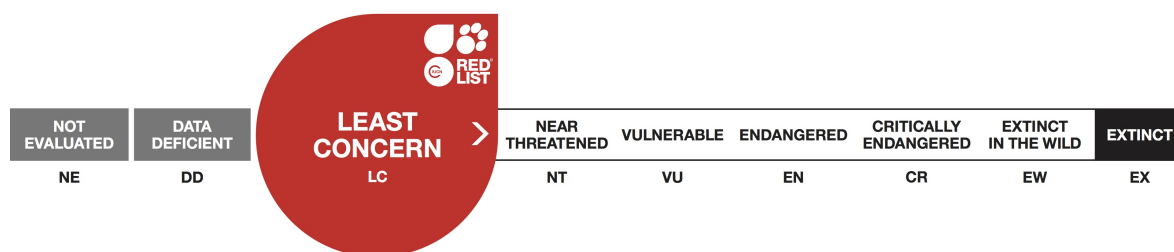


## *Podocnemis expansa*, South American River Turtle

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## Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Testudines	Podocnemididae

**Taxon Name:** *Podocnemis expansa* (Schweigger, 1812)

### Synonym(s):

- *Emys amazonica* Spix, 1824
- *Emys expansa* Schweigger, 1812
- *Hydraspis bitentaculata* Gray, 1831
- *Testudo arrau* Humboldt in Gray, 1831

### Common Name(s):

- English: South American River Turtle, Arrau, Giant South American Turtle, Tartaruga
- French: Podocnémide élargie

## Assessment Information

**Red List Category & Criteria:** Lower Risk/conservation dependent [ver 2.3](#)

**Year Published:** 1996

**Date Assessed:** August 1, 1996

**Annotations:** Needs Updating

### Previously Published Red List Assessments

1994 – Endangered (E)

1990 – Endangered (E)

1988 – Endangered (E)

1986 – Endangered (E)

1982 – Endangered (E)

## Geographic Range

### Country Occurrence:

**Native:** Bolivia, Plurinational States of; Brazil; Colombia; Ecuador; Guyana; Peru; Trinidad and Tobago; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of

## Habitat and Ecology

Semi-aquatic - large rivers and tributaries, adjacent lagoons and forest ponds.

**Systems:** Terrestrial, Freshwater

## Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It is listed on CITES Appendix II.

## Credits

**Assessor(s):** Tortoise & Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group

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## Appendix

### Conservation Actions in Place

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

<b>Conservation Actions in Place</b>
In-Place Education
Included in international legislation: Yes
Subject to any international management/trade controls: Yes

### Additional Data Fields

<b>Habitats and Ecology</b>
Movement patterns: Full Migrant

## Errata

**Errata reason:** An errata assessment is required to generate a revised PDF without the range map which had been included in error; no range map was available when this assessment was originally published.

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