



## Think about TOMORROW TODAY!

More species are going extinct before our eyes than during the worst ice ages. For the first time since the beginning of life, ONE single species – humans - is causing a catastrophe of immense proportions. Aside from great apes, turtles are the vertebrate group most threatened with extinction. Of the approximately 360 species of turtles today, over 60% are threatened with extinction. In their natural habitats, turtles are often used as a source of protein and are hunted intensively. For some of these species, breeding groups in human care are their only chance of survival.

Turtle Island (validated in Austria as a scientific institution and category A zoo), managed by the internationally renowned scientist and zoologist Peter Praschag, aims to breed endangered turtle species worldwide. With over 200 species and more than 1600 turtles at three locations in Graz (Styria, Austria), Turtle Island is a Noah's Ark for endangered species. Our daily work is characterized by scientific research, nature conservation, animal welfare and species protection.

In the long run, Turtle Island's goal is to reintroduce these captive-bred individuals back to their countries of origin. However, this can only be achieved with awareness campaigns in those countries, and long-term financial support for the conservation breeding center in Graz. Peter Praschag: "All over the world we find species that are threatened in nature and scarcely exist anymore. Here in Graz, we enable the breeding of these rare species through the inexhaustible commitment of the entire scientific team and animal keepers, as well as the help of volunteers. Without Turtle Island, many wonderful turtle species would have become extinct. We need the help of the public to be able to continue our projects."

Over the past 40 years, the whole Praschag family has built up one of the world's largest and most important turtle collections. Internationally recognized experts in breeding and husbandry, they invest all their knowledge and money into the protection and breeding of endangered species. For the continuation of this Ark, which ensures the survival of the rarest turtles, we are dependent on private donations and supporters.

We look forward to your contribution to the Austrian "Turtle Island" account at AT24 1200 0100 0741 0201, or take advantage of other support possibilities – [www.turtle-island.at](http://www.turtle-island.at)

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