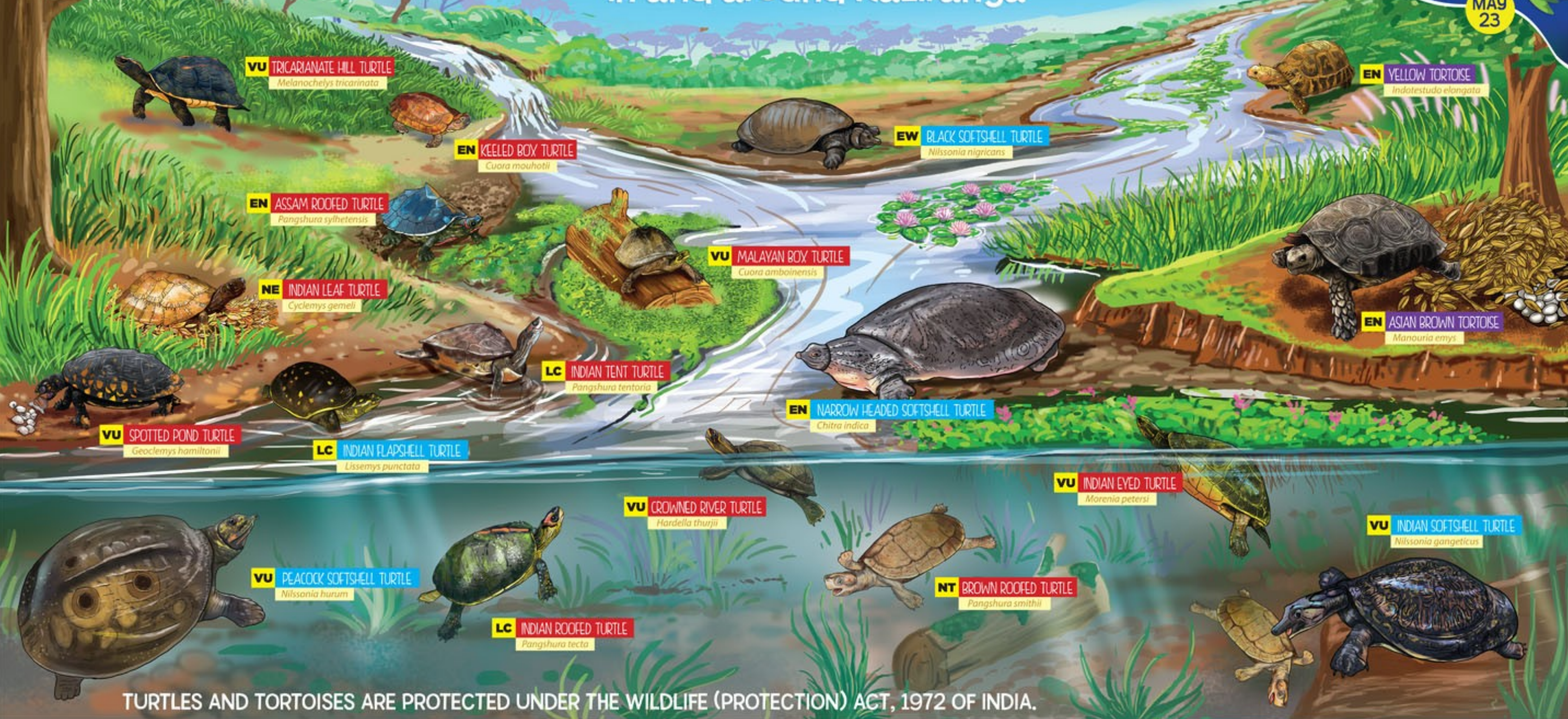




Saving the TURTLES AND TORTOISES in and around Kaziranga

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TURTLE
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TURTLES AND TORTOISES ARE PROTECTED UNDER THE WILDLIFE (PROTECTION) ACT, 1972 OF INDIA.

THE THREATS

Why are turtles and tortoises disappearing?

1 Turtles are illegally taken from the wild and...
...sold as pets.

2 Sometimes, turtles get accidentally...
...caught in fishing nets!

3 Some turtles are killed for their meat.

4 Some are losing their habitat due to...
...burning of grasslands.

THEIR IMPORTANCE

What role do turtles and tortoises play in nature?

1 Turtles control pests by feeding on insects, worms etc.

2 Turtles keep water bodies clean by feeding on dead animals and plants.

3 Turtles are important pollinating agents and they also help in seed dispersal.

TORTOISES HARD-SHELL TURTLES SOFT-SHELL TURTLES

EW Extinct In Wild **VU** Vulnerable **LC** Least Concern
EN Endangered **NT** Near Threatened **NE** Not Evaluated

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