



Angulate Tortoise
Ploegskaarskilpad
Chersina angulata



Karoo Dwarf Tortoise
Swaarweerskilpad
Chersobius boulengeri



Southern Tent Tortoise
Suidelike tentskilpad
Psammobates tentorius tentorius

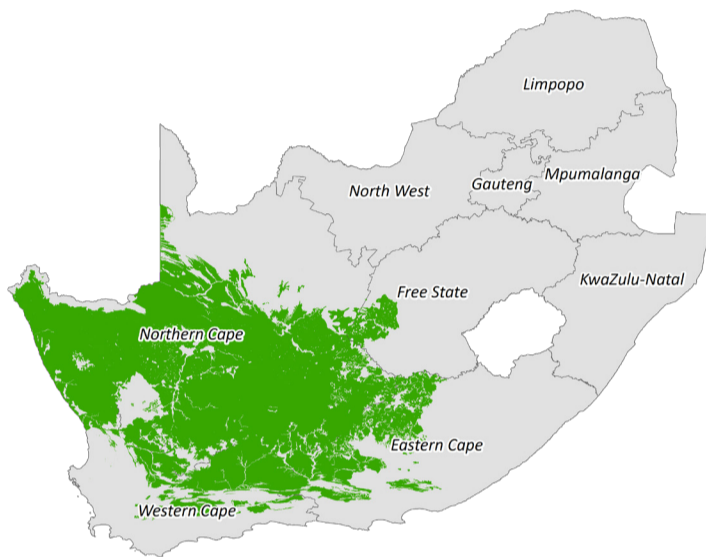


Parrot-beaked Dwarf Tortoise
Gewone padlopertjie
Homopus areolatus



Speckled Dwarf Tortoise
Klipskilpadjie
Chersobius signatus

Tortoises of the Karoo



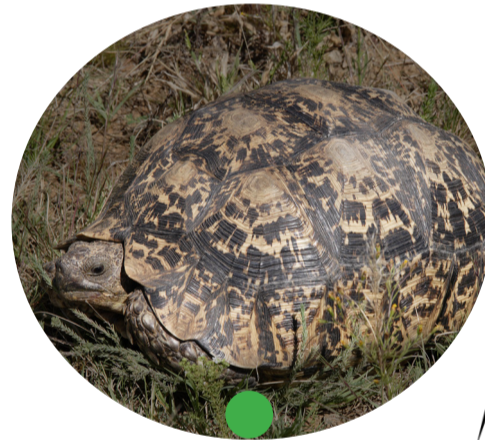
Western Tent Tortoise
Westelike tentskilpad
Psammobates tentorius trimeni



Greater Dwarf Tortoise
Groot padloper
Homopus femoralis



Northern Tent Tortoise
Noordelike tentskilpad
Psammobates tentorius verroxii



Leopard Tortoise
Bergskilpad
Stigmochelys pardalis



Marsh Terrapin
Gewone waterskilpad
Pelomedusa galeata

IUCN status:

- Least Concern
- Endangered

Did you know? South Africa has 13 tortoise species – higher than anywhere else in the world

Sustainable Land Management for tortoise conservation:

Threats to our tortoises

- Habitat transformation, degradation and overgrazing
- Uncontrolled wild fire
- Frequent droughts
- Crows and ravens
- Electric fences
- Road kill
- Collection for wildlife trade and keeping as pets

What can I do?

- Manage grazing responsibly
- Have a fire management plan
- Deter crows and ravens, and remove unused windmills and telephone poles
- Raise electric fencing strands to at least 25 cm above ground, switch off during the day and install offset wire to deter tortoises
- Drive with care, especially when in the veld
- Do not collect tortoises
- Report suspicious persons and verify people claiming to do research
- Support local conservation initiatives

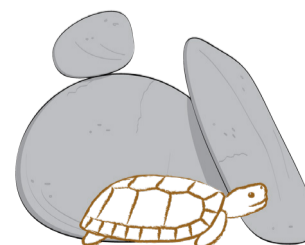
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