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# tropical 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!

## Examples of some tropical species-

- red foot tortoise
- yellow foot tortoise
- cherry head tortoise
- hinge back tortoise

So more of your high humidity tortoises

## Temperature/heat-

basking spot of 32c with a cool end of 22-26c. Heat should be provided with a halogen bulb controlled by a thermostat.



## 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 mix of organic top soil (no fertilisers) sphagnum moss and coco coir is great for these guys as they need a high humidity level of 70-90%; 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 70% of their diet should be leafy greens and weeds as they need high fibre. some examples are turnip greens, collard, rocket, watercress, spring greens, dandelions and clovers. Fruit and Veggies like carrot bell peppers parsnip courgettes strawberries apples etc can be fed but in moderation. They do require protein so things like snails and earth worms should be fed occasionally. Avoid things with high oxalate like spinach and broccoli as they can stop calcium absorption. Dust all food with calcium, provide cuttlefish bone in their enclosure too for extra calcium and too help grind their beaks down.