

**Behler Chelonian Conservation Center  
Ojai, California  
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*The Behler Chelonian Center (BCC), established in 2005, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the conservation and research of freshwater turtles and tortoises whose wild populations are under pressure. Its work includes conservation projects where turtles are threatened in the wild, protection of habitat, conservation education, and field based research of endangered turtle biology. BCC also is campaigning for conservation legislation, re-evaluation of species' status in the wild, and lobbying for the most comprehensive protection of turtles and tortoises where threatened. [www.chelonianconservation.org](http://www.chelonianconservation.org).*

## Captive Care of Turtles and Tortoises

This center owns one of the best captive facilities for turtles and tortoises. These turtles are obtained for scientific research or donated from different parts of the world to this center for captive breeding purposes. Turtle scientists made significant improvements to husbandry techniques here. The surplus individuals are released back to the wild or sold to other turtle keepers. Funds generated by selling them are used for turtle conservation projects.



BCC is involved in many projects on chelonian conservation of endangered species all over the world. It also collaborates with organisation and institutions working to save turtles and tortoises.



## Species Currently Managed at the Center

*Chersina angulata*  
*Cuora trifasciata*  
*Geochelone chilensis*  
*Geochelone elegans*  
*Geochelone nigra becki*  
*Geochelone platynota*  
*Geochelone radiata*  
*Geochelone sulcata*  
*Geoclemys hamiltoni*  
*Geomyda silvatica*  
*Heosemys depressa*  
*Homopus areolatus*  
*Homopus signatus signatus*  
*Indotestudo forsteni*  
*Kinixys erosa*  
*Malacochersus tornieri*  
*Manouria emys phayrei*  
*Manouria impressa*  
*Morenia petersi*  
*Pangshura smithi*  
*Pangshura sylhetensis*  
*Pangshura tecta*  
*Pangshura tentoria*  
*Pyxis arachnoides brygooi*  
*Pyxis arachnoides oblonga*  
*Pyxis planicauda*  
*Rhinoclemys rubida rubida*  
*Siebenrockiella leytensis*  
*Testudo kleinmanni*  
*Lissemys punctata andersoni*  
*Aspideretes leithii*  
*Chitra indica*  
*Nilssononia formosa*  
*Erymnochelys madagascariensis*



Visit to see *Geochelone sulcata* in captivity



## Visit to Santa Barbra Island

A day visit was planned to Santa Barbra Island for exploring marine biodiversity; such as Blue Whale, Sea Lion, and Dolphins etc.

