



## ***Extinct Turtle Found***

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A tortoise species, *Chelonoidis Phantasticus*, thought to have gone extinct more than 100 years ago, has been discovered in the Galapagos. The Galapagos is a group of islands off the coast of Ecuador.

The last time the tortoise was seen alive was in 1906. The Galapagos Parks Authority and the Galapagos Conservancy Group said they found one alive and well, hanging out in a patch of vegetation on Fernandina Island.

The species was thought to have died out because of frequent volcano eruptions on the island. La Cumbre, the volcano on Fernandina Island, is very active.

Scientists now believe there could be more of these giant tortoises. They found traces of excrement in other areas of the island that could very well belong to other tortoises like this one.

The tortoise was taken by boat to the Giant Turtle Breeding Center on the island of Santa Cruz.

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1. When was this story reported?  
February 2009    February 2019    March 2020
2. What is the headline of this story?  
Extinct Turtle Found    New York Post    Turtle Phantastico
3. Which news agency reported this story?  
CNN    New York Post    National Geographic
4. Before this sighting, when was the last time this turtle was seen?  
1906    1909    1999
5. The Galapagos islands are part of which country?  
Chile    Ecuador    Peru
6. Where was the turtle found?  
Fernandina Island    Santa Cruz Island    New York City
7. What's the name of the volcano on Fernandina Island?  
Fernandina    Chelonoidis    La Cumbre
8. Where is the Giant Turtle Breeding Center?  
Fernandina Island    Santa Cruz Island    New York City
9. Where did the scientists take the turtle they found?  
the University of Ecuador    to New York City    to a breeding center
10. How did this turtle species become extinct?  
They were killed by hunters.  
They were preyed on by hawks.  
Frequent volcano eruptions
11. Why do scientists think there might be more of the turtles around?  
They saw one more.  
They found traces of excrement in other areas of the island.  
The turtles always have mates.

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