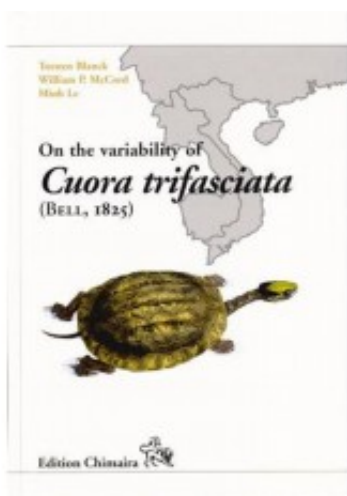


On The Variability of *Cuora trifasciata*



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Short Description

An investigation into *Cuora trifasciata*, a species complex of freshwater turtles from Asia.

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On The Variability of *Cuora trifasciata* analyses the variability of *Cuora trifasciata*. The data clearly indicate that geographic isolation has resulted in distinct populations within this species, leading to the description here of the genetically and morphologically distinct species *Cuora cyclornata*, *sp. nov.*, found from south-central Vietnam to western Guangxi Province, China and its subspecies *Cuora cyclornata meieri*, *ssp. nov.* restricted to northern Vietnam and western Guangxi Province, China. The holotype of *Cuora trifasciata sensu stricto* is herein identified, redescribed and genetically assigned to its locality of origin. Other genetically and morphologically distinct forms are discussed but for lack of sufficient data are not taxonomically described here. An overview of the literature, distribution, habitat and vulnerability of *Cuora trifasciata* and *Cuora cyclornata* are given.

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