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Animal Fact Sheet

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Yellow-headed Temple Turtle

Heosemys annandalii

The Yellow-headed Temple Turtle is a large, freshwater turtle native to Southeast Asia, noted for its striking yellowish head and dark, domed carapace. Often found in slow-moving rivers, marshes, and…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Geoemydidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, swamps, and marshes
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 25-35 years
Weight: 7-12 kg
Scientific name: Heosemys annandalii

Did you know?

- Despite being aquatic, this turtle is an excellent climber and can sometimes be found perched on roots or low branches above the water.
- Yellow-headed Temple Turtles are known to be released by worshippers at temples as a symbol of merit and compassion. They are among the largest fresh…

What I learned

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