

SPOTTED TURTLE REPRODUCTION

Spotted turtles are a species of special concern in New York and considered endangered internationally. Their low numbers are due to habitat loss, pollution, collecting for the pet trade, and increased predator populations. With all the added stress on this species and other turtles, conservationists must understand their reproductive cycle and behaviors to help them survive.

The life cycle shown below will help you to better understand their reproductive stages and the amount of time required for each.

Visit <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7150.html> to read about their life history and fill in the amount of time in the blanks below. Afterward, consider what threats the turtle might encounter in each stage of its life and fill in those blanks.

