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Animal Fact Sheet

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Russian Tortoise

Testudo horsfieldii

The Russian Tortoise is a small, hardy tortoise species native to arid regions of Central Asia, including parts of Russia, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan. It is easily recognized by its domed, olive to …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Testudinidae
Habitat: Desert and semi-desert environments with sandy or loamy soils
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 40-50 years
Weight: 0.8-2.0 kg
Scientific name: Testudo horsfieldii

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Russian Tortoises can survive long periods without water by extracting moisture from their food and minimizing water loss.
- Russian Tortoises are expert diggers, capable of creating burrows several feet deep to escape extreme temperatures. Unlike many other tortoise specie…

What I learned

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