

GALAPAGOS TORTOISE FACT SHEET !



Galapagos tortoises are the largest tortoises in the world. A fully grown tortoise can weigh up to 300kg!

They are native to the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

The plates on their shell are fused with the ribs to form a protective layer as part of the skeleton.

These beautiful creatures helped Darwin to form his theory of evolution.



The dominant tortoise is the one that can stretch its neck to be the tallest!

Favourite food - leaves, grasses and cacti!

They forage for around 8 - 9 hours a day!

Lifespan - 150+ years
Max length - 6ft
Average speed - 0.16 mph

There are 15 subspecies, 2 of which are extinct.