

Daily Schedule				
	Sunday July 20	Monday July 21		Tuesday July 22
		Tennessee Aquarium		Banquet A/B
8:00			<b>Workshop:</b> <i>Care and Recovery of Confiscated Turtles</i> With David Collins	Turtle Survival Alliance - Opening Address and Global Update MARC DUPUIS-DESORMEAUX
8:25				TFTSG - Update CRAIG STANFORD
8:40				<b>Keynote Address:</b> Working with Animals BRADLEY TREVOR GREIVE
9:25				Myanmar Program Update (2024-25): Endeavoring to Persevere Amid Chaos STEVEN PLATT
9:45				2025: Potentially a Very Significant Year for Turtle Regulations PETER PAUL VAN DIJK
10:00				<b>Break &amp; Posters</b>
10:15				The Atlas of Turtle Genomes for Conservation (ATGC): From Concept to Action NATALIA GALLEGO-GARCÍA
10:45				Where Is This Turtle From (and Where Should I Release It)? BRAD SHAFFER
11:15		Conservation Ecology and Research Priorities for Australian Freshwater Turtles DEBORAH BOWER AND ARTHUR GEORGES		
12:00		<b>Wet Lab:</b> <i>Field Necropsies and Sample Collection/ Handling</i>	<b>Break</b>	<b>Lunch 12:00 - 13:15</b>
13:00			<b>Workshop:</b> <i>3D Printing</i> With Scott Trageser and Nathan Haislip	
13:15				A 2025 Monitoring Update on Reintroduced Radiated Tortoises in Southern Madagascar LANCE PADEN
13:30				The National Recovery and Conservation Action Plan for Kenya: 2025-2035 DOMINIC MARINGA
13:45				A Conservation Crisis: The Vallarta Mud Turtle TAGGERT BUTTERFIELD
14:00				Conservation Strategy for the Vallarta Mud Turtle at Guadalajara Zoo MARÍA MARTÍNEZ
14:15				<b>Break &amp; Posters</b>
14:30	Engaging Citizens in Turtle Conservation: The 1 Million Turtles Program RICKY SPENCER			
14:45	<b>Workshop:</b> <i>Social Science and Behavior Change for Conservation</i> With Human Nature Group	Does a Lack of Juveniles Indicate a Threat? Understanding Body Size Distributions in Turtles DONALD MCKNIGHT		
15:00		Turtles on the Edge: Regional Action and Innovation for Critically Endangered Species in the Burnett Mary Rivers TOM ESPINOZA		
15:15		Wild, Rewilded, or Introduced? Defining Populations in IUCN Red List Assessments RICH BAXTER		
15:30		<b>Break</b>		
15:45	<b>Group Experience with the Chattanooga Ducks</b>			
16:00				
17:30				
18:00				
		<b>Icebreaker Social (Tennessee Aquarium) (18:00-21:00)</b>	<b>Drink Beer. Save Turtles.® Naked River Brewing Co. (18:00-22:00)</b>	

Daily Schedule		
	Wednesday July 23 – Banquet A	Wednesday July 23 – Banquet B
8:30	<b>Morning Announcements</b>	<b>Morning Announcements</b>
	<b><i>Down Under</i></b>	<b><i>Ecology Under Pressure</i></b>
8:45	Conservation of the Pig-Nosed Turtle in the Daly River, Australia SEAN DOODY	Changes in Abundance of Three Turtle Species Associated With Degradation of a Spring-Fed River ETHAN HANCOCK
9:00	Impacts of Harmful Algal Blooms on Australian Freshwater Turtles KYRA SULLY SULLIVAN*	Southern River Terrapin: Ecological Movements and Survivorship SITHA SOM
9:15	The Ecology of Gulf Snapping Turtles and Diamond Head Turtles at Lawn Hill Gorge DEB BOWER	Change in Habitat and Turtle Abundances on a Barrier Island After Consecutive Storm Surge Events in Southwest Florida CHRIS LECHOWICZ
9:30	A Flood of Information: Impacts of Nest Inundation on Endangered Western Saw-Shelled Turtles ERIC NORDBERG	Ecological and Morphological Shifts in Eastern Musk Turtles in Response to Invasive Snail Species in a Central Texas Spring Ecosystem ETHAN OWEN*
9:45	Empowering the Next Generation: School-Based Turtle Conservation as a Scalable Model for Proactive Species Recovery RICKY SPENCER	The Roles of Transient Dynamics and Environmental Variability in Persistence of Central American River Turtle Populations ROB KLINGER
10:00	Scaling Turtle Conservation: Floating Islands, Basking Platforms, and Turtle Hubs as Tools for Australia-Wide Recovery and Monitoring RICKY SPENCER	Evaluating the Wood Turtle as an Umbrella Species for Riparian Biodiversity in Massachusetts MICHELA COURY
10:15	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>
	<b><i>Kinosternid Investigations</i></b>	<b><i>Shell Science</i></b>
10:30	Ecology and Demography of Small- and Large-Bodied Sonora Mud Turtles in Two Isolated Mountain Ranges PAUL STONE	Problems in Current Morphological Character Selection in the Analysis of Turtle Phylogeny ASHER LICHTIG
10:45	Life-History Trait Values of Small- and Large-Bodied Sonora Mud Turtles in Two Isolated Mountain Ranges JUSTIN CONGDON	Multivariate Sexual Size Dimorphism in the Florida Softshell Turtle ERIC MUNSCHER
11:00	Demography of Jalisco Mud Turtle in an Urban Environment RODRIGO MACIP-RÍOS	Turtles are Pareto Distributed ROSS KESTER
11:15	Deep in the Heart of <i>depressus</i> : A Bright Spot in a <i>depressus</i> Landscape SEAMUS O'BRIEN*	Symbiotic Associations of Epizoic Autotrophs and Non-Marine Chelonians: Geography, Diversity, and Ecology PATRICK BAKER
11:30	A Phylogenetic-Comparative Approach to Reproductive Traits in the Kinosternidae Family FERNANDO DANIEL ANTELO BARBOSA*	Shallow Lakes and Deep Gorges: Are Morphotypes of Kuchling's Snake-Necked Turtle Related to Different Growth Patterns? GERALD KUCHLING
11:45	Somatic Growth of Musk Turtles Across North America ZACHARY SIDERS	The Utilization of Functional Traits in Determining Dissimilarities Between Freshwater Turtle Taxa LILLIAN SELF*
12:00	<b><i>Lunch 12:00-13:15</i></b>	<b><i>Lunch 12:00-13:15</i></b>
	<b><i>Status Check</i></b>	<b><i>Form, Function, and Fate</i></b>
13:15	Assessing Population Structure and Conservation Priorities for the Western Pond Turtle on California Military Installations EMILY ASCHE*	Demographic, Dietary, and Growth Differentials of Two Blanding's Turtle Populations ~20 km Apart in Eastern Massachusetts CARA MCELROY
13:30	Investigations Into the Range and Population Dynamics of Five Species of Kinosternids in Guatemala LAUREN AUGUSTINE	Ancestral State Reconstruction of Aestivation in Freshwater Turtles and Tortoises RAÚL LÓPEZ*
13:45	Wetland Occupancy of Western Chicken Turtles in Oklahoma ETHAN HOLLENDER*	Age Structure, Relatedness, and Patterns of Parentage in Sierra Box Turtle TAGGERT BUTTERFIELD
14:00	Tripolitanian Tortoise: A New Taxon Discovered in the Pet Trade STEPHEN POTERALA	Baby Got Bite: Defensive Kinematics of the Northern Giant Musk Turtle THOMAS ZAPLETAL*
14:15	Assessing the Conservation Status of the Yucatan Box Turtle CARLOS MAURICIO DELGADO MARTÍNEZ*	
14:30	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>
	<b><i>Alligator Snapping Turtles</i></b>	<b><i>Beyond Biology</i></b>
14:45	Ecology of an Urban Population of Alligator Snapper Turtles ANDREW COLEMAN	Ten Years of Post-Mortem Analysis Results at A Cupulatta Park, France PIERRE MOISSON
15:00	Capitalizing on Captivity: Insights From Years of Research on a Captive Breeding Population of Alligator Snapping Turtles DENISE THOMPSON	Ranavirus (Frog Virus 3) Identified in Missouri Turtle Species, With a Focus on Three-Toed Box Turtles JAMIE PALMER
15:15	Documenting Hook Ingestion and Clutch Size in the Alligator Snapping Turtle Using Metal Detector and Portable X-Ray LUKE PEARSON	Characterizing Current and Potential Turtle Consumers: Identifying Drivers of Demand in the United States ZOIE MCMILLIAN*
15:30	Oklahoma Alligator Snapping Turtle Distribution Surveys DEREK BATEMAN*	Keeping Turtles and Conservation Karma: An Ethical Dilemma MICHAELA MULLEN
15:45	Territoriality of Alligator Snapping Turtles PATRICK DELISLE*	The World Book of Turtle Conservation TONY MONAHAN
17:00 - 19:00	<b><i>Poster Session Social and Book Signings</i></b>	
20:00 - 21:30	<b><i>Movie Night: Turtle Documentary Screening</i></b>	

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Daily Schedule		
	Thursday July 24 – Banquet A	Thursday July 24 – Banquet B
8:30	<b>Morning Announcements</b>	<b>Morning Announcements</b>
	<b><i>Integrated Approaches</i></b>	<b><i>Turtles of the Southeast</i></b>
8:45	Construction vs. Conservation: Hands-On Approach to Turtle Rescue OLIVIA LOBALBO	Importance of Turtle Biodiversity in the Southeastern United States MICHAEL SKIBSTED*
9:00	Co-Development of Best Management Practices for Landowner Engagement With Eastern Box Turtle Conservation TOM AKRE	Ouacha” Doin’ Here? Distribution and Abundance of the Invasive Ouachita Map Turtle in the Coosa River GROVER BROWN
9:15	Buddhist Monk Outreach for Turtle Conservation: Bridging Faith and Conservation CHRISTEL GRIFFIOEN	The Status of Louisiana’s Reptile and Amphibian Regulations, With an Emphasis on Native Turtles KERI LEJUENE
9:30	Bringing Nature Back Into Business: Using Ecology to Enhance Economics Education RACHEL BEHRMANN	Preliminary Surveys of Eastern Chicken Turtles in Mississippi, and Future Study Goals DAVID POUNDERS*
9:45	Turtle Conservation Through Land Acquisition: The Case of Cuatro Ciénegas CRAIG STANFORD	Gopher Tortoises Along Florida’s Roads: Pushed From Unsuitable Habitats or Spillover From Source Populations? ELIJAH MCEUEN*
10:00	Chelonians of Jordan: Species Status and Threats to Their Habitats ABEER BILBEISI	Movements of Two Cooters ( <i>Pseudemys</i> ) in a Spring-Fed System ERIC MUNSCHER
10:15	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>
	<b><i>Eyes in the Field</i></b>	<b><i>Seeing Spots</i></b>
10:30	Canine Conservationists: Tips on Training and Utilizing Detection Dogs to Protect Turtle Populations THOMAS WILSON	Assessing Silviculture Drainage Ditches as Viable Surrogates for Wetlands Supporting Turtle Diversity in the Southeastern U.S. JOEL MOTA*
10:45	Drones as a Viable Method of Conducting Basking Surveys and Collecting Habitat Data NOAH DEVROS*	Chasing Swamp Ghosts: Investigating the Ecology of Spotted Turtles in the Deep South HOUSTON CHANDLER
11:00	Knockin’ on Tortoise Doors: Coastal Gopher Tortoise Behavior and Community Ecology ALEXANDER JANSZEN	Land Cover Change Around Spotted Turtle Localities in North Carolina’s Piedmont Indicate Rapid Urbanization and Forest Loss EMMA WILSON*
11:15	Assessing Española Giant Tortoise Introduction Impact on Santa Fe Island With Remote Sensing and Behavioral Models CHARLES LEHNEN*	Population Ecology of Spotted Turtles in Two Isolated Illinois Wetlands MICHAEL DRESLIK
11:30	Quantifying the Largest Known Aggregation of Giant South American River Turtles with Drones and Mark-Resight Models GERMÁN FORERO-MEDINA	
11:45	<b><i>Lunch 11:45 - 13:15</i></b>	<b><i>Lunch 11:45-13:15</i></b>
	<b><i>Conservation in Captivity</i></b>	<b><i>AZA SAFE: Radiated Tortoise</i></b>
13:15	Notes and Observations on Map Turtles ( <i>Graptemys</i> ) From Captivity STEVE ENDERS	Overview of the AZA Saving Animals from Extinction (SAFE): Radiated Tortoise Program STEPHEN NELSON
13:30	Unlocking Development and TSD Parameters of Red-Headed Amazon River Turtle Under Oscillating Incubation Temperatures DAVID DRAJESKE	TSA Madagascar: Advancing Sustainable Conservation by Building on Successes, Overcoming Challenges, and Embracing Opportunities HERY LOVA RAZAFIMAMONJIRAIBE
13:45	Integrating Technology and Husbandry Innovations to Improve Overwintering Success in Rehabilitating Native Turtles LINDA NICHOLS	Incorporating Pre-release Health Protocols in the Radiated Tortoise Reintroduction Program JAMIE PALMER
14:00	Running Turtle Rescue Centre – Challenges and Chances THUY NGUYEN	A High Density of Tortoises: The Tortoise Reserve in Cap Sainte-Marie TOJOTANJONA PATRICK RAZANAPARANY
14:15	Maintaining Confiscated Mexican Box Turtles in Southern New Jersey CHRIS LEONE	Flood Response and Management at the Lavavolo Tortoises Center: What We Have Learned TSANTA FIDERANA RAKOTONANAHARY
14:30	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>	<b><i>Break &amp; Posters</i></b>
	<b><i>Conservation in Captivity</i></b> Chair: Steve Enders	
14:45	A Little-Known Tortoise of South Africa: Karoo Dwarf Tortoise LIBOR KOPECNY	
15:00	Uniting Conservation-Minded Private Keepers – Assurance Collaborative for Turtle Species (ACTS) ANTHONY PIERLIONI	
15:15	Integrating Strategies for the Conservation of the Egyptian Tortoise RYAN HOWARD	
15:30	Taxonomy of Turtle Lovers: Creating a Bigger Umbrella STEVE ENDERS	
18:00 - 19:00	<b><i>Cocktail Reception</i></b>	
19:00 – 21:30	<b><i>Awards Banquet</i></b>	

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<b>Poster Presentations</b> <i>(Convention Center Rotunda)</i>	
<b>Poster Session Social—Wednesday, July 23rd at 17:00</b>	
A Three-Year Review (2023–2025) of Mortality Patterns and Management Challenges for Confiscated Radiated and Spider Tortoises in Madagascar KOLOINA MITIA ANDRIANANTENAINA	Ten Years of Tortuga Crew: Reflecting on a Decade of Undergraduate Turtle Research BENJAMIN ATKINSON
Demographics and Population Viability Analyses of Several Freshwater Turtle Species in Mississippi KATHERINE BRANDEWIE*	Building a Collaborative Network to Enhance Conservation and Management of the Spotted Turtle in the Southeastern U.S. ANDREA COLTON
Modifying Spotted Turtle Standard Survey Protocol for Data Depauperate Systems in the Southeastern USA ELIZABETH HOWELL CULP*	Initial Survey of Freshwater Turtle Assemblages at Thirteen Nature Preserves in Northeastern Illinois CLAIRE E. DIETRICH
Comparative Analysis of Home Range Estimation Methods in the Chaco Tortoise MARÍA EUGENIA ECHAVE*	Movement Patterns of the Vallarta Mud Turtle UBALDO SEBASTIÁN FLORES-GUERRERO
Monitoring Accumulation and Potential Effects of per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (Pfas) in Diamondback Terrapins Along the Atlantic Coast DAVID LEE HASKINS	Look at All Those Chickens! The Search for Western Chicken Turtles in the Arkansas River Valley, Arkansas, USA ELIZABETH HAYS*
Assessing Northern Raccoon Density Impacts on North American Wood Turtle Abundance REBECCA HIPPENSTEEL*	Microhabitat and Thermal Use of Eastern Box Turtles in Northeastern Georgia NATALIE HYSLOP
Distribution and Abundance of Ringed Sawbacks in the Pearl River Drainage of Mississippi, USA MCAULAY JAUNSEN*	High-Resolution GPS Data and CTMM Modeling Refine Estimates of Habitat Use in Eastern Box Turtles MARK S. KETNER
Physiological Indicators of Stress in the Chaco Tortoise: Seasonal Variations and Effects of Acute Stress ERIKA KUBISCH	Developing a Multi-faceted Approach to Long-Term Monitoring of Urban Turtle Populations at John Ball Zoo FAITH KUZMA
Turtles in Troubled Waters: Mapping Vessel Risk to Green Sea Turtles in an Industrialized Bay HOPE K. LOVICH*	Ruthless Dunes or Turtle Paradise: Gopher Tortoise Burrow Surveys in Northeast Florida SANDRA MARSHALL*
Changes to the Suitability of Wetland Habitats for Spotted Turtles in Ohio BRANDON T. MAWHINNEY*	Maximum Body Size in Central American River Turtles DONALD T. MCKNIGHT*
Trap Size Preference and Temporal Capture Patterns of Freshwater Turtles in North Carolina, USA FENTON MCKOWN*	Monitoring Two Major Threats of the Critically Endangered Vallarta Mud Turtle: Road Kills and Poaching HECTOR ANDRÉS MEDINA-ANDRADE
Fecal Analysis of Eastern Box Turtles in Northeast Georgia Across Native and Invasive Dominated Habitats JENNIFER L. MOOK	Growth of Captive Yellow-bellied Sliders Fed on a Natural Diet and Commercial Pellets HAI NGUYEN*
Monitoring Pathogens in Radiated Tortoise in Madagascar From 2023 to 2025 RINDRA NAVALONA RAKOTOBÉ	A Strategic Roadmap for the Conservation of Endangered Tortoises in Southern Madagascar, With a Focus on Enhancing Conservation Areas SEHENO RAMANANTSOA*
River-Reach Demography of the Southwestern Pond Turtle: Early Insights From a County-Wide Monitoring Program KYLIE RUDE	Documenting the History of and Personalities Behind Turtle Conservation and Research Through the CheloniaCast Podcast MICHAEL A. SKIBSTED AND PAUL CUNEO*
Nose to Knowledge: Wildlife Detector Dogs and Their Implementation in Turtle Conservation HUNTER SMITH	From Captivity to Independence: The Journey of Headstarted Eastern Box Turtles Undergoing Soft Release AVA SWEENEY*
Movement Ecology and Predation Risk: An Analysis of Co-occurring Raccoons and North American Wood Turtles in an Actively Managed Landscape ERIN TRIMPE*	

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