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## BACK FROM NEAR EXTINCTION

# Giant Galápagos Tortoise

### **You Are There**

This book discusses the Galápagos tortoise's diet. Imagine you are observing a tortoise searching for food. What might you notice about the tortoises you see? What do you notice about their food? What does the landscape look like? Be sure to add plenty of detail to your notes.



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### Another View

This book talks about Galápagos tortoise conservation. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or another adult to help you find a reliable source about this topic. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view to the ideas in this book. How are the sources similar or different? Why do you think they are similar or different?



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### Why Do I Care?

The Galápagos tortoise came very close to extinction due to invasive animal species. Do you think native animals could become endangered if new species were brought to your area? What could people do to stop this from happening?



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### Take a Stand

Some people kill Galápagos tortoises to sell their meat. What do you think should happen to these poachers? Do you think the crime should be punishable by a fine or jail time? Imagine that you are a member of Ecuador's government. What kind of law would you suggest to help prevent poaching in the future?



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