

## ADVANCEMENTS IN BREEDING PROGRAMMES

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Breeding programmes are becoming more known and the enthusiasm for them within the four largest Dutch herpetological societies Lacerta, NSV, ESV and DN is growing. Some breeding programmes are bigger than others and some have grown in such a way that the programme keepers are really kept busy. The number of programmes and programme keepers has risen and at this moment breeding programmes are kept for 88 species and/or subspecies by 33 programme keepers with a total of about 350 participants. The total number of animals in the different breeding programmes is now about 1330 with the front runner being the programme for the red wood turtle (*Geochelone carbonaria*) with 260 animals and 60 participants. Encouraging is also the development of breeding programmes for snake and *Dendrobatidae* species resulting from initiatives from within the European Snake Society (ESS) and Dendrobatidae Nederland (DN). These recent developments have shown that the phenomenon of breeding programmes is and should not be connected with a herpetological society, something that was never intended, right from the start.

In an attempt to structure all initiatives and to create an umbrella organization, during a meeting of breeding programme keepers at the Rotterdam Zoo 'Blijdorp', last March, the initiative was taken to create a working group in which all societies were represented. To stress the joint character of the breeding programmes the working group was transformed into the B.U.O.; the Breeding programme Umbrella Organization (in Dutch: O.O.S. or Overkoepelend Orgaan Stamboeken). At this moment the board of the B.U.O. is composed as follows:

**Chairman and registration of new book keepers:**

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René Gaal, P. v. Troostwijkstraat 283, 2522 DT Den Haag. Tel: 070-3193176

**Board members:**

Twan Leenders, Prof. Bromstraat 59, 6525 AT Nijmegen. Tel: 080-231871

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The B.U.O will regularly organize meetings and promote breeding programmes on various events like the Snake Day. Another important point will be the active attitude of the book keepers. They will be regularly informed by the B.U.O. about latest developments and they will be expected to publish about their breeding programmes and to actively bring in new participants.

Once a year a complete list of all breeding programmes will be published in the magazines of the four societies and in addition the B.U.O. will publish every new breeding programme.

In consultation with all book keepers it was decided to compile a list of all breeding programmes, registered animals and participants. In addition breeding results, obtained through mediation of a breeding programme, will be published periodically in the various magazines.

To make sure that registration of new book keepers is done in an orderly way the board of the B.U.O has decided as follows: Candidate book keepers should report to Henk Zwartepoorte, tel: +31.10.4659527. In an introductory talk he will explain them further details. After this informative talk the candidate receives the contracts and regulations of the B.U.O. If he or she agrees with these rules and regulations by returning the signed contracts he or she can start to function as a book keeper within the B.U.O. The software programme ZRBOOK is only distributed if the book keeper can demonstrate in writing that at least 10 animals, with both sexes represented, are part of the programme. Only after this written proof he or she receives the software package.

It is clear that it will take some time and effort before the phenomenon of 'a breeding programme' is fully recognized and well known. However things have begun to move and anyone who thinks they can contribute are welcome to do so.

The B.U.O. attaches great importance to the establishment of breeding programmes for European reptiles and amphibians. Please contact the secretary.

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#### **Note from the Editor:**

Although at this moment the development of breeding programmes in the Netherlands does not seem very relevant for the foreign members of the E.S.S., we feel that they should stay informed. At this moment the Dutch Breeding programme Umbrella Organization has not yet decided on their policy with regard to the acceptance of foreign members however, any foreign snake keeper interested in joining, or setting up a breeding programme is encouraged to contact the B.U.O. at any of the addresses mentioned above.

BOOK KEEPERS

Paul Bakker J.v.Wierdsmastraat 670 3151 ES Hoek van Holland 01747-87370	<i>Cyclemys dentata</i> <i>Cyclemys tcheponensis</i>	Paul Hermans/Kitty de Bont Pelomedusa subrufa Parallelweg 21 Baarle Hertog Belgium 09-32-14-699506	<i>Siebenrockiella cras-</i> 2387 <i>socollis</i>
Max Bisschops Mesdaglaan 46 2182 SX Hillegom 02520-18052 or 020-6654007	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	Wim Fontijne Jos. Oreliosingel 207 3122 CS Schiedam 010-4711535	<i>Chelodina novaeguineae</i> <i>Chelodina longicollis</i>
Frits Bovers Arcadeltstraat 51 5654 LE Eindhoven 040-525146	<i>Phrynops geoffroanus</i> <i>Phrynops gibbus</i> <i>Phrynops hillari</i> <i>Phrynops rufipes</i>	Asko Kampinga Uilenstede 250 Kamer 1742 1183 AR Amstelveen 020-6433590	<i>Eublepharis macularis</i>
Jaco Bruekers Theemsstraat 17 5463 AN Veghel 04130-43292 (i.s.m. Hans Wondergerm en Jan Willems)	<i>Malacochersus tornieri</i> <i>Testudo kleinmanni</i> <i>Chamealeo hoehnel-</i> <i>ii</i>	Chris van Kalken Ibisdreef 44 3564 RC Utrecht 030-626789	<i>Varanus indicus</i>
Ruud van Donkelaar Deijke Jannink Vissersdijk 7 4251 EL Werkendam 01835-5506	<i>Testudo hermanni</i> <i>boettgeri</i> <i>Agrionemys horsfieldi</i>	Dick Kelderman Bachlaan 562 5011 BM Tilburg 013-553061	<i>Emydura albertisii</i> <i>Hydromedusa tectifera</i> <i>Acantochelys (Platemys)</i> <i>spixii</i> <i>Platemys platycephala</i>
Peter Paul van Dijk Gorteenwulla Glann Oughterard C. Galway Ireland	<i>Heosemys spinosa</i>	Koert Langeveld Cantharel 12 2925 DJ Krimpen a/d IJssel 01807-23892	<i>Elaphe schrenki schrenki</i>
Rene van Gaal P.v.Troostwijkstraat 283 2522 DT Den Haag 070-3193176	<i>Uromastix acanthinurus</i>	Twan Leenders Prof. Bromstraat 59 6525 AT Nijmegen 080-231871	<i>Elaphe obsoleta spiloides</i> <i>Elaphe obsoleta</i> <i>quadrivittata</i>
Erwin van Geldrop Poortwachter 100 1188 CN Amstelveen 020-6458769	<i>Elaphe guttata</i> <i>Gecko gecko</i>	Lauran van Lierop Brinkweg 13 5712 GB Someren 04937-93622	<i>Testudo marginata</i> <i>Geochelone sulcata</i> <i>Agama atra</i> <i>Agama caucasica</i> <i>Cordylus cataphractus</i> <i>Cordylus giganteus</i>
Teun van Gijzen Vlierstraat 7 6841 AT Arnhem 085-216554	<i>Terrapene c. carolina</i> <i>Terrapene c. bauri</i> <i>Terrapene c. major</i> <i>Terrapene c. triunguis</i> <i>Terrapene ornata</i>	Victor Loehr Planetenbaan 41 3721 KB Bilthoven 030-291159	<i>Cordylus polyzonus</i> <i>Cordylus t. tropidos</i> <i>ternum</i>
Henk van Haren Wevestraat 85a 5708 AE Helmond 04920-23136	<i>Clemmys guttata</i> <i>Clemmys marmorata</i> <i>Clemmys meuhlenbergi</i> <i>Clemmys insculpta</i>	René van Marle Perengaarde 23 3992 JM Houten 03404-77150	<i>Elaphe q. quatuorlineata</i>

Ron Peek Baljuwstraat 86 5345 MD Oss 04120-42744	<i>Algyroides nigropunctatus</i>	Tonnie Woeltjes Molenweg 43 6542 PR Nijmegen 080-790348	<i>Dendrobates azureus</i> <i>Dendrobates tinctorius</i> <i>Dendrobates auratus</i> <i>Dendrobates leucomelas</i> <i>Dendrobates quinquevittatus</i> group <i>Epipedobates tricolor</i> <i>Phyllobates vittatus</i> <i>Agalychnis callidryas</i>
Peter van Putten Meerenhof 43 1106 LB Amsterdam 020-6915352	<i>Pelusios subniger</i> <i>Pelusios niger</i>		
Harry Rotmans Asterstraat 14 3286 VW Klaaswaal 01864-2616	<i>Cuora aurocapitata</i> <i>Cuora amboinensis</i> <i>Cuora galbinifrons</i> <i>Cuora pani</i> <i>Cuora trifasciata</i> <i>Geoclemmys hamiltoni</i>	Henk Zwartepoorte Lumeystraat 11c 3039 ZM Rotterdam 010-4659527	<i>Geochelone carbonaria</i> <i>Testudo graeca</i> <i>Kinixys erosa</i> <i>Kinixys homeana</i> <i>Kinixys b. belliana</i> <i>Kinixys b. nogueyi</i> <i>Kinixys b. spekii</i> <i>Cistoclemmys flavomarginata</i> <i>Chersine angulata</i> <i>Sauromalus obesus</i>
Steven Rommen Middenmolenlaan 86 2807 EC Gouda 01820-13547	<i>Phrygnathus cochinchinensis</i>		
Henk Scheffer Heerestraat 9-11 9301 AC 05908-19025	<i>Testudo hermanni hermanni</i> <i>Geochelone pardalis</i> <i>Geochelone elegans</i>		
Van der Schriel Pliniusshof 6 B 6215 EK Maastricht 043-434173	<i>Chinemys reevesi</i>		
Martin van Wees Middelharnissestraat 7 Geochelone travancorica 3114 RC Schiedam 010-4734420	<i>Geochelone elongata</i> <i>Geochelone forsteni</i>		
Fred Wessels Paradijsvogelhoek 32 3201 PH Spijkenisse 01880-23074	<i>Boa constrictor</i>		
Rein Wiarda Feysmahof 13 9033 XC Deinum 05107-41822	<i>Chrysemys p. picta</i> <i>Chrysemys p. belli</i> <i>Chrysemys p. marginata</i> <i>Chrysemys p. dorsalis</i>		
Ineke Wieberdink Oude wei 26 5345 KH Oss 04120-32788	<i>Rhinoclemys pulcherrima</i>		
Mary en Wout van Wieringen Schilperoortstraat 98b 3082 SZ Rotterdam 010-4299324	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i> <i>Graptemys pseudogeo</i> <i>graphicakohni</i>		