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BIG NEWS

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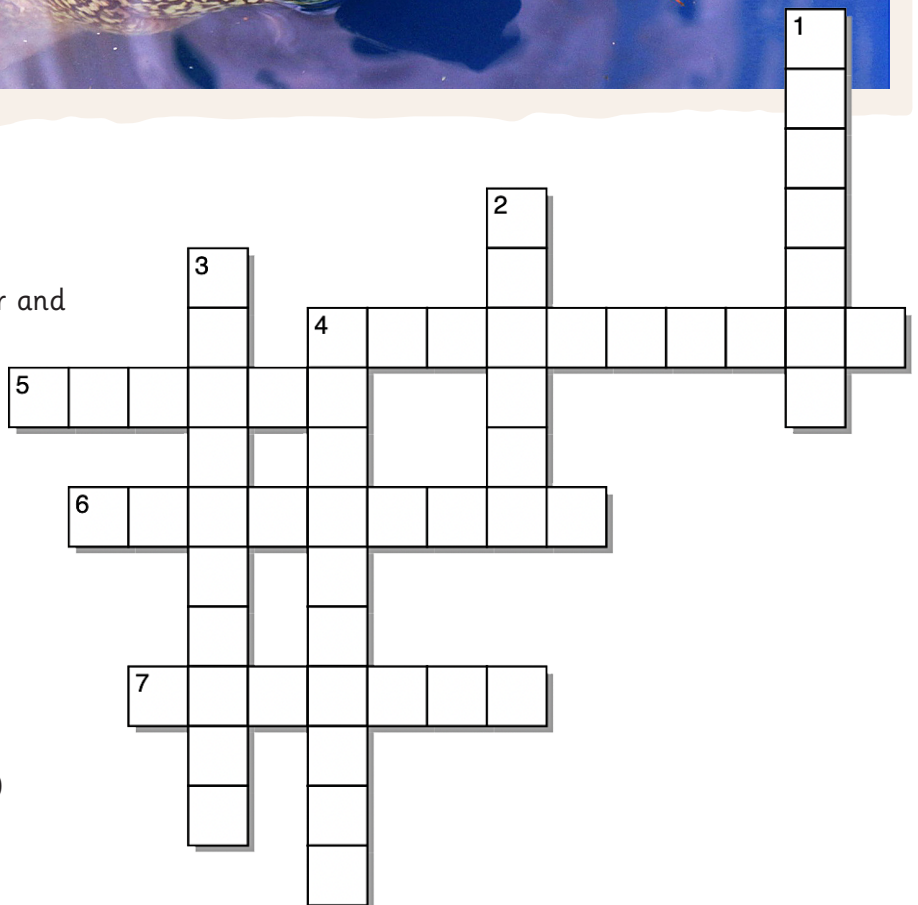
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- 6) Made certain (verb 9)
- 7) A country in Southeast Asia where the Swinhoe’s softshell turtle has been found (proper noun 7)

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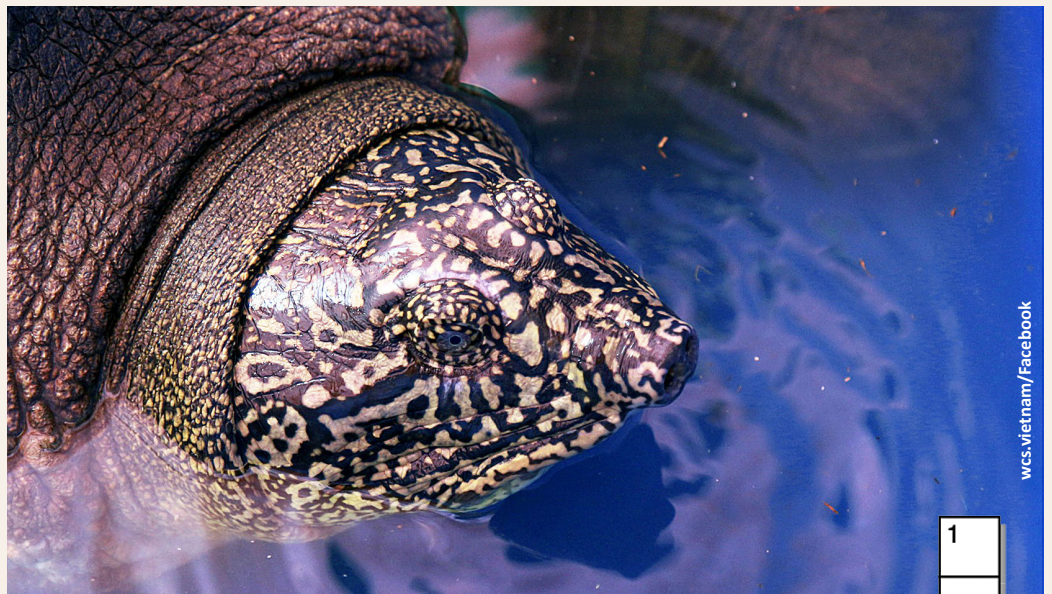
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