

# Why Pinta Tortoises are Extinct

Pinta tortoises had domed shells and they lived on the pinta islands. The last pinta tortoise died in 2006. There was one tortoise named George and he was the last pinta tortoise to live. So why are they now extinct ?

They are mainly extinct because of hunters and sailors. They used the pinta islands to hunt food (fish). They ate tortoises to keep awake overnight.

With the amount of pinta tortoises left the fishermen needed more meat and goats ate tortoises' food. Because of that the pinta tortoises DISAPPEARED! The fishermen hunted all of the tortoises. The population of hunters and goats grew and grew. As a result, they overtook the pinta tortoises.

So the only pinta tortoises you see today are in pictures, books and films.