



RED FOOTED TORTOISE

(Chelonoidis carbonara)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

South America

HABITAT:

Rainforests, Wooded Areas, Wetlands, & Savannas

LIFESTYLE:

Terrestrial (ground-dwelling)

DIET:

Leaves, Grasses, Vegetation, Fruits, & Flowers (herbivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

40-60 years

ADULT SIZE:

12-14" & 8-12kg

ACTIVITY:

Diurnal (active during the day)

THREATS:

Habitat Loss, Hunting, & Importation

FUN FACTS:

Red Footed Tortoises are in the turtle family, but are very different in many ways. Like all Tortoise species, they cannot swim as turtles can, but would sink if they ventured too far into deep water. Tortoises are also Herbivores & have no meat in their diet, whereas turtles are either omnivores (eating both meat & plants) or carnivores (eating only meat). Furthermore, as a general rule, Tortoises have a rounded, dome-like shell, & turtles have a flat shell, though there are a couple of exceptions to this rule.