

CHECKLIST OF EXOTIC SPECIES IN THE PHILIPPINE PET TRADE, II. REPTILES

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ABSTRACT – Keeping reptiles as pets has steadily increased in popularity as evidenced by increasing trade volume in the last few decades. To establish a baseline data on available exotic reptiles and to elucidate the dynamics of reptile trade in the Philippines, wildlife trade surveys and interviews were conducted between 2008–2013 in Metro Manila, Cebu, and Davao. Additional trade data were obtained by retrieving data from the CITES trade database and by reviewing the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) unpublished reports. A comprehensive list of exotic reptile taxa (N = 197) documented in the Philippine pet trade is provided for the first time, including the ubiquitous *Trachemys scripta elegans* to the critically endangered *Astrochelys yniphora* and *Astrochelys radiata*. Wildlife laundering is emerging as an important mechanism utilized by breeding farms and private zoological parks to circumvent wildlife laws and regulations in the Philippines.

Keywords: reptile, exotic pet trade, critically endangered species, CITES, wildlife laundering, Astrochelys, Philippines

INTRODUCTION

The international pet trade in live reptiles has increased significantly, in quantity and number of taxa, in the last few decades (Gong et al. 2009; Smith et al., 2009). The trade volume of the United States, the leading importer and exporter of live reptiles, for the 15 most traded reptiles covering the period 2001–2009 amounted to more than 62 million reptile specimens (Herrel and van der Meijden, 2014). According to Hoover (1998), the increasing demand may be attributed to the following reasons: 1. More wild-caught and captive-bred specimens are available to supply the demand; 2. Advances in reptile husbandry and propagation make reptiles as viable alternative pets; 3. Trade restrictions on another faunal group (e.g. bird) prompted enthusiasts to seek alternative pets; 4. Changing perceptions about reptiles as pets; and 5. May be about fad.

Several reptile species are now routinely propagated in captivity in large volume to supply the pet trade industry. However, threatened and endangered reptile species are still heavily collected, legally and illegally, in the wild. Unsustainable collection practices, threats of habitat degradation, and climate change increase the extinction risk of reptiles (Böhm et al., 2013; Herrel and van der Meijden, 2014).

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Parrallel to the increasing trade volume in pet reptiles is the increasing incidents of injuries and transmissions of animal-borne diseases. Children below five years old are particularly more prone to sustaining injuries from pet reptiles due to their natural curiosity and sub-optimal hygiene practices. In 1975, the United States Food and Drug Administration banned the sale of turtles less than four inches after numerous salmonellosis cases linked to turtle ownership were reported (Smith et al., 2012). An increasing trend of pet constrictor snake injuries in the United States has also been documented. Reported incidents steadily climbed from a few in 1990 to more than 60 in 2012, including 12 fatalities between 1990–2012 (HSUS, 2012). More recently in Canada, two young children were constricted to death as they sleep, by a python kept as pet (Gillies, 2013).

Several studies on live reptile trade have been conducted in America (Hoover, 1998; Herrel and van der Meijden, 2014; Mali et al., 2014), Europe (Auliya, 2003; Turkozan and Kiremit, 2007), Africa (Carpenter et al., 2004; Ramahaleo and Virah-Sawmy, 2013), and Asia (Sharma, 1999; Shiau et al., 2006; Shepherd and Nijman, 2007, 2008; Gong et al., 2009). However, there is a paucity of information on exotic wildlife trade in the Philippines (Sy, 2014c). Wildlife trade surveys and interviews were conducted and unpublished trade data was analyzed to establish a baseline of available exotic reptiles and to elucidate the dynamics of exotic reptile trade in the Philippines.

METHODS

Visual encounter surveys were conducted in 235 pet shops in Metro Manila, Cebu, and Davao between June 2008 to June 2013. Pet centers in Metro Manila (Cartimar Pet Center, Arranque Market, and Tiendesitas Complex) were visited unannounced and without set interval between visits at least three times a year during the study period. Pet center in Cebu located along Manalili Street was visited twice and pet shops in Davao City were visited three times during the same period. Specimens displayed in plain view or hidden in backrooms were photographed when permitted by shop personnel. Opportunistic interviews with shop personnel and enthusiasts were conducted to determine price, quantity, source, and availability of other species hidden in plain view. Additional trade data was gathered by Internet surveys on local trading and social networking websites, visit to private facilities of importers and enthusiasts, review of unpublished reports (Issuance of non-CITES import/export permit, Issuance of wildlife local transport permit, inventory/monitoring of wildlife, and wildlife confiscation) from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - National Capital Region (DENR-NCR), review of list of registered turtle and tortoise owners from the Biodiversity Management Bureau – DENR (BMB-DENR), and retrieval of data on importation of live CITES listed reptile species from the CITES trade database for the period 1990-2012. Since private zoological parks and reptile propagation enterprises are important sources of specimens in the Philippine reptile trade, species imported with stated purpose for commercial (letter code in the CITES database = T), breeding in captivity (B), personal (P) and zoo (Z) were also included in the checklist.

Specimens were identified to species or subspecies level whenever possible by examining their distinguishing morphological characters or by comparing photographs posted by sellers with identification keys and published photographs from literature (e.g. Ross and Marzec, 1990; Necas, 1999; Pianka and King, 2004; Auliya, 2007; Shi et al., 2013). Scientific nomenclature follows Ross (1998) for crocodilians, TTWG (2014) for turtles and tortoises, Townsend and Larson (2002) for chameleons,

Hedges (2014) for skinks, Harvey et al. (2012) for teiid lizards, Böhme (2003) and Koch et al. (2010) for monitor lizards, Reynolds et al. (2014) for pythons and boas, Wallach et al. (2009) for cobras, Pyron and Burbink (2009) for kingsnakes, and Pyron et al. (2013) for other lizards and snakes. Listed species that also naturally occur in the Philippines (e.g. Reticulated Python, Spiny Turtle) pertained to imported specimens.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 197 exotic reptile taxa (6 crocodilians, 72 turtles and tortoises, 64 lizards, and 55 snakes), representing 30 families and 100 genera were documented (Appendix 1). Pet shops with exotic reptiles varied from 21–32 shops during the study period. Most shops only had the Red-eared Slider (*Trachemys scripta elegans*) (Fig. 1 A-C), but four reptile specialty shops had between 9–15 species in plain view, including critically endangered species such as the Radiated Tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) and Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*). Traditionally, pet centers were the main sources of exotic pets, but in the last decade, more traders are primarily utilizing the Internet in their trading activities. Legal and illegal reptile traders utilized local trading and social networking websites (e.g. Facebook) to advertise available specimens. Traders offering exotic reptiles for sale posted more than 200 online advertisements in randomly surveyed month during this study.

An analysis of the data retrieved from the CITES trade database for live CITES listed reptiles showed that 92 exotic taxa involving 10,248 specimens were imported in the Philippines from 1990–2012. The top 10 taxa represented 8,253 specimens (80.53%) of the total legal import (Table 1).

Table 1. Top 10 legally imported CITES listed exotic reptiles from 1990–2012

TAXON	QUANTITY	PERCENT
Iguana iguana	3,594	35.07%
Python regius	1,842	17.97%
Pelodiscus sinensis*	1,200	11.71%
Caiman crocodilus	376	3.67%
Boa constrictor	294	2.87%
Varanus exanthematicus	224	2.19%
Cuora amboinensis	202	1.97%
Chelonoidis carbonaria	196	1.91%
Python bivittatus	178	1.74%
Malayopython reticulatus	147	1.43%

^{*}Pelodiscus sinensis was listed in CITES Appendix III when imported in 2005

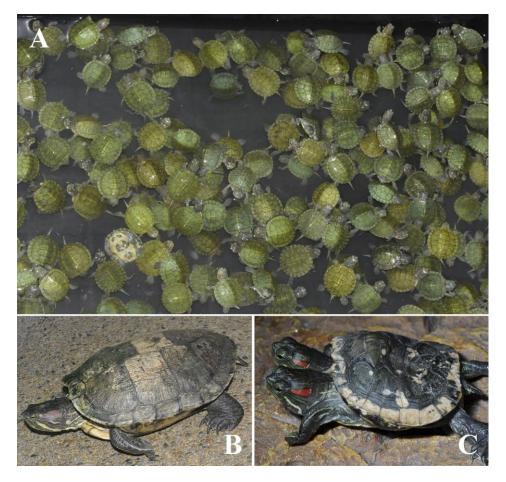


Figure 1. A) Red-eared Slider hatchlings are imported, legally and illegally, by the thousands annually; B) An adult female Red-eared Slider; C) A bicephalic Red-eared Slider. Photos by Emerson Y. Sy.

Popular Species

The most conspicuous reptile species in the Philippine pet trade was the Red-eared Slider, which is imported legally and illegally by the thousands annually. For instance, 11,000 live Red-eared Sliders were legally imported in the second quarter of 2014 (DENR-NCR, unpubl. report). The hatchling (straight carapace length [SCL] = 30-33 mm) of the species is easily identified by its attractive bright green-colored carapace and red patch behind the eye. In the United States, it is extensively bred in captivity and exported through out the world. In a four-year period (1993-1996), the US exported more

than 31 million live Red-eared Sliders (Hoover, 1998) and in a more recent study, Herrel and van der Meijden (2014) documented the US exported more than 48 million live specimens over the period 2001– 2009. The voluminous worldwide trade in live Red-eared Sliders in the last few decades resulted in establishment of feral populations in at least 70 countries and territories (Uetz and Hosek, 2014) and paved the way for it to become one of the 100 worst invasive species in the world (Lowe et al., 2000). The species is typically purchase on impulse by novice enthusiasts in the Philippines due to its initial small size, attractiveness, and low retail price (PHP 100-150 / USD 2.2-3.3). However, keepers are generally unaware that it can grow up to 25 cm in SCL (McKeown, 1996), will quickly outgrow small aquaria, and a potential source of salmonella bacteria which may cause serious illness especially to young children (CDCP, 2007). Some unwanted specimens end up being intentionally released in the wild resulting in thriving populations with undetermined ecological impact occurring in several locations on Luzon, Cebu, and Mindanao (Diesmos et al., 2008). Other introduced reptile species in the Philippines are: Painted Turtle (Chrysemys picta) through the pet trade; Chinese Softshell Turtle (Pelodiscus sinensis) through the food trade; and Common Garden Lizard (Calotes versicolor) possibly as cargo stowaways (Sy et al., 2004; Diesmos et al., 2008; Sy, 2013; Sy, 2014a). Additional reproducing populations of exotic reptiles are expected to be documented in the near future since a few escaped or released pets such as Alligator Snapping Turtle (Macrochelys temminckii), Common Caiman (Caiman crocodilus), Pig-nosed Turtle (Carettochelys insculpta), and Green Iguana (Iguana iguana) have been retrieved from the wild (Sy, unpubl. data).

The other popular species among reptile enthusiasts were the Leopard Gecko (*Eublepharis macularius*), Bearded Dragon (*Pogona vitticeps*), Ball Python (*Python regius*), and Reticulated Python (*Malayopython reticulatus*) due to the availability of numerous morphs (e.g. albino, melanistic, leucistic) selectively bred by herpetoculturists. Reptile breeders and traders can usually command high prices for new morphs in the market, but drastic drop in demand and price occurs after 2–3 years when certain morph becomes widely available and enthusiasts shift their attention to newer morphs or other species.

In 2008–2012, CITES-listed exotic reptiles imported in the Philippines ranged from 2–13 species per year representing 1,861 specimens (Table 2). A total of 1,306 specimens (70.18%) were *P. regius*, which clearly indicated its popularity among enthusiasts during the period.



Figure 2 A–H. Turtles and Tortoises: A) Chelonoidis carbonaria; B) Geochelone elegans; C) Carettochelys insculpta; D) Chelus fimbriata; E) Indotestudo elongata; F) Centrochelys sulcata; G) Macrochelys temminckii; H) Geoemyda spengleri. Photos by Emerson Y. Sy.

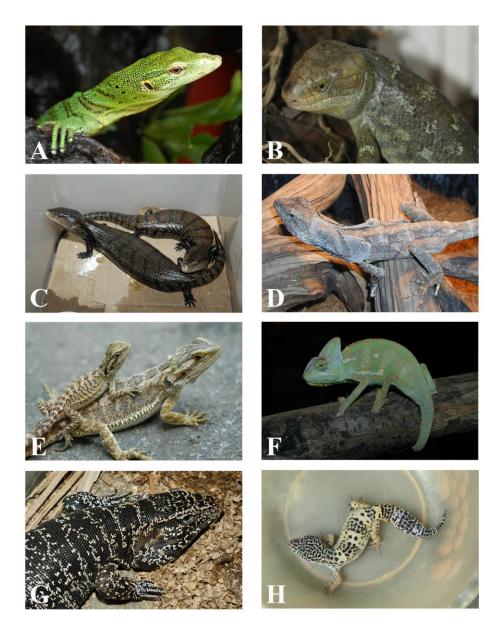


Figure 3 A–H. Lizards: A) Varanus prasinus; B) Corucia zebrata; C) Tiliqua gigas; D) Chlamydosaurus kingii; E) Pogona vitticeps; F) Chamaeleo calyptratus; G) Tupinambis tequixin; H) Eublepharis macularius. Photos by Emerson Y. Sy.

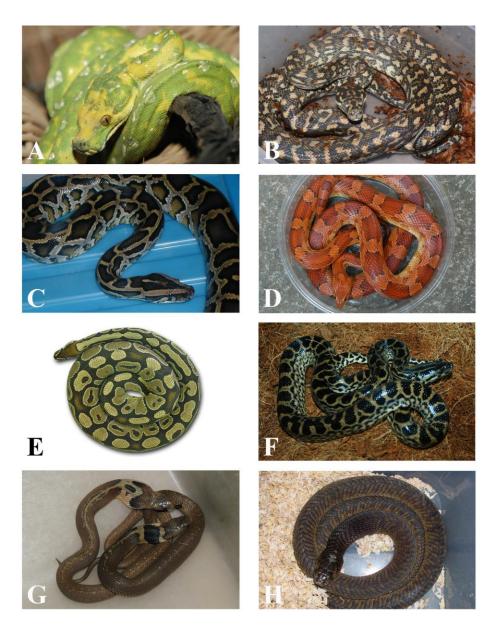


Figure 4 A–H. Snakes: A) *Morelia viridis*; B) *Morelia spilota*; C) *Python bivittatus*; D) *Pantherophis guttatus*; E) *Python regius*; F) *Eunectes notaeus*; G) *Naja atra*; H) *Naja annulifera*. Photos A–G by Emerson Y. Sy; Photo H screen captured by Emerson Y. Sy.

Table 2. Imported CITES listed exotic reptiles between 2008-2012 in the Philippines

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total	Percent
Centrochelys sulcata	7		6	2		15	0.81%
Chelonoidis carbonaria	129	10		4		143	7.68%
Chelonoidis denticulate	5	2		2	5	14	0.75%
Chelonoidis nigra		6				6	0.32%
Cuora amboinensis		2				2	0.11%
Stigmochelys pardalis		6	6			12	0.64%
Terrapene ornate				1		1	0.05%
Iguana iguana	56	39				95	5.10%
Salvator merianae				1		1	0.05%
Salvator rufescens				8		8	0.43%
Aspidites ramsayi		3	3			6	0.32%
Boa constrictor	8	76	28	2		114	6.13%
Epicrates cenchria	2					2	0.11%
Eunectes murinus	6					6	0.32%
Malayopython reticulatus	1	13		13		27	1.45%
Morelia spilota		14	11			25	1.34%
Python bivittatus		8		6		14	0.75%
Python brongersmai	14	17	27			58	3.12%
Python curtus			6			6	0.32%
Python regius	87	509	386	79	245	1,306	70.18%
Quantity	315	705	473	118	250	1,861	
Taxon	10	13	8	10	2		

CITES Species

Out of the total 197 exotic reptiles in the Philippine pet trade, 137 taxa (70%) are listed in CITES appendices. Twelve taxa (6.1%) are listed in CITES Appendix I, 119 taxa (60.5%) are listed in CITES Appendix II, and six taxa (3.0%) are listed in Appendix III (Figure 5).

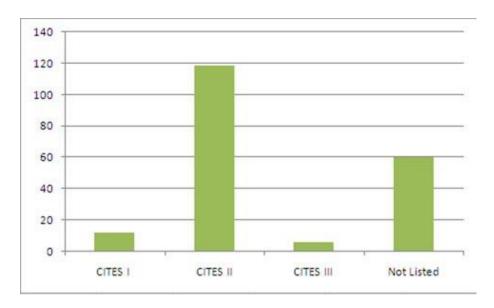


Figure 5. Number of exotic reptile species in the Philippine pet trade and CITES listing

Out of the 12 CITES Appendix I-listed reptiles documented in the Philippine pet trade (Table 3), only three species had records of legal importation. 100 and 30 live *Crocodylus siamensis* were imported in 1999 and 2005, respectively; one *Platysternon megacephalum* was imported in 2005 before it was listed in Appendix I; and six *Chelonoidis nigra* were imported in 2009. Among the 119 documented CITES Appendix II-listed species, only 86 had records of legal importation. This suggests all specimens of the other nine CITES Appendix II-listed species and at least 33 CITES Appendix II-listed species were smuggled and illegally traded in the country (Table 4).

Table 3. CITES Appendix I-listed reptiles in the Philippine pet trade

TAXON	DATE LISTED
Crocodylus siamensis	1 July 1975
Tomistoma schlegelii	1 July 1975
Astrochelys radiata	1 July 1975
Astrochelys yniphora	1 July 1975
Chelonoidis nigra	1 July 1975
Geochelone platynota	12 June 2013
Platysternon megacephalum	12 June 2013
Pyxis arachnoides	12 January 2005
Pyxis planicauda	13 February 2003
Testudo kleinmanni	16 February 1995
Varanus nebulosus	1 July 1975
Acrantophis dumerili	4 February 1977

Traders have been known to utilize CITES listing and IUCN conservation status of species as selling points to enthusiasts (Shepherd and Nijman, 2008). As expected, two of the most expensive exotic reptiles documented in this study were the CITES Appendix I-listed and critically endangered Radiated Tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*) (Fig. 6 A-C) and Ploughshare Tortoise (*Astrochelys yniphora*) (Fig. 7) with asking prices of PHP 18,000–125,000 (USD 400–2,778) and PHP 75,000–450,000 (USD 1,667–10,000) per specimen, respectively. In comparison, Nijman and Shepherd (2009) reported no significant price difference between CITES Appendix I- and II-listed turtles and tortoises traded in Thailand.



Figure 6 A–C. Online for sale advertisements of *Astrochelys radiata* in a local wildlife trading website. Screen captured by Emerson Y. Sy.

	Table 4. CITES Appendix II-listed exotic reptiles in the Philippine pet trade without importation records					
ORDER	TAXON					
Crocodilia	Crocodylus novaeguineae					
Testudines	Carettochelys insculpta					
	Malaclemys terrapin					
	Batagur borneoensis					
	Cuora flavomarginata					
	Geoemyda spengleri					
	Heosemys spinosa					
	Malayemys macrocephala					
	Orlitia borneensis					
	Pangshura tentoria					
	Podocnemis unifilis					
	Indotestudo elongate					
	Indotestudo travancorica					
	Malacochersus tornieri					
	Manouria impressa					
	Testudo graeca					
	Testudo marginata					
	Lissemys punctata andersoni					
Squamata - Sauria	Brookesia sp.					
	Calumma parsonii					
	Furcifer lateralis					
	Trioceros rudis					
	Phrynosoma sp.					
	Dracaena guianensis					
	Varanus auffenbergi					
	Varanus boehmei					
	Varanus indicus					
	Varanus macraei					
	Varanus melinus					
	Varanus prasinus					
Squamata – Serpentes	Simalia clastolepis					
	Naja atra					
	Naja naja					

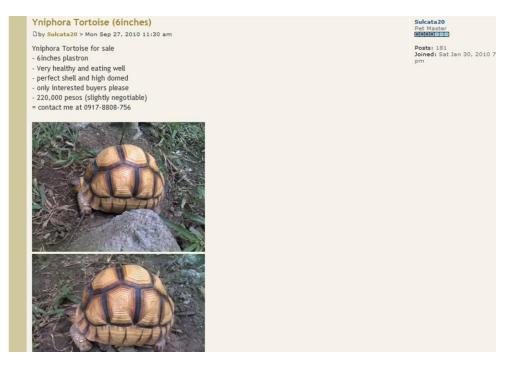


Figure 7. The critically endangered and CITES Appendix I-listed *Astrochelys yniphora* being offered for sale online. Screen captured by Emerson Y. Sy.

Emergence of support industry

The increasing volume of live reptile trade in the Philippines provided an opportunity for the emergence of the live feeder industry. Commercial and backyard breeders of live rats, mice, beetles sold in larvae form (*Tenebrio molitor*, *Zophobas morio*), crickets (*Acheta domestica*, *Gryllus bimaculatus*), and cockroaches (*Blatta lateralis*, *Blaptica dubia*, *Nauphoeta cinerea*, *Eublaberus posticus*, *Gromphadorhina portentosa*) are operating in major cities throughout the country. Live rats and mice are sold per head, while live insect feeders are sold by piece, weight, cupful, or colony (cockroaches). This unregulated support industry supplies live feeders to pet shops for resale or directly to enthusiasts. The activities of participants in this industry provide livelihood to breeders and undoubtedly contribute economically. However, the likelihood of live feeders becoming established in the wild when they escape confinement or accidentally released is very high due to a favorable tropical climate.

WILDLIFE LAUNDERING

Under the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001 (R.A. No. 9147), individuals or enterprises are allowed to possess, propagate, and trade wildlife species provided that specimens were legally obtained. However, a few unscrupulous individuals and enterprises, with DENR

issued certificates of wildlife registration (CWR) or wildlife farm permits (WFP), utilize these legal document as cover to their wildlife laundering and illicit trading activities. For instance, an individual may register specimens of endangered species with high commercial value with the DENR, illegally acquire more specimens, falsely report captive breeding successes, and trade the species under the guise that they are progenies of the duly registered specimens. The practice of wildlife laundering is becoming more prevalent especially for charismatic species with high commercial value in the international reptile market (Lyons and Natusch, 2011; Bennett, 2014; Sy, 2014b).

Based on the DENR list of CWR/WFP holders of turtles and tortoises, only nine individuals/enterprises out of 245 registered owners have *Astrochelys radiata* and no individuals have *Astrochelys yniphora*. Both of these critically endangered species from Madagascar are listed in CITES Appendix I since 1 July 1975, hence utilization primarily for commercial purposes is not allowed. However, a wildlife farm permit holder based in the National Capital Region with no registered *Astrochelys* specimens was able to illegally acquire and trade both species in the country between 2009–2012 (Sy, unpubl. data). Another wildlife farm permit holder based in Manila attempted to smuggle 70 albino Burmese Pythons (*Python bivittatus*; CITES Appendix II species) out of the country in September 2012, but the cargo was intercepted by vigilant wildlife officers at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (R. Fernandez-Salinas, pers. comm.). These cases illustrate methods how permit holders have exploited and disregarded both international and national wildlife laws for monetary gain.





Figure 8 A–B. Several smuggled specimens of *Astrochelys yniphora* (A) and *Astrochelys radiata* (B) in the Philipines. Photos by Emerson Y. Sy.

Currently, the Philippine wildlife authority is not requiring breeders to show proof of captive breeding successes and accept on good faith reported progenies. Credible evidences of captive breeding successes such as egg shells, photographs or videos of hatchlings emerging from eggs or specimens with egg tooth or residual yolk still attached should be considered as requirement to corroborate reported progenies.

CONCLUSION

This study provides, for the first time, a comprehensive list of exotic reptiles and an overview of dynamics of reptile trade in the Philippines. While keeping reptiles as pets is steadily gaining widespread popularity, it must be conducted in accordance with the international and national wildlife laws and regulations. Wildlife laundering in breeding farms and private zoological parks is emerging as an important mechanism to circumvent laws and regulations. The Philippine wildlife authority should consider implementing a more stringent requirement to authenticate reported captive breeding successes, particularly for critically endangered (e.g. Astrochelys yniphora) and Philippine endemic species (e.g. Varanus olivaceus, Siebenrockiella leytensis), to eliminate or mitigate wildlife laundering in the Philippines.

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Appendix 1. List of exotic reptiles in the Philippine pet trade

ORDER	FAMILY	TAXON	ENGLISH NAME	AUTHOR, YEAR	CIT ES
Crocodilia	Alligatorid ae	Alligator mississippiensis	American Alligator	(Daudin, 1802)	II
		Caiman crocodilus	Common Caiman	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
		Paleosuchus palpebrosus	Dwarf Caiman	(Cuvier, 1807)	II
	Crocodylid ae	Crocodylus novaeguineae	New Guinea Crocodile	Schmidt, 1928	II
		Crocodylus siamensis	Siamese Crocodile	Schneider, 1801	I
		Tomistoma schlegelii	False Gharial	(Müller, 1838)	I
Testudines	Carettochel yidae	Carettochelys insculpta	Pig-nosed Turtle	Ramsay, 1886	II
	Chelidae	Chelodina novaeguineae	New Guinea Snake- necked Turtle	Boulenger, 1888	NL
	Chelodina oblonga	Northern Snake-necked Turtle	Gray, 1841	NL	
		Chelus fimbriata	Mata Mata	(Schneider, 1783)	NL
		Emydura macquarii	Murray River Turtle	(Gray, 1830)	NL
		Emydura subglobosa	Red-bellied Short-necked Turtle	(Krefft, 1876)	NL
	Chelydrida e	Chelydra serpentina	Common Snapping Turtle	(Linnaeus, 1758)	NL
		Macrochelys temminckii	Alligator Snapping Turtle	(Troost in Harlan, 1835)	III
	Emydidae	Chrysemys picta bellii	Western Painted Turtle	(Gray, 1830)	NL
		Chrysemys picta picta	Eastern Painted Turtle	(Schneider, 1783)	NL
		Graptemys ouachitensis	Ouachita Map Turtle	Cagle, 1953	III
		Graptemys pseudogeographica	False Map Turtle	(Gray, 1831)	III
		Graptemys pseudogeographica kohnii	Mississippi Map Turtle	(Baur, 1890)	III
		Malaclemys terrapin	Diamondback Terrapin	(Schoepff, 1793)	II
		Pseudemys floridana floridana	Florida Cooter	(Le Conte, 1830)	NL
		Pseudemys peninsularis	Peninsula Cooter	Carr, 1938	NL
		Pseudemys rubriventris	Northern Red-bellied Turtle	(Le Conte, 1830)	NL
		Terrapene carolina	Box Turtle	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
·		Terrapene ornata	Ornate Box Turtle	(Agassiz, 1857)	II
		Trachemys scripta elegans	Red-eared Slider	(Wied, 1839)	NL
	Geoemydid ae	Batagur borneoensis	Painted Terrapin	(Schlegel & Müller, 1845)	II

	Cuora amboinensis	Southeast Asian Box Turtle	(Riche in Daudin, 1801)	П
	Cuora flavomarginata	Yellow-margined Box Turtle	(Gray, 1863)	II
	Geoemyda spengleri	Black-breasted Leaf Turtle	(Gmelin, 1789)	II
	Heosemys spinosa	Spiny Turtle	(Gray, 1830)	II
	Malayemys macrocephala	Malayan Snail-eating Turtle	(Gray, 1859)	II
	Malayemys subtrijuga	Mekong Snail-eating Turtle	(Schlegel and Müller, 1845)	II
	Mauremys reevesii	Reeves' Turtle	(Gray, 1831)	III
	Mauremys sinensis	Chinese Stripe-necked Turtle	(Gray, 1834)	III
	Orlitia borneensis	Malayan Giant Turtle	Gray, 1873	II
	Pangshura tentoria	Indian Tent Turtle	(Gray, 1834)	II
	Siebenrockiella crassicollis	Black Marsh Turtle	(Gray, 1830)	II
Kinosterni dae	Kinosternon flavescens	Yellow Mud Turtle	Agassiz, 1857	NL
	Kinosternon scorpioides	Scorpion Mud Turtle	(Linnaeus, 1766)	NL
	Staurotypus triporcatus	Mexican Giant Musk Turtle	(Wiegmann, 1828)	NL
	Sternotherus carinatus	Razorback Musk Turtle	(Gray, 1856)	NL
	Sternotherus odoratus	Common Musk Turtle	(Latreille, 1801)	NL
Pelomedusi dae	Pelomedusa subrufa	African Helmeted Turtle	(Bonnaterre, 1789)	NL
	Pelusios castaneus	West African Mud Turtle	(Schweigger, 1812)	NL
Platysterni dae	Platysternon megacephalum	Big-headed Turtle	Gray, 1831	I
Podocnemi didae	Podocnemis unifilis	Yellow-spotted River Turtle	Troschel, 1848	II
Testudinid ae	Aldabrachelys gigantea	Aldabra Giant Tortoise	(Schweigger, 1812)	II
	Astrochelys radiata	Radiated Tortoise	(Shaw, 1802)	I
	Astrochelys yniphora	Ploughshare Tortoise	(Vaillant, 1885)	I
	Chelonoidis carbonaria	Red-footed Tortoise	(Spix, 1824)	II
	Chelonoidis denticulata	Yellow-footed Tortoise	(Linnaeus, 1766)	II
	Chelonoidis nigra	Galapagos Giant Tortoise	(Quoy and Gaimard, 1824)	Ι
	Geochelone elegans	Indian Star Tortoise	(Schoepff, 1795)	II
	Geochelone platynota	Burmese Star Tortoise	(Blyth, 1863)	I
	Centrochelys sulcata	African Spur-thighed Tortoise	(Miller, 1779)	II
	Indotestudo elongata	Elongated Tortoise	(Blyth, 1853)	II
	Indotestudo forstenii	Forsten's Tortoise	(Schlegel and Müller, 1845)	II
	Indotestudo	Travancore Tortoise	(Boulenger,	II

		travancorica		1907)	
		Kinixys belliana	Bell's Hingeback Tortoise	Gray, 1830	II
		Kinixys erosa	Eroded Hingeback Tortoise	(Schweigger, 1812)	II
		Kinixys homeana	Home's Hingeback Tortoise	Bell, 1827	II
		Kinixys spekii	Spek's Hingeback Tortoise	Gray, 1863	II
		Malacochersus tornieri	Pancake Tortoise	(Siebenrock, 1903)	II
		Manouria emys phayrei	Burmese Black Giant Tortoise	(Blyth, 1853)	II
		Manouria impressa	Impressed Tortoise	(Günther, 1882)	II
		Pyxis arachnoides	Madagascan Spider Tortoise	Bell, 1827	I
		Pyxis planicauda	Flat-tailed Tortoise	(Grandidier, 1867)	I
		Stigmochelys pardalis	Leopard Tortoise	(Bell, 1828)	II
		Testudo graeca	Mediterranean Spur- thighed Tortoise	Linnaeus, 1758	II
		Testudo hermanni	Hermann's Tortoise	Gmelin, 1789	II
		Testudo horsfieldii	Horsfield's Tortoise	Gray, 1844	II
		Testudo kleinmanni	Egyptian Tortoise	Lortet, 1883	I
		Testudo marginata	Marginated Tortoise	Schoepff, 1793	II
	Trionychid ae	Amyda cartilaginea	Black-rayed Softshell Turtle	(Boddaert, 1770)	II
		Apalone ferox	Florida Softshell Turtle	(Schneider, 1783)	NL
		Lissemys punctata andersoni	Anderson's Flap-shelled Turtle	Webb, 1980	II
		Pelodiscus sinensis	Chinese Softshell Turtle	(Wiegmann, 1835)	NL
Squamata - Sauria	Agamidae	Calotes versicolor	Common Garden lizard	(Daudin, 1802)	NL
		Chlamydosaurus kingii	Australian Frilled Dragon	Gray, 1825	NL
		Physignathus cocincinus	Asian Water Dragon	Cuvier, 1829	NL
		Pogona henrylawsoni	Rankin's Dragon	Wells and Wellington, 1985	NL
		Pogona vitticeps	Bearded Dragon	(Ahl, 1926)	NL
		Uromastyx aegyptia	Egyptian Spiny-tailed Lizard	(Forskal, 1775)	II
		Uromastyx dispar dispar	Sudan Spiny-tailed Lizard	Heyden, 1827	II
		Uromastyx dispar maliensis	Mali Spiny-tailed Lizard	Joger & Lambert, 1996	II
		Uromastyx geyri	Geyr's Spiny-tailed Lizard	Müller, 1922	II
	Chamaeleo nidae	Brookesia sp.	Leaf Chameleon	Gray, 1864	II

	Calumma parsonii	Parson's Chameleon	(Cuvier, 1824)	II
	Chamaeleo calyptratus	Veiled Chameleon	Dumeril & Dumeril, 1851	II
	Chamaeleo gracilis	Graceful Chameleon	Hallowell, 1844	II
	Chamaeleo senegalensis	Senegal Chameleon	Daudin, 1802	II
	Furcifer lateralis	Carpet Chameleon	(Gray, 1831)	II
	Furcifer pardalis	Panther Chameleon	(Cuvier, 1829)	II
	Trioceros deremensis	Usambara Three-horned Chameleon	(Matschie, 1892)	II
	Trioceros jacksonii	Jackson's Chameleon	(Boulenger, 1896)	II
	Trioceros melleri	Meller's Chameleon	(Gray, 1865)	II
	Trioceros rudis	Coarse Chameleon	(Boulenger, 1906)	II
Cordyl	idae Cordylus tropidosternum	Tropical Girdled Lizard	(Cope, 1869)	II
Crotap dae	Crotaphytus collaris	Collared Lizard	(Say, 1823)	NL
Diplod lidae	acty Correlophus ciliatus	New Caledonian Crested Gecko	(Guichenot, 1866)	NL
Eubler dae	felinus	Cat-eyed Gecko	(Günther, 1864)	NL
	Eublepharis hardwickii	Indian Leopard Gecko	Gray, 1827	NL
	Eublepharis macularius	Leopard Gecko	(Blyth, 1854)	NL
	Hemitheconyx caudicinctus	African Fat-tailed Gecko	(Dumeril, 1851)	NL
Gekko e	nida Gekko gecko	Tokay Gecko	(Linnaeus, 1758)	NL
	Phelsuma laticauda	Broad-tailed Day Gecko	(Boettger, 1880)	II
	Phelsuma lineata	Striped Day Gecko	Gray, 1842	II
	Phelsuma madagascariensis	Madagascan Giant Day Gecko	Gray, 1831	II
	Phelsuma quadriocellata	Peacock Day Gecko	(Peters, 1883)	II
	Phelsuma standingi	Standing's Day Gecko	Methuen and Hewitt, 1913	II
Iguani		Black Iguana	(Gray, 1831)	NL
	Iguana iguana	Green Iguana	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
Phryno atidae	Phrynosoma sp.	Horned Lizard	Wiegmann, 1828	II
Egerni	idae Corucia zebrata	Monkey-tailed Skink	Gray, 1855	II
	Tiliqua gigas	Giant Blue-tongued Skink	(Schneider, 1801)	NL
	Tiliqua scincoides	Common Blue-tongued Skink	(White, 1790)	NL
	Tiliqua scincoides chimaerea	Tanimbar Blue-tongued Skink	Shea, 2000	NL
Lygoso ae	Depid of the Depidothyris fernandi	Fire Skink	(Burton, 1836)	NL
Teiida	e Dracaena guianensis	Nothern Caiman Lizard	Daudin, 1802	II

		Salvator merianae	Argentine Black & White Tegu	(Dumeril & Bibron, 1839)	II
		Salvator rufescens	Red Tegu	(Gönther, 1871)	II
		Tupinambis tequixin	Black Tegu	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
	Varanidae	Varanus albigularis ionidesi	White-throated Monitor	Laurent, 1964	II
		Varanus auffenbergi	Auffenberg's Monitor Lizard	Sprackland,	II
		Varanus boehmei	Golden-spotted Tree Monitor Lizard	Jacobs, 2003	II
		Varanus doreanus	Blue-tailed Monitor Lizard	(Meyer, 1874)	II
		Varanus dumerilii	Dumeril's Monitor Lizard	(Schlegel, 1839)	II
		Varanus exanthematicus	Savannah Monitor Lizard	(Bosc, 1792)	II
		Varanus indicus	Mangrove Monitor Lizard	(Daudin, 1802)	II
		Varanus jobiensis	Peach-throated Monitor Lizard	Ahl, 1932	II
		Varanus macraei	Blue Tree Monitor Lizard	Böhme & Jacobs, 2001	II
		Varanus melinus	Banggai Island Monitor Lizard	Böhme & Ziegler, 1997	II
		Varanus nebulosus	Clouded Monitor Lizard	(Gray, 1831)	I
		Varanus niloticus	Nile Monitor Lizard	(Linnaeus, 1766)	II
		Varanus panoptes	Yellow-spotted Monitor Lizard	Storr, 1980	II
		Varanus prasinus	Green Tree Monitor Lizard	(Schlegel, 1839)	II
		Varanus rudicollis	Rough-necked Monitor Lizard	(Gray, 1845)	II
		Varanus salvadorii	Crocodile Monitor Lizard	(Peters and Doria, 1878)	II
		Varanus salvator	Asian Water Monitor Lizard	(Laurenti, 1768)	II
		Varanus similis	New Guinea Spotted Tree Monitor Lizard	Mertens, 1958	II
		Varanus timorensis	Spotted Tree Monitor Lizard	(Gray, 1831)	II
Squamata - Serpentes	Boidae	Acrantophis dumerili	Dumeril's Boa	Jan, 1860	I
		Boa constrictor	Boa constrictor	Linnaeus, 1758	II
		Calabaria reinhardtii	Calabar Ground Python	(Schlegel, 1848)	II
		Candoia aspera	New Guinea Ground Boa	(Günther, 1877)	II
		Candoia carinata	Pacific Ground Boa	(Schneider, 1801)	II
		Corallus caninus	Emerald Tree Boa	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
		Corallus hortulanus	Garden Tree Boa	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
		Epicrates cenchria cenchria	Brazilian Rainbow Boa	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
		Epicrates maurus	Columbian Rainbow Boa	Gray, 1849	II
		Eryx colubrinus	Kenyan Sand Boa	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II

		Eryx conicus	Rough-scaled Sand Boa	(Schneider, 1801)	II
		Eunectes murinus	Green Anaconda	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
		Eunectes notaeus	Yellow Anaconda	Cope, 1862	II
		Lichanura trivirgata	Rosy Boa	Cope, 1861	II
C	Colubridae	Coelognathus radiatus	Radiated Ratsnake	(Boie, 1827)	NL
		Drymarchon couperi	Eastern Indigo Snake	(Holbrook, 1842)	NL
		Euprepiophis mandarinus	Mandarin Ratsnake	(Cantor, 1842)	NL
		Heterodon nasicus	Western Hognose Snake	Baird & Girard, 1852	NL
		Lampropeltis californiae	California Kingsnake	(Blainville, 1835)	NL
		Lampropeltis getula	Eastern Kingsnake	(Linnaeus, 1766)	NL
		Lampropeltis holbrooki	Holbrook's Kingsnake	Stejneger, 1902	NL
		Lampropeltis mexicana mexicana	Mexican Kingsnake	(Garman, 1884)	NL
		Lampropeltis mexicana theyeri	Variable Kingsnake	Loveridge, 1924	NL
		Lampropeltis nigra	Black Kingsnake	(Yarrow, 1882)	NL
		Lampropeltis splendida	Desert Kingsnake	(Baird & Girard, 1853)	NL
		Lampropeltis triangulum	Milksnake	(Lacepede, 1789)	NL
		Lampropeltis triangulum campbelli	Pueblan Milksnake	Quinn, 1983	NL
		Lampropeltis triangulum conanti	Conant's Milksnake	Williams, 1978	NL
		Lampropeltis triangulum hondurensis	Honduran Milksnake	Williams, 1978	NL
		Lampropeltis triangulum nelsoni	Nelson's Milksnake	Blanchard, 1920	NL
		Lampropeltis triangulum sinaloae	Sinaloan Milksnake	Williams, 1978	NL
		Pantherophis emoryi	Great Plains Ratsnake	(Baird & Girard, 1853)	NL
		Pantherophis guttatus	Cornsnake	(Linnaeus, 1766)	NL
		Pantherophis obsoletus	Western Ratsnake	(Say, 1823)	NL
E	lapidae	Naja annulifera	Snouted Cobra	Peters, 1854	NL
		Naja atra	Chinese Cobra	Cantor, 1842	II
		Naja naja	Indian Cobra	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
		Naja pallida	African Red Spitting Cobra	Boulenger, 1896	NL
		Naja sputatrix	Indonesian Cobra	Boie, 1827	II
P	ythonidae	Aspidites ramsayi	Woma Python	(Macleay, 1882)	II
		Bothrochilus albertisii	White-lipped Python	(Peters & Doria, 1878)	II
		Bothrochilus boa	Bismarck Ringed Python	(Schlegel, 1837)	II
		Liasis mackloti	Macklot's Python	Dumeril and	II

		Bibron, 1844	
Liasis papuana	Papuan Olive Python	(Peters & Doria, 1878)	II
Malayopython reticulatus	Reticulated Python	(Schneider, 1801)	II
Morelia spilota	Carpet Python	(Lacepede, 1804)	II
Morelia viridis	Green Tree Python	(Schlegel, 1872)	II
Python bivittatus	Burmese Python	Kuhl, 1820	II
Python brongersmai	Red Blood Python	Stull, 1938	II
Python curtus	Blood Python	Schlegel, 1872	II
Python molurus	Indian Rock Python	(Linnaeus, 1758)	II
Python regius	Ball Python	(Shaw, 1802)	II
Python sebae	African Rock Python	(Gmelin, 1789)	II
Simalia amethistina	Amethystine Python	(Schneider, 1801)	II
Simalia clastolepis	Mollucan Python	(Harvey, Barker, Ammerman & Chippindale, 2000)	II

NL = not listed



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