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Animal Fact Sheet

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Aldabra Giant Tortoise

Aldabrachelys gigantea

Aldabra Atoll in the Seychelles carries roughly 100,000 giant tortoises — many times the number in all of Galapagos, making it by far the largest population of giant tortoises on Earth, and one of th…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Testudinidae
Habitat: Tropical island grasslands and scrublands
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 80-120 years
Weight: 150-250 kg
Scientific name: Aldabrachelys gigantea

Did you know?

- The Aldabra Giant Tortoise is one of only two giant tortoise species remaining in the world, the other being the Galápagos tortoise.
- Aldabra tortoises can drink through their nostrils, drawing water from puddles too shallow to submerge the mouth. Jonathan, an Aldabra tortoise livin…

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