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Desert Tortoise

(Gopherus agassizii)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Protected at Fort Irwin (California) and Florence Military Reservation (Arizona)

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

Shells remain soft for the 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.

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