

ENDANGERED SPECIES BOOKMARKS

Desert Tortoise

(*Gopherus agassizii*)



Protected at Clark County Training Area (Nevada) and Fort Irwin (California)

Habitat: Found in the Mojave, Colorado,
Sonoran and Sinaloan deserts

Shells remain soft for first 5 to 10 years of
their lives

Can live more than 60 years, longer than
any other reptile in the southwestern
United States

Eat flowers of desert annuals, grasses
and other plants

Listed as threatened on
August 20, 1980

Design
provided by
US Army
Environmental
Center

For more
information:
USAEC Public
Affairs Office,
(410) 436-2556

<http://aec.army.mil>



The U.S. Army is steward to
16.7 million acres of land
across many diverse
ecosystems. Because of the
way the Army trains on and
manages this land, these
natural environments have
become havens of plant and
animal biodiversity.
Currently, 172 of the more
than 1,200 plants and
animals federally listed as
threatened or endangered
are found on Army lands in
the United States.

U.S. ARMY
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
1-800-USA-3845

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

Front

Back