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# african tortoise care

## Enclosure size and requirements

enclosure size of 8-10ft this can be a vivarium without glass or with lots of ventilation as they need air flow, remember bigger is always better for torts especially of this size as they never stop moving!

## Temperature/heat-

basking spot of 33-39c with a cool end of 20-22c. They should have at least two heat bulbs to get the heat necessary for them. Heat should be provided with a halogen bulb controlled by a thermostat.



## Examples of some african species-

- Greek tortoise
- leopard tortoise
- sulcata tortoise

So more of your larger tortoises

## Uvb-

tortoise always need uvb no matter what to prevent shell deformities like pyramiding and also mbd- the correct uvb for these torts is the Arcadia pro t5 12% uvb this is the closest to the amount of uv they'd receive in the wild it should be about 30cm above to tortoise to avoid burns. This should be paired with calcium dusted on food to get the proper effects of the uvb.



## Substrate/bedding-

a 50/50 organic top soil (no fertilisers) and sand mix with added spagnum moss and coco coir is great for these guys as they need a higher humidity level of 60%, this should be provided in a thick layer to allow for them to burrow.



## Enrichment-

large hide like structures should be provided, with big openings so the tortoise can get in, rocks and slate should also be included to help the tortoise grind their own nails down!

## Feeding-

over 80% of there diet should be leafy greens, flowers, weeds and hay as they need high fibre. some examples are turnip greens, collard, rocket, watercress, spring greens, dandelions and clovers. Fruit and Vegetables should not be fed as they contain a high sugar content that the tortoise cannot digest. Avoid things with high oxalate like spinach and broccoli as they can stop calcium absorption. Dust all food with calcium, provide cuttlefish bone in there enclosure too for extra calcium and too help grind there beaks down.