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This morning, 46 animals were released into the sanctuary that was built by more than a hundred volunteers over six months. The animals, including tortoises, turtles and an iguana, were rescued from the illegal wildlife trade.

Mr Louis Ng, Chief Executive of ACRES, said the 300 sqm sanctuary in Jalan Lekar will not only improve the living conditions for the rescued wild animals, but also free up space in their quarantine facility, which has reached its full capacity.

Mr Desmond Lee, the Minister of State for National Development, said more Singaporeans are aware of animal welfare issues today.

“I am heartened by the various community-led and ground-up initiatives, including the efforts put in by animal welfare groups like ACRES, in public outreach and education,” he said.

“The Government, too, will do its part to facilitate this, and I am happy that we had assisted ACRES in realising this dedicated wildlife rescue facility,” he added.

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