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Speckled Padloper Tortoise

Homopus signatus

The speckled padloper (Chersobius signatus) of Namaqualand and the western Cape is the smallest tortoise in the world: males mature at around 6 to 8 centimetres and adults weigh roughly 95 to 165 gra…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Testudinidae
Habitat: Rocky outcrops in arid and semi-arid regions
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 95-165 grams
Scientific name: Homopus signatus

Did you know?

- Despite its tiny size, the Speckled Padloper Tortoise can climb steep, rocky surfaces with surprising agility.
- An adult speckled padloper can weigh less than a chicken egg. "Padloper" is Afrikaans for "path walker". Its shell is flatter and more flexible than …

What I learned

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