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Die Suche nach goldenen Klappschildkröte

The Search for The Golden Mud Turtle

Abstract

When I found the first extraordinary pale striped mud turtle, *Kinosternon baurii*, in the Everglades of Florida, unfortunately I did not examine it closely, but in the following years I searched for more of these color morphs and actually found them. In this article I show photos of specimens with extraordinary colors, such as reticulated head patterns, multiple head stripes, extreme pale carapaces, orange eyes, and intermediate forms. All turtles were found in the same population, but hatchlings seem to have normal coloration.

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