**Gopherus agassizii pop. 2**  
Desert Tortoise - Sonoran Population  
Other Related Name(s): *Gopherus agassizii* *(Sonoran Population)*  
Unique Identifier: ELEMENT_GLOBAL.2.102195  
Element Code: ARAAF01013  
Informal Taxonomy: Animals, Vertebrates - Turtles

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**Genus Size:** B - Very small genus (2-5 species)

**Concept Reference**


Concept Reference Code: U90AN001EHUS  
Name Used in Concept Reference: *Gopherus agassizii* pop. 2

**Conservation Status**

**NatureServe Status**

Global Status: G4T4  
Global Status Last Reviewed: 23Jan2003  
Global Status Last Changed: 23Jan2003  
Rounded Global Status: T4 - Apparently Secure  
Nation: United States  
National Status: NNR

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**Other Statuses**

U.S. Endangered Species Act: C: Candidate (14Dec2010)  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Lead Region: R2 - Southwest

Comments on official statuses: On December 14, 2010, USFWS published a 12-month on the Sonoran population. In that finding, they determined that the Sonoran population of the desert tortoise warrants addition to the Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. However, listing is precluded by higher priority actions and it has been added to the candidate species list.

**NatureServe Conservation Status Factors**

**Distribution**

**U.S. States and Canadian Provinces**
Natural heritage records exist for the following U.S. counties:

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* Extirpated/possibly extirpated

U.S. Distribution by Watershed (based on available natural heritage records)

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U.S. Invasive Species Impact Rank (I-Rank)

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