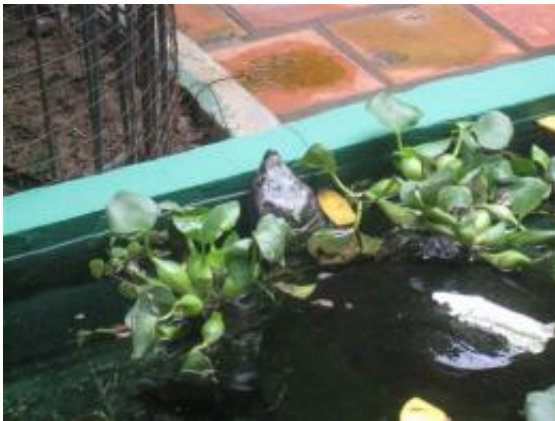


Vietnam returns endangered turtle to Cambodia

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In this Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012 photo released by Education of Nature Vietnam (ENV), a mangrove terrapin sticks out his head from the water at Suoi Tien Park in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The critically endangered turtle that somehow made it to Vietnam decades ago has been returned to its original home: Cambodia. The mangrove terrapin was handed over to Cambodian authorities in a ceremony in southern Ho Chi Minh City on Friday, Oct. 5. The conservation group ENV said the turtle would be introduced into a conservation breeding program in Cambodia. (AP Photo/Education of Nature Vietnam)

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The turtle was first spotted by ENV staff in 2010 in a park in Ho Chi Minh City.

The park bought the turtle from local people in the 1980s, but the conservation group says it is unclear how the terrapin ended up in Vietnam.

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