

## TESTUDINES

**CHELUS FIMBRIATUS** (Matamata). **MAXIMUM SIZE.** The maximum straight-line carapace length (CL) of *Chelus fimbriatus* reported by Pritchard and Trebbau (1984. Turtles of Venezuela. SSAR Contributions to Herpetology, No. 2. 403 pp.) is 456 mm. Sánchez Villagra et al. (1995. Chel. Cons. Biol. 1:293–300) reported a matamata with a CL of 464 mm. A *C. fimbriatus* captured by local fishermen in the vicinity of Puerto Ayacucho, Departamento Atures, Estado Amazonas, Venezuela had a CL of 482 mm. Other measurements (all straight-line) include: 430 mm plastron length; 380 mm carapace width; 170 mm shell height. This specimen was deposited in the collection of the Estación Biológica Rancho Grande, Maracay (EBRG 3596). We believe this is the largest *C. fimbriatus* ever reported in the literature.

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