

SPUR THIGHED TORTOISE

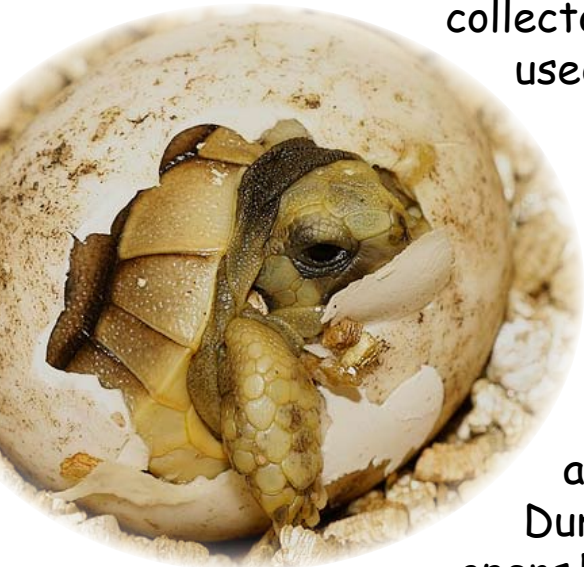
aka GREEK TORTOISE

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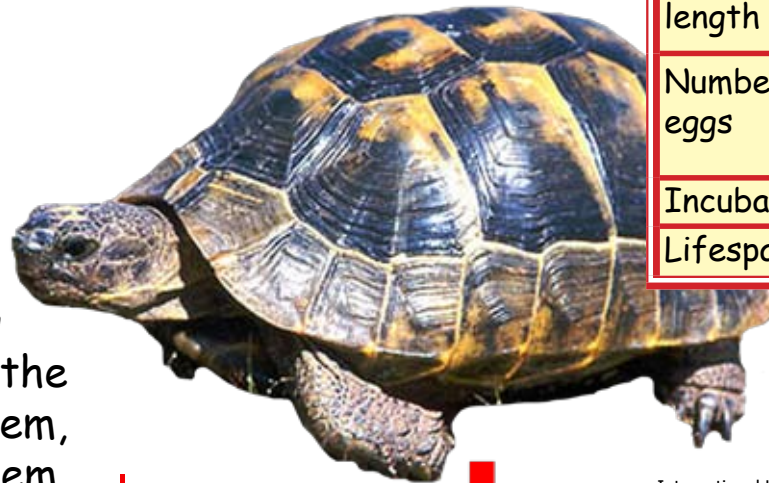


Their other common name, the Greek Tortoise, is not derived from their location but instead the name is taken from its pattern which reminded many of its first collectors of patterns used in Greek culture.



The males follow the females with great interest, encircling them, biting them in the limbs, ramming them, and trying to mount them. During copulation, the male opens his mouth, showing his red tongue and making squeaking sounds.

There are currently over 20 subspecies, differences between them are primarily size, weight, coloration and the types of flecks.



FACTS & FIGURES	
Where found	North Africa, western Asia, and Europe
Habitat	From sandy dunes to rocky mountains
Diet	Leafy greens (dandelions, clover etc)
Average length	Up to 35cm
Number of eggs	Several clutches usually 5-12 in each.
Incubation	8-12 weeks
Lifespan	Up to 80 years

International Union for Conservation of Nature RED LIST
for the Spur Thighed Tortoise

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