

Gopherus polyphemus, Gopher Tortoise

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Taxonomy

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Reptilia	Testudines	Testudinidae

Taxon Name: *Gopherus polyphemus* (Daudin, 1802)

Synonym(s):

- *Testudo polyphemus*

Common Name(s):

- English: Gopher Tortoise
- French: Gophère Polyphème, Tortue De La Floride, Tortue Gaufrée
- Spanish: Tortuga Terrestre De Florida

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Vulnerable A1acde [ver 2.3](#)

Year Published: 1996

Date Assessed: August 1, 1996

Annotations: Needs Updating

Previously Published Red List Assessments

1994 – Vulnerable (V)

1990 – Vulnerable (V)

1988 – Vulnerable (V)

1986 – Vulnerable (V)

1982 – Vulnerable (V)

Geographic Range

Country Occurrence:

Native: United States

Habitat and Ecology

Systems: Terrestrial

Conservation Actions (see Appendix for additional information)

It is listed on CITES Appendix II.

Credits

Assessor(s): Tortoise & Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group

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Appendix

Conservation Actions in Place

(<http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes>)

Conservation Actions in Place
In-Place Education
Included in international legislation: Yes
Subject to any international management/trade controls: Yes

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