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Turtles are probably very familiar animals to us. They are associated with the history of Hoan Kiem Lake and many other historical legends. Turtles are gentle animals and are currently very valuable economically. Many people buy turtles as pets or sell them as specialties in many restaurants.

The mangrove turtle looks very similar to a turtle, so it is often mistaken for a 'mutant' turtle at first because of its yellow head. This special color makes it more 'attractive' to customers.

The Mangrove Turtle is also known as the toothed turtle or the yellow-headed turtle. The habitat of the Mangrove Turtle is rivers, streams, canals, freshwater ponds and slow-flowing flooded fields. The Mangrove Turtle is on the list of rare animals that need to be preserved. The Mangrove Turtle is very easy to raise. In addition to vegetables and tubers, farmers can also buy industrial food for about 10 thousand VND.



This animal is distinguished by its yellow or orange head with black spots. The forehead, jaws and neck of the Mangrove Turtle are yellow with darker bands. Its upper jaw has two pointed projections or cusps. Its carapace is dark grey, quite smooth and strongly domed with a length that can reach 470mm. The feet of this turtle are quite large and webbed.

Mangroves are large-sized species with an average body length of about 50 - 53cm and a weight of 5 - 10kg. Mature mangroves can reach up to 15kg.

The main food of the Mangrove species is aquatic plants.

The Mangrove is a rare animal. In its native habitat, it is considered endangered.

Currently in our country, mangroves have been chosen by many farmers for commercial farming and breeding. However, people who want to raise them must have their barns assessed by specialized agencies and licensed according to regulations.

Mangrove is a species with high economic value, the commercial price is always stable at 350,000 - 400,000 VND/kg.

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