



The Desert Managers Group: Working Together to Recover the Desert Tortoise in the California Deserts

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DMG Mission

Develop complementary management practices and programs

- **Conservation/restoration of desert lands**
- **Recreation, visitor services**
- **Law enforcement**
- **Research, monitoring, data management**



DMG Participants

Department of Interior

- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- Geological Survey
- Bureau of Indian Affairs

State of California

- Department of Fish & Game
- Department of Parks
- Department of Transportation

Department of Agriculture

- Forest Service

Department of Defense

- Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake
- Edwards Air Force Base
- National Training Center, Fort Irwin
- Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palms
- Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow
- Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma

County Governments

- Kern County
- San Bernardino County
- Imperial County



DMG 5 Year Plan

***Goal 3.* Recover the desert tortoise in the California recovery units.**

***Goal 9.* Monitor desert tortoise population status in relation to recovery goals for the California recovery units.**





DMG Desert Tortoise Planning, Monitoring and Recovery Actions

1. Recovery Planning

- ▶ Evaluate the effectiveness of recovery actions (**complete**)
- ▶ Develop Coordinated Recovery Action Plans (**in progress**)

2. Coordinate Implementation of Recovery Actions

- ▶ Raven management (**ongoing**)
- ▶ Free roaming dog management (**ongoing**)
- ▶ Public education and outreach campaign (**ongoing**)
- ▶ Headstarting and translocation (**in progress**)
- ▶ Disease management (**on hold/funding dependent**)

3. Coordinate Monitoring Efforts

- ▶ DT populations, habitat, and threats (**on going**)
- ▶ Recovery action effectiveness monitoring (**ongoing**)



Partners and Funding

- DMG agencies
- Clark County Desert Conservation Program
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Joshua Tree National Park Assoc
- United 4 Wheel Drive Assoc
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Resources Law Group
- CA Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission



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