

TURTLES OF MALAYSIA

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"Turtle" is an "umbrella term" that includes sea turtles, freshwater turtles (also known as terrapins and softshell turtles) and terrestrial turtles (also known as tortoises). All turtles are reptiles, they are cold-blooded, and females produce eggs and have scales or scutes. They have no teeth but serrated jaws, they lay their eggs on land, whether at the beach or nesting bank, and they breathe using lungs. There are about 22 species of turtles that are native to Malaysia which have been classified according to their characteristics as below.

SEA TURTLES

Olive Ridley Turtle

Penyu Lipas
Lepidochelys olivacea



Green Turtle

Penyu Agar
Chelonia mydas



Leatherback Turtle

Penyu Belimbing
Dermochelys coriacea



Hawksbill Turtle

Penyu Karah
Eretmochelys imbricata



SOFTSHELL TURTLES

Asian Giant Softshell Turtle

Labi-Labi
Pelochelys cantorii



Southeast Asian Softshell Turtle

Labi Biasa
Amyda cartilaginea



Narrow-Headed Softshell Turtle

Labi-Labi Bintang
Chitra chitra



Malayan Softshell Turtle

Labi Melayu
Dogania subplana



TORTOISES

Impressed Tortoise

Baning bukit
Manouria impressa



Elongated Tortoise

Baning Lonjong
Indotestudo elongata



Asian Brown Tortoise

Baning Perang
Manouria emys



Yellow-Headed Temple Turtle

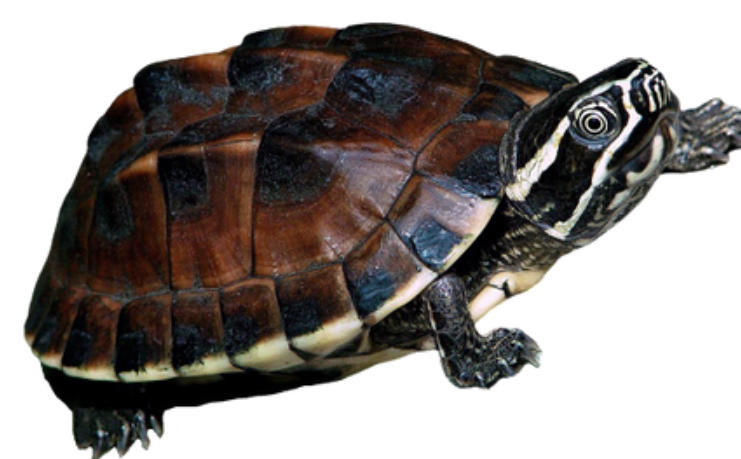
Kura-Kura Tokong
Heosemys annandalii



FRESHWATER TURTLES

Malayan Snail-Eating Turtle

Jelebu Siput
Malayemys macrocephala



Giant Asian Pond Turtle

Kura-Kura Besar
Heosemys grandis



Box Turtle

Kura-Kura Katup
Cuora amboinensis



Black Marsh Turtle

Kura-Kura Kolam
Siebenrockiella crassicollis



Spiny Turtle

Kura-Kura Duri Bukit
Heosemys spinosa



Asian leaf Turtle

Kura-Kura Bergerigi
Cyclanemys dentata



Malaysian Giant Turtle

Juku-Juku Besar
Orlitia borneensis



Southern River Terrapin

Tuntung Sungai
Batagur affinis



Malayan Flat-Shelled Turtle

Kura Punggung Datar
Notochelys platynota



Painted Terrapin

Tuntung Laut
Batagur borneoensis

