

## **SOFT-SHELLED TURTLE IN TRAT**

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Before raising soft-shelled turtles, she was successful in solving the problem of durians by the use of EM. The first result was a lot of young fruits had fallen down, so she applied Sutochu or EM5 on those trees. After one night she found that the fallen durians reduced but the other which were not sprayed, still fell down the same as before. The efficacy of EM happened to her.

Then she decided to raise soft-shelled turtles because it was very popular in Trat, and could make a lot of money. She made a cement pond for 200 soft-shelled turtles, and before putting the babies into the pond, she cleaned the pond by spraying multiplied EM into the water in the pond. It was left about one week then the water was taken out of the pond. The new water with multiplied was then put in the pond and the babies soft-shelled turtles launched.

They were fed by mincing the fresh fish and fermenting with multiplied EM for four hours, then feeding them by putting by putting it on the small rafts in the pond. They were fed once everyday. When they had grown up the feed were alternated by catfish feed. Before giving the catfish feed it was mixed with multiplied EM. She emphasized mixing the feed before feeding.

### **RESULTS**

She found that using EM multiplication in her farm made the soft-shelled turtles healthy with no disease infection, if there was disease infection the water would be changed. Their weight was high, and their mortality decreased, the water is clean without foul odor, and there was no body odor. Finally the price she received from them was very good because the capital outlay was very low. She could make more money, help the environment, and also her health.

### **CAUTION**

1. Be careful of owls, hawks and some kinds of birds, as they like to eat the babies of soft-shelled turtles. Therefore, a net should be spread over the pond.
2. In the rainy season if there was any disease infection in some turtles, like damage to their bodies, they were separated and soaked in a mixture of multiplied EM until the disease disappeared.

She raised not only the soft-shelled turtle but also the catfish. She had 10,000 catfish and EM was used on the catfish the same as the soft-shelled turtles. She invited any interested persons to visit her farm.

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