

Endangered Elongated Tortoise spotted in Aravallis

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About Elongated Tortoise

The tortoise is medium-sized with a yellowish brown or olive shell and distinct black blotches at the centre of each scute. The tortoise has on its nostril a pink ring, which appears in the breeding season. Mature individuals of both sexes develop a distinct pinkish colouration surrounding the nostrils and eyes during the season.

Elongated Tortoise Distribution

- The tortoise, found in the Sal deciduous and hilly evergreen forests.
- It is distributed across Southeast Asia from northern India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh in the west, eastward through Myanmar, Thailand, and all of Indochina, north to Guangxi Province of China and south to Peninsular Malaysia.
- A disjunct tortoise population exists in the Chota Nagpur plateau in eastern India. It also inhabits lowlands and foothills of up to 1,000 m above sea level.

Elongated Tortoise Conservation Status

IUCN: Critically Endangered

Elongated Tortoise FAQs

Q1. What are Deciduous Forests?

Ans. It is a biome dominated by deciduous trees which lose their leaves seasonally. The Earth has temperate deciduous forests, and tropical and subtropical deciduous forests, also known as dry forests.

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