

HOPE FOR RARE TURTLE

A FEMALE turtle has been discovered in Vietnam, who might just save her species from extinction!

This is a female Swinhoe's softshell turtle. It is on the brink of **extinction**.

The only known male lives at Suzhou Zoo in China.

There were no known female turtles until this one was **discovered** in Dong Mo Lake, Vietnam, last year.

Tests have **confirmed** that the turtle is **definitely** a Swinhoe's softshell turtle. She weighs 86kg (13 stone) – that's the same as an adult man!

There are now plans to bring the two turtles together. Scientists hope they will breed and save the turtle from becoming extinct.



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ACROSS

- 4) Found (verb 10)
- 5) An animal that lives in or near water and has a shell covering its body (noun 6)
- 6) Made certain (verb 9)
- 7) A country in Southeast Asia where the Swinhoe's softshell turtle has been found (proper noun 7)

DOWN

- 1) Type of animal (noun 7)
- 2) Ten years (noun 6)
- 3) A species dying out (noun 10)
- 4) Certainly, without doubt (adverb 10)

