

# SAVANNA SIDE-NECKED TURTLE

*Podocnemis vogli*

Müller, 1935



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## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Testudines

**Family:** Podocnemididae

No recognized subspecies



APPENDIX II

VERY RARE



NOT LISTED

**Identification:** One of the smallest species of its genus with a carapace reaching 36 cm in length. Oval-shaped and flattened carapace. Coloration olive-brown to bright brown. Broad head with brownish-yellow spots.

**Range:** Occurs in the Orinoco drainage in Venezuela and Colombia. Apparently also found in Rio Yari in Colombia.

**Habitat :** River swamps, small streams and ponds, often in heavily settled areas.

**Behavior:** Diurnal, living in loose groups. Omnivorous, feeds on aquatic plants as well as invertebrates, amphibians and fishes. Often digs its nest far from water.

**Status in the wild:** The species has yet to be assessed by IUCN Red List. It remains locally common but the fact that it lives in heavily settled areas makes it vulnerable to humane disturbance and habitat destruction.

**In captivity:** Very rare species, only known from one or two American collections. Never kept in Europe or Asia. Very rarely if ever bred.