise



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*Erymnochelys madagascariensis*  
Madagascan Big-headed Turtle



Photo A. de Villiers

*Psammobates geometricus*  
Geometric Tortoise



Photo T. Blanck

*Cuora zhoui*  
Zhou's Box Turtle



Photo D. Hendrie

*Batagur borneoensis*  
Painted Terrapin



Photo G. Kuchling

*Pseudemys umbrina*  
Western Swamp Turtle



Photo R. Reed

*Mauremys annamensis*  
Vietnamese Pond Turtle



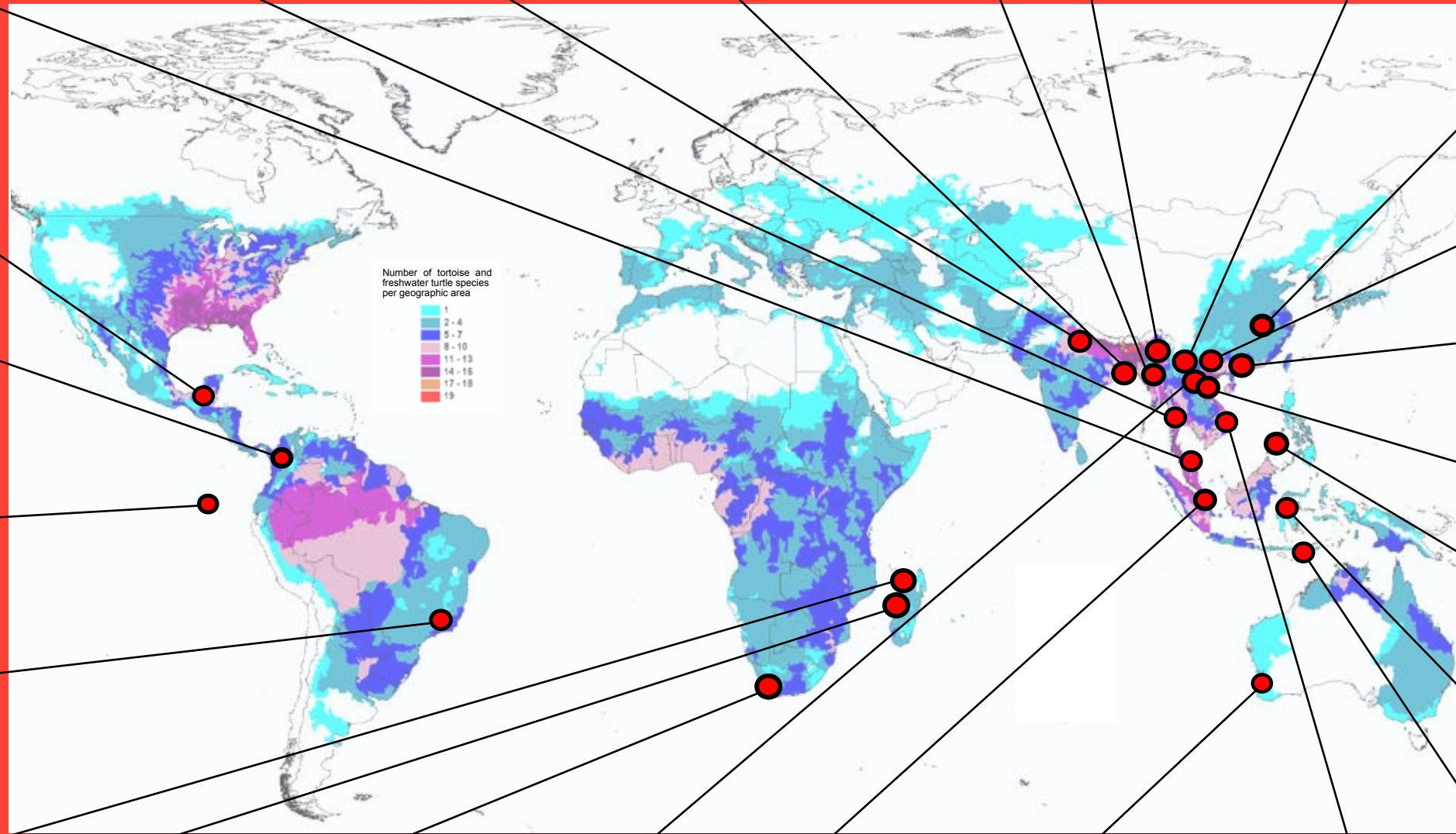
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*Chelodina mccordi*  
Roti Island Snake-necked Turtle



Photo C. Hagen

*Leucocephalon yuwonoi*  
Sulawesi Forest Turtle



The Top 25 Most Endangered Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles in the World occur primarily in Asia (17 species, 68%), with 4 (16%) in Latin America, 3 (12%) in Africa, and 1 (4%) in Australia. Priority areas of high turtle biodiversity occur in the Southeastern USA, Southeast Asia and Indonesia, the Ganges-Brahmaputra drainage of South Asia, the Amazon Basin, West Africa, and Northern Australia.



Map showing the global distribution and species richness of tortoises and freshwater turtles in terms of the number of species in defined drainage basins (color scale = number of species per area). Map by K.A. Buhmann et al. (2009, CCB 8:116-149). Poster designed by A.G.J. Rhodin, A.D. Walde, B.D. Horne, P.P. van Dijk, T. Blanck, R. Hudson, H.R. Quinn, E.V. Goode, and R.A. Mittermeier, 2011.