

I still have questions...

Q&A:

How will this studbook be managed?

NAPPSR are sub-studbooks of the ESF (European Studbook Foundation) studbooks Pelusios & Pelomedusa. Currently it will be managed by Josh Hunkele and Ferry Grünewald (ESF Pelusios Studbook Keeper) and will follow the guidelines set forth by ESF studbooks: www.studbooks.org

What can I expect if I join the studbook?

You will join a group of like-minded persons with a vested interest in the captive management of Pelusios and Pelomedusa. The goal is to facilitate an exchange of information about the captive husbandry and breeding of these species among persons working with them. This will be done through the NAPPSR Forum, NAPPSR website, informal emails, and ESF annual report outlining the status of these species in North America. Your information will remain private and will not be shared with other participants or in the annual report (except holding numbers) unless permission is given. Participation in the NAPPSR Forum is also completely voluntary.



What happens to my animals if they are part of the studbook?

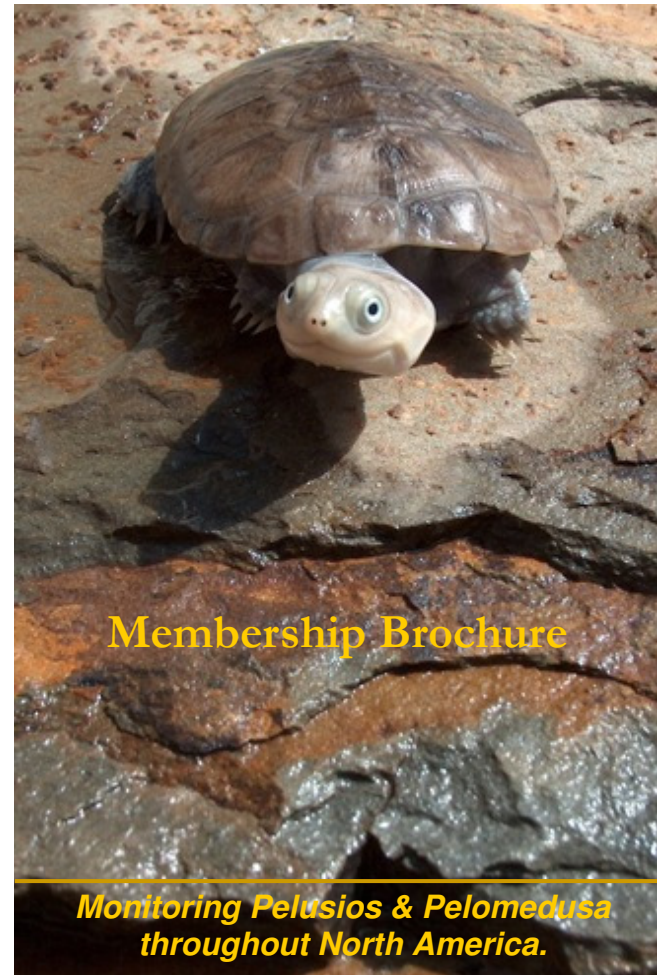
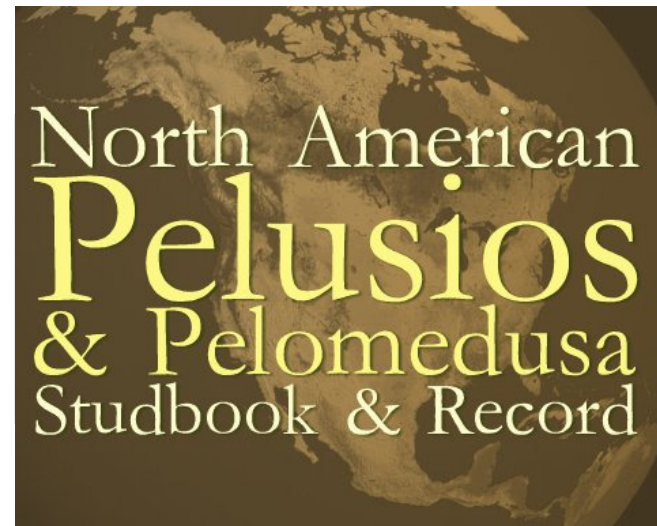
Your animals will remain yours. Participation is voluntary (and free) though continued correspondence with the studbook keeper is appreciated it will be expected that you provide an annual update of husbandry and breeding practices and collection status (births, deaths, etc.). If at any time you decide to part with (sale or otherwise) or can no longer care for studbook animals it is requested that they be offered first to other studbook participants as it is important that animals (and their genes) not be lost from the studbook.

Can I sell my offspring?

Absolutely! Again, they are your animals but it is requested that they be offered first to other studbook participants.



For more information visit the North American Pelusios & Pelomedusa Studbook and Record website: www.pelomedusa.com/NAPPSR.html
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Monitoring Pelusios & Pelomedusa throughout North America.



The North American Pelusios and Pelomedusa Studbook & Record

The North American Pelusios & Pelomedusa Studbook and Records are sub-studbooks of the ESF studbooks Pelusios and Pelomedusa.

It is through close collaboration and shared expertise among North American and European keepers that our knowledge and understanding of Pelusios and Pelomedusa in captivity will continue to grow. The primary goal of NAPPSSR is to attempt to find and maintain the minimum demands of ten unrelated specimens for each species and/or subspecies.

That is why we need you to be part of the studbook.



Who are we looking for?

We are interested in keepers of all Pelusios and Pelomedusa species & their subspecies:

Pelusios adansonii

Pelusios bechuanicus

Pelusios broadleyi

Pelusios carinatus

Pelusios castaneus

Pelusios castanoides

Pelusios chapini

Pelusios cupulatta

Pelusios gabonensis

Pelusios nanus

Pelusios rhodesianus

Pelusios subniger

Pelusios williamsi



Pelusios marani

Pelusios niger

Pelusios sinuatus

Pelusios upembae

Pelomedusa subrufa

Why should I join?

It's always a good idea to ask questions. When considering joining a studbook it is not unusual to kick the idea around for while before becoming involved. After all, most participants don't start out keeping turtles because they see it as an important tool for their conservation; they do it because they love the challenges and rewards that come with keeping and breeding turtles.

As you know there are other species out there that are in much more dire need of monitoring than Pelusios and Pelomedusa; however we have an opportunity now to organize an effective and responsible breeding program for these groups over the long term. Our European colleagues in the ESF have demonstrated that establishing studbooks does not need to be limited to those species under the greatest pressures.

The primary goal of the studbooks is to monitor the genetic health of the captive populations however it is also an opportunity to communicate with other like-minded persons with a genuine interest in African Pelomedusids.

Understandably you may be hesitant to join in part because of additional record keeping, committing animals to a project, or that you just don't have enough time. To be completely honest your only commitment is reporting data once a year, that's it. Would we like to hear from you more often than once a year but we're realistic and understand that we all get busy.

Please consider taking the time to review all the materials available and ask questions. You can find the answers to most of your questions on the ESF website (www.studbooks.org) however do not hesitate to contact the studbook keeper with any question(s) you might have.

Hopefully after reviewing the materials you decide to join. We look forward to hearing from you.



For more information visit the North American Pelusios & Pelomedusa Studbook and Records website: www.pelomedusa.com/NAPPSSR.html

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