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Animal Fact Sheet

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Burmese Star Tortoise

Geochelone platynota

The Burmese Star Tortoise is a medium-sized, critically endangered tortoise native to the dry, deciduous forests of central Myanmar. It is renowned for its beautiful, radiating star-like patterns on …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Testudinidae
Habitat: Dry deciduous forest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 50–70 years
Weight: 6–8 kg
Scientific name: Geochelone platynota

Did you know?

- At one point, the Burmese Star Tortoise was considered functionally extinct in the wild until intensive conservation efforts began to reverse their d…
- Burmese Star Tortoises can recognize individual keepers and learn to associate them with food. Their striking shell patterns are unique to each indiv…

What I learned

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