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Manouria impressa: Arunachal Pradesh

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A tortoise named 'Manouria impressa' has been discovered in Arunachal Pradesh. Manouria

is a genus of tortoises.



- Manouria impressa is one of the only fourth species of forest-dwelling tortoise occurring in Southeast Asia.

This is the smaller of two species of the genus Manouria (Manouria oyamai and Manouria punjabiensis), the other being the larger Asian Giant Tortoise (Manouria emys).

- Previously, the tortoise was believed to be restricted to western Myanmar, along with pockets of habitat in Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, and southern China, and south through Peninsular Malaysia.

The species was last found in Gwa in Myanmar.

- The species is **threatened by poaching** primarily for traditional medicine and pet trade.
- It is **listed on CITES Appendix II**, and has been classified as **Vulnerable by the IUCN Red List**.

Asian Forest Tortoise

- Asian forest tortoise (Manouria emys), also known as Asian brown tortoise, is a species of tortoise found in India (Assam), Bangladesh, Burma (or Myanmar), Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia (Sumatra, Borneo).
- It is the largest tortoise in mainland Asia.
- This is a relatively rare turtle, listed on CITES Appendix II, and classified as Endangered by the IUCN Red List.