



Red Footed Tortoise *Geochelone carbonaria*

Description: This is a medium-sized land tortoise. It has a dark body with red spots throughout its legs and head. Their shells are about 14 inches in length. Their carapace (top shell) is dark with yellowish markings on the center of the scutes.

Habitat: Grasslands, drier forest areas, savannahs, and rainforest belts where the habitats mix.

Range: South America, more specifically from Panama to Argentina and on some Caribbean islands.

Life Span: 50 years.



Natural Diet: Grasses, fallen fruits, and flowers.

Zoo Diet: Chopped vegetables, fruit, and greens.

Behavior: They are most active during the day and spend their time foraging and basking. Like other turtles and tortoises they can seek the inside of their shell for protection.

Reproduction: During breeding season, which is introduced by the rainy season, females will lay their eggs in a nest dug in the ground. They have the ability to lay several clutches each season.

Conservation: Has not been assessed by the IUCN.

