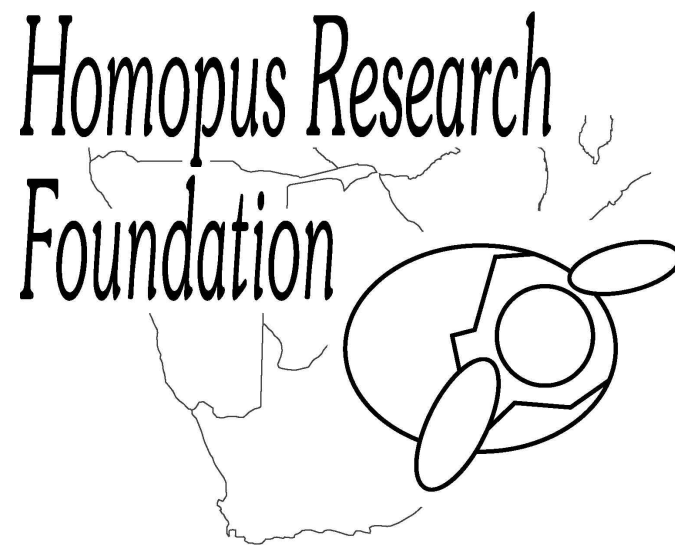


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1. INTRODUCTION AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2005

Due to time restrictions, this 2005 annual report is considerably less comprehensive than previous reports. I have chosen to list important issues, but to treat each issue only briefly. Furthermore, this report does not contain the usual husbandry information appendices. Refer to previous reports (website, <http://www.homopus.org>) for this type of information. Husbandry information may be reincorporated in the next years' reports.

The *Homopus* studbooks have grown prosperously in the past years, requiring rigorous changes in the way to interpret and report annual studbook data. Rather than interpreting annual results based on the previous years, it will be necessary to set long-term aims for each studbook, and to report against those. Working out this new way of reporting is scheduled for the end of 2006, or the beginning of 2007. This will probably affect the set-up of the 2006 annual report.

The following achievements are worth listing for 2005:

- Good progress made in the finalisation of the field research project on *H. signatus signatus*. See chapter "New publications".
- Initiation of field research on *H. boulengeri*. Field site and research permits arranged.
- At one of the studbook locations for *H. s. signatus*, an overlooked egg hatched naturally in an indoor enclosure. This rarely occurs in tortoises, and is indicative for the high standard of *Homopus* keeping in the studbook.
- Arrangements made for filming oviposition in captive *H. s. signatus* (BBC documentary, David Attenborough).
- Various reprint requests were received, among others:
 - Polytechnic of Namibia
 - Universiti Sains Malaysia
 - C. & O. Vogt Institute of Brain Research, Germany
 - Tetra Holdco GMBH & Co.Kg Germany
 - University of Stellenbosch
 - Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, Environment and Conservation, South Africa
 - Central Queensland University, Australia
 - Several private individuals
- Photographic material provided:
 - BBC Wildlife Magazine, U.K.
 - National Association for Humane & Environmental Education, U.S.A.
 - Akvarium-terarium (Czech journal)
- Questions on *Homopus* or tortoise research methodology answered:
 - University of Education in Karlsruhe, Germany
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
 - Several South African inhabitants
- Assisted in legal issues (illegal and confiscated tortoises)
- The website was updated with information and photographs on *H. boulengeri* and *H. femoralis*.

2. STUDBOOK SUMMARIES

Homopus areolatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2005: 31 (excluding 2 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 1 January 2005: 6 (5 countries, 1 zoo; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

New registrations: 5

Births: 5

Deaths: 3

Live specimens on 31 December 2005: 29 (excluding 6 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 31 December 2005: 8 (4 countries, 1 zoo; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

Interpretation of changes:

Three of the four captive-bred tortoises from Namibia (location A46) died within one year after importing (all at location WUPPERTAL). The fourth tortoise is doing well (location A03). Post-mortem examinations of the three dead tortoises did not yield a primary cause of death. The studbook has a history of problems associated with importing *H. areolatus* from southern Africa. In most cases, tortoises died from unknown causes. The 2005 results emphasise that specimens bred in captivity in Europe should be favoured, with hardly any mortality occurring within this group. In 2005, one new breeder was recorded.

Location A43 in the U.S.A. no longer responded to questions from the studbook coordinator, despite repeated attempts to keep in touch, and unfortunately the specimens at this location had to be removed from the studbook (lost to follow-up). The South African and U.S.A. authorities have been provided with details regarding the two locations responsible for the tortoises (A12 and A43, respectively owner and keeper).

Homopus femoralis

No changes occurred in 2005 (3 male specimens at 2 locations in 1 country). Three female *H. femoralis* will be collected and imported from South Africa in March 2006 (all required permits available).

Homopus signatus signatus

Live specimens on 1 January 2005: 52

Number of locations on 1 January 2005: 17 (6 countries, 2 zoos)

New registrations: 6

Births: 6

Deaths: 0

Live specimens on 31 December 2005: 45 (excluding 13 specimens lost to follow-up)

Number of locations on 31 December 2005: 18 (5 countries, 2 zoos; excluding 1 location lost to follow-up)

Interpretation of changes:

Year 2005 was successful for the studbook *H. s. signatus*, with no deaths and two new breeders of the species. Unfortunately, location A43 in the U.S.A. no longer responded to questions from the studbook coordinator, despite repeated attempts to keep in touch, and unfortunately the specimens at this location had to be removed from the studbook (lost to follow-up). The South African and U.S.A. authorities have been provided with details regarding the two locations responsible for the tortoises (A12 and A43, respectively owner and keeper).

3. ACTUAL STUDBOOK OVERVIEWS

Homopus areolatus: Total studbook population. MULTX are groups of unregistered specimens at locations outside of the studbook. UNKX are specimens at locations outside of the studbook. ltf means that a specimen is lost to follow-up.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
1	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	~ Jul 1997	_____	Transfer
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	I	Transfer
					A03	14 Dec 1997	HZ0525	Transfer
						9 Nov 1998		Death
2	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT	~ Jul 1997	_____	Transfer
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	II	Transfer
					A03	14 Dec 1997	_____	Transfer
						13 Aug 1999		Death
3	?	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT	????	_____	Hatch
					HRF	21 Nov 1997	III	Transfer
						29 Oct 1999		Death

4	F	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT HRF A10	???? 21 Nov 1997 27 Oct 2004	IV	Hatch Transfer Loan to
5	M	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT HRF A10	???? 21 Nov 1997 27 Oct 2004	V	Hatch Transfer Loan to
6	M	????	MULT1	MULT2	KRAAIFONT HRF A03	???? 21 Nov 1997 14 Apr 2001	VI HZ0738	Hatch Transfer Loan to
7	M	????	WILD	WILD	ROTTERDAM A03	???? ???? 5 Jul 1998	HZ0457	Transfer Loan to Death
8	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 19 Mar 2000	A1	Transfer Transfer Death
9	F	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 30 Apr 2000	BLACKY	Transfer Transfer Death
10	M	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12 A43	???? ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	ERNST	Transfer Transfer lft Loan to
11	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12 A43	???? ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	A5	Transfer Transfer lft Loan to
12	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12 A43	???? ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	A6	Transfer Transfer lft Loan to
13	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 15 Feb 2000	A7	Transfer Transfer Death
14	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A12 A43	???? 16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	BABY	Transfer Transfer lft Loan to
15	F	????	WILD	WILD	A13 A12	???? ~16 Sep 1999 15 Feb 2000	A4	Transfer Transfer Death
16	M	????	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Aug 1994		Transfer
17	F	????	WILD	WILD	A16	30 Aug 1994		Transfer
18	M	23 May 2000	16	17	A16	30 Mar 2003 6 Oct 2005		Death Hatch
19	?	5 Feb 2000	MULT3	11	A12	5 Feb 2000 5 Feb 2000		Hatch Death
20	?	16 Mar 2000	MULT3	11	A12	16 Mar 2000 16 Mar 2000		Hatch Death
21	?	16 Mar 2000	MULT3	11	A12	16 Mar 2000 16 Mar 2000		Hatch Death
22	M	????	WILD	WILD	A20 A21 A37	???? 17 Oct 2000 15 Sep 2002	1	Transfer Transfer Transfer
23	F	????	WILD	WILD	A20 A21 A37	???? 17 Oct 2000 15 Sep 2002	2	Transfer Transfer Transfer

24	F	~ 1993	UNK1	UNK2	A20 A21 A37	~ 1993 17 Oct 2000 15 Sep 2002	_____	Hatch Transfer Transfer
25	F	15 Sep 2001	5	4	HRF A10 A16 A45	15 Sep 2001 24 May 2003 4 Dec 2004 27 Feb 2005	IV-1 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
26	?	15 Oct 2001	5	4	HRF	15 Oct 2001 26 Apr 2002	IV-2 _____	Hatch Death
27	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A26	???? 9 Jul 2001	_____ _____ ltf	Transfer Transfer
28	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A26	???? 9 Jul 2001	_____ _____ ltf	Transfer Transfer
29	M	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A27	???? 9 Jul 2001 9 Nov 2001	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Transfer Death
30	F	????	WILD	WILD	KRAAIFONT A27	???? 9 Jul 2001 11 Nov 2001	_____ _____ _____	Transfer Transfer Death
31	?	11 Nov 2001	5	4	HRF	11 Nov 2001 11 Nov 2001	_____ _____	Hatch Death
32	F	????	WILD	WILD	A29 A03	~ Jun 2000 15 Jun 2001 16 May 2002	_____ HZ0752 _____	Transfer Transfer Death
33	F	????	WILD	WILD	LONDON RP A03	???? 23 Dec 2001 28 Jul 2003	_____ HZ0793 _____	Transfer Transfer Death
34	M	30 Jun 2002	16	17	A16 A45	30 Jun 2002 27 Feb 2005	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
35	?	9 Jul 2002	16	17	A16 A42	9 Jul 2002 ~30 Sep 2005	_____ _____	Hatch Loan to
36	?	12 Oct 2002	5	4	HRF	12 Oct 2002 12 Oct 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
37	F	7 Aug 2003	5	4	HRF A10 HRF A44	7 Aug 2003 21 Aug 2004 27 Oct 2004 31 Oct 2004	IV-3 _____ IV-3 ESMERA	Hatch Loan to Transfer Loan to
38	?	5 Apr 2003	16	17	A16	5 Apr 2003	_____	Hatch
39	?	9 Apr 2003	16	17	A16	9 Apr 2003	_____	Hatch
40	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL	28 Mar 1991	91586A	Transfer
41	M	????	WILD	WILD	WUPPERTAL	28 Mar 1991	91586B	Transfer
42	F	25 Feb 1999	UNK5	UNK6	A46 HRF WUPPERTAL	25 Feb 1999 4 Nov 2004 9 Nov 2004 14 Apr 2005	_____ NOMARK 91586C _____	Hatch Transfer Loan to Death
43	F	21 Dec 1999	UNK5	UNK6	A46 HRF WUPPERTAL	21 Dec 1999 4 Nov 2004 9 Nov 2004 26 Mar 2005	_____ CR1 91586D _____	Hatch Transfer Loan to Death
44	F	21 Dec 2001	UNK5	UNK7	A46 HRF WUPPERTAL	21 Dec 2001 4 Nov 2004 9 Nov 2004 4 Nov 2005	_____ CL2 91586E _____	Hatch Transfer Loan to Death

45	F	14 Dec 1999	UNK5	UNK6	A46 HRF A03	14 Dec 1999 _____ 4 Nov 2004 V3 5 Nov 2004 HZ0989	Hatch Transfer Loan to
46	?	30 Sep 2004	22	24	A37	30 Sep 2004 _____	Hatch
47	M	~ Jun 1993	UNK3	UNK4	A47 A48 A44	~ Jun 1993 _____ ~ 2000 _____ 21 Nov 2004 HUGO	Hatch Transfer Transfer
48	?	23 Mar 2004	16	17	A16	23 Mar 2004 _____	Hatch
49	?	25 Mar 2004	16	17	A16	25 Mar 2004 _____	Hatch
50	?	8 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	8 Aug 2004 _____	Hatch
51	?	19 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	19 Aug 2004 _____	Hatch
52	?	25 Aug 2004	16	17	A16	25 Aug 2004 _____	Hatch
53	?	12 Jun 2005	34	25	A45	12 Jun 2005 _____	Hatch
54	?	10 Jun 2005	16	17	A16	10 Jun 2005 _____	Hatch
55	?	27 Jun 2005	16	17	A16	27 Jun 2005 _____	Hatch
56	?	6 Oct 2005	16	17	A16	6 Oct 2005 _____	Hatch
57	?	3 Nov 2005	16	17	A16	3 Nov 2005 _____	Hatch

TOTALS: 14.22.21 (57)

Homopus femoralis: Total studbook population.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
1	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28 HRF A08	~ Jan 2001 _____ 23 Dec 2001 I 17 Apr 2002 _____		Transfer Loan to Loan to
2	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28 A08	~ Jan 2001 _____ 23 Dec 2001 _____		Transfer Loan to
3	M	????	WILD	WILD	A28 HRF	~ Jan 2001 _____ 23 Dec 2001 III		Transfer Loan to

TOTALS: 3.0.0 (3)

Homopus signatus signatus: Total studbook population. MULT1 are specimens 18 and 19, MULT2 specimens 20 and 21. UNK1 and UNK2 are unknown specimens outside of the studbook. ltf means that a specimen is lost to follow-up.

Stud #	Sex	Hatch Date	Sire	Dam	Location	Date	Local ID	Event
1	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25	27 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 I 12 Jun 2004 _____	NONE	Capture Transfer Loan to
2	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF	26 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 II 14 May 2004	NONE	Capture Transfer Death
3	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25	26 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 III 12 Jun 2004 _____	NONE	Capture Transfer Loan to
4	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF	28 Sep 1995 30 Sep 1995 IV 24 Dec 1995	NONE	Capture Transfer Death

5	F	27 Feb 1996	WILD	3	HRF	27 Feb 1996	III-1	Hatch
6	M	8 Nov 1996	1	3	HRF A10 A31 A10	8 Nov 1996 4 Aug 2001 7 May 2002 8 Dec 2002	III-2 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
7	F	24 Dec 1996	1	3	HRF A06 A07 A18 A31 A10	24 Dec 1996 22 Nov 1998 5 Jul 2000 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002	III-3 _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to
8	?	26 Jan 1997	1	2	HRF	26 Jan 1997 2 Feb 1997	II-2	Hatch Death
9	F	30 Nov 1996	1	2	HRF	30 Nov 1996	II-1	Hatch
10	M	22 Oct 1997	1	2	HRF A10 A31 A33	22 Oct 1997 4 Aug 2001 7 May 2002 8 Nov 2002	II-3 _____ _____ UHURU	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
11	M	10 Nov 1997	1	3	HRF A06 A07 A16	10 Nov 1997 22 Nov 1998 5 Jul 2000 16 Sep 2000	III-4 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to
12	M	21 Nov 1997	1	2	HRF A07 A18 A31 A36	21 Nov 1997 22 Nov 1998 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002 20 Oct 2003	II-4 _____ _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Loan to Death
13	M	26 Sep 1998	1	2	HRF A07 A18 A31 HRF	26 Sep 1998 22 Nov 1998 14 Dec 2001 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002	II-5 _____ _____ _____ II-5	Hatch Loan to Loan to Loan to Transfer
14	M	22 Oct 1998	1	3	HRF A07 A16	22 Oct 1998 22 Nov 1998 16 Sep 2000	III-5 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
15	F	20 Sep 1999	1	2	HRF A31 A18	20 Sep 1999 6 May 2002 8 Dec 2002	II-6 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
16	?	4 Oct 1999	1	3	HRF	4 Oct 1999 4 Oct 1999	III-6	Hatch Death
17	M	????	WILD	WILD	A12 A43	8 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Transfer Loan to
18	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE VIEJO _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to
19	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE STUMPY _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to
20	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE MIDGE _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to
21	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK A12 A43	~16 Sep 1999 ~16 Sep 1999 ~ May 2004	NONE BERTHA _____ ltf	Capture Transfer Loan to

22	M	19 Jun 2000	1	2	HRF A31	19 Jun 2000 6 May 2002 14 Sep 2002	II-7 _____	Hatch Loan to Death
23	?	19 Jul 2000	1	2	HRF	19 Jul 2000 29 Jun 2001	II-8	Hatch Death
24	?	2 Aug 2000	1	3	HRF	2 Aug 2000 2 Aug 2000	III-7	Hatch Death
25	M	12 Sep 2000	1	3	HRF A31 A37	12 Sep 2000 6 May 2002 11 Dec 2002	III-8 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
26	F	7 Oct 2000	1	2	HRF A31 WUPPERTAL	7 Oct 2000 6 May 2002 18 Dec 2002	II-9 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
27	?	17 Oct 2000	MULT1	MULT2	A12 A43	17 Oct 2000 ~ May 2004	SASHI _____	Hatch lftf Loan to
28	?	15 Nov 2000	MULT1	MULT2	A12 A43	15 Nov 2000 ~ May 2004	PEANUT _____	Hatch lftf Loan to
29	?	15 Jul 2001	1	3	HRF A31	15 Jul 2001 6 May 2002 14 Aug 2002	III-9 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
30	?	26 Jul 2001	MULT1	20	A12 A43	26 Jul 2001 ~ May 2004	_____ _____	Hatch lftf Loan to
31	M	3 Aug 2001	1	2	HRF A31 A35	3 Aug 2001 6 May 2002 30 Nov 2002	II-10 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
32	?	10 Aug 2001	MULT1	20	A12 A43	10 Aug 2001 ~ May 2004	_____ _____	Hatch lftf Loan to
33	M	19 Aug 2001	1	3	HRF A31 A37	19 Aug 2001 6 May 2002 11 Dec 2002 26 Dec 2003	III-10 _____ _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to Death
34	M	30 Sep 2001	1	3	HRF A31 A35	30 Sep 2001 6 May 2002 30 Nov 2002	III-11 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Loan to
35	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07	4 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 16 Dec 2001	NONE _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to
36	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A07	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 16 Dec 2001	NONE _____ _____	Capture Transfer Loan to
37	M	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 HRF	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 12 Jun 2004	NONE _____ _____ 0612-I	Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer
38	F	????	WILD	WILD	SPRINGBOK HRF A25 HRF	3 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 6 Oct 2001 12 Jun 2004	NONE _____ _____ 612-II	Capture Transfer Loan to Transfer
39	?	11 Jun 2002	1	3	HRF	11 Jun 2002 20 Jun 2002	III-12	Hatch Death
40	M	2 Jul 2002	1	3	HRF A39	2 Jul 2002 12 Apr 2003	III-13 _____	Hatch Loan to
41	M	25 Jul 2002	1	3	HRF A08	25 Jul 2002 19 Apr 2003	III-14 _____	Hatch Loan to

42	F	20 Aug 2002	1	2	HRF A08	20 Aug 2002 19 Apr 2003	II-11 _____	Hatch Loan to
43	?	29 Sep 2002	1	2	HRF A40	29 Sep 2002 6 Jun 2003	II-12 _____	Hatch Loan to
44	M	31 Oct 2002	35	36	A07 HRF A10	31 Oct 2002 31 Oct 2002 24 Jul 2004	_____ _____ _____	Hatch Ownership Loan to
45	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002 ~ Jun 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
46	?	~ Jun 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jun 2002 ~ Jun 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
47	M	????	UNK1	UNK2	A12 A43	~ Jan 2002 ~ May 2004	ERNST _____ ltf	Transfer Loan to
48	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002 ~ Jul 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
49	?	~ Jul 2002	MULT1	20	A12	~ Jul 2002 ~ Jul 2002	_____ _____	Hatch Death
50	M	17 Jun 2003	1	3	HRF PRAHA	17 Jun 2003 20 Dec 2003	III-15 _____	Hatch Loan to
51	M	1 Jul 2003	1	2	HRF A41	1 Jul 2003 2 Nov 2003	II-13 _____	Hatch Loan to
52	F	9 Jul 2003	1	3	HRF PRAHA	9 Jul 2003 20 Dec 2003	III-16 _____	Hatch Loan to
53	F	20 Jul 2003	13	5	HRF	20 Jul 2003	030720	Hatch
54	F	5 Sep 2003	1	3	HRF A42	5 Sep 2003 7 Nov 2003	III-17 THEODO	Hatch Loan to
55	?	3 Sep 2003	1	2	HRF A42	3 Sep 2003 7 Nov 2003 13 Mar 2004	II-14 _____ _____	Hatch Loan to Death
56	?	22 Aug 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	22 Aug 2003 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
57	?	17 Sep 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	17 Sep 2003 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
58	?	20 Sep 2003	MULT1	20	A12 A43	20 Sep 2003 ~ May 2004	_____ _____ ltf	Hatch Loan to
59	F	10 Jun 2004	1	3	HRF A49	10 Jun 2004 17 Apr 2005	III-18 _____	Hatch Loan to
60	F	????	WILD	WILD	A37	~15 Mar 2003	_____	Transfer
61	M	7 Oct 2003	WILD	60	A37	7 Oct 2003	_____	Hatch
62	F	5 Jun 2004	WILD	60	A37	5 Jun 2004	_____	Hatch
63	?	6 Jul 2004	35	36	A07 HRF	6 Jul 2004 6 Jul 2004	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
64	M	29 Jul 2004	1	3	HRF A50	29 Jul 2004 17 Apr 2005	III-19 _____	Hatch Loan to
65	?	31 Jul 2004	35	36	A07 HRF	31 Jul 2004 31 Jul 2004	_____ _____	Hatch Ownership
66	?	6 Aug 2004	13	5	HRF	6 Aug 2004	040806	Hatch
67	?	5 Aug 2004	WILD	60	A37	5 Aug 2004	_____	Hatch

68	?	15 Aug 2004	35	36	A07 HRF	15 Aug 2004 _____ 15 Aug 2004 _____	Hatch Ownership
69	?	9 May 2005	37	38	HRF	9 May 2005 HSS69	Hatch
70	?	24 Jun 2005	1	3	A25 HRF	24 Jun 2005 DOPPIE 24 Jun 2005 _____	Hatch Ownership
71	?	25 Jun 2005	44	7	A10 HRF	25 Jun 2005 _____ 25 Jun 2005 _____	Hatch Ownership
72	?	24 Jul 2005	MULT3	MULT4	HRF	24 Jul 2005 ?-1	Hatch
73	?	2 Aug 2005	37	38	HRF	2 Aug 2005 HSS73	Hatch
74	?	31 Jul 2005	1	3	A25 HRF	31 Jul 2005 _____ 31 Jul 2005 _____	Hatch Ownership

TOTALS: 26.18.30 (74)

4. NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following overview summarises all manuscripts and articles that were submitted, accepted, or published in 2005.

Subject	Submitted	Accepted	Published	Journal
Natural diet of the Namaqualand speckled padloper (<i>Homopus signatus signatus</i>)	2002	2004		Chelonian Conservation and Biology (English)
Husbandry and breeding account <i>Homopus</i> spp.	2003	2003		Mertensiella (English)
Egg and hatchling characteristics of the Namaqualand speckled padloper (<i>Homopus signatus signatus</i>): preliminary data from a captive population	2003			
Beobachtungen zur Nahrungsaufnahme einer Nachzucht von <i>Homopus signatus signatus</i> in Relation zur Luftfeuchtigkeit	2004	2004	2005	Schildkröten im Focus (German)
Overcoming environmental and morphological constraints: egg size and pelvic kinesis in the smallest tortoise, <i>Homopus signatus</i>	2004	2005	2005	Canadian Journal of Zoology (English)
Preliminary results of a long-term field study on the Namaqualand speckled padloper, <i>Homopus signatus signatus</i>	2005	2005	2005	Emys (English)
Shell characteristics and sexual dimorphism in the Namaqualand speckled padloper, <i>Homopus signatus signatus</i>	2005	2005		African Journal of Herpetology (English)
Tick infestations in the Namaqualand speckled padloper, <i>Homopus signatus signatus</i> (Gmelin, 1789)	2005	2005		African Zoology (English)

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Homopus Research Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organisation. All 2005 expenses were covered by external sources of income, some remaining from 2004. Costs for the new *H. boulengeri* field project were zero, as only an inventory was carried out. All costs associated with this inventory were covered privately by Victor Loehr.

[Financial overview has been removed from the internet version of this report]