

Spur-Thighed Tortoise

Habitat: dry grasslands and plains of southern Sahara in Senegal, Mauritania, Niger, Chad, Sudan, and Ethiopia

Size: 24-30 inches long
100-200 pounds

Lifespan: up to 100 years

Eats: grasses, hay, vegetables and dead animals

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Spur-thighed tortoises are hunted for their meat and shells.

The spurs on their legs are for defense.

They are solitary and fight by trying to flip each other over and butting shells.

They are the world's biggest tortoises, but are only two inches long when they hatch.

