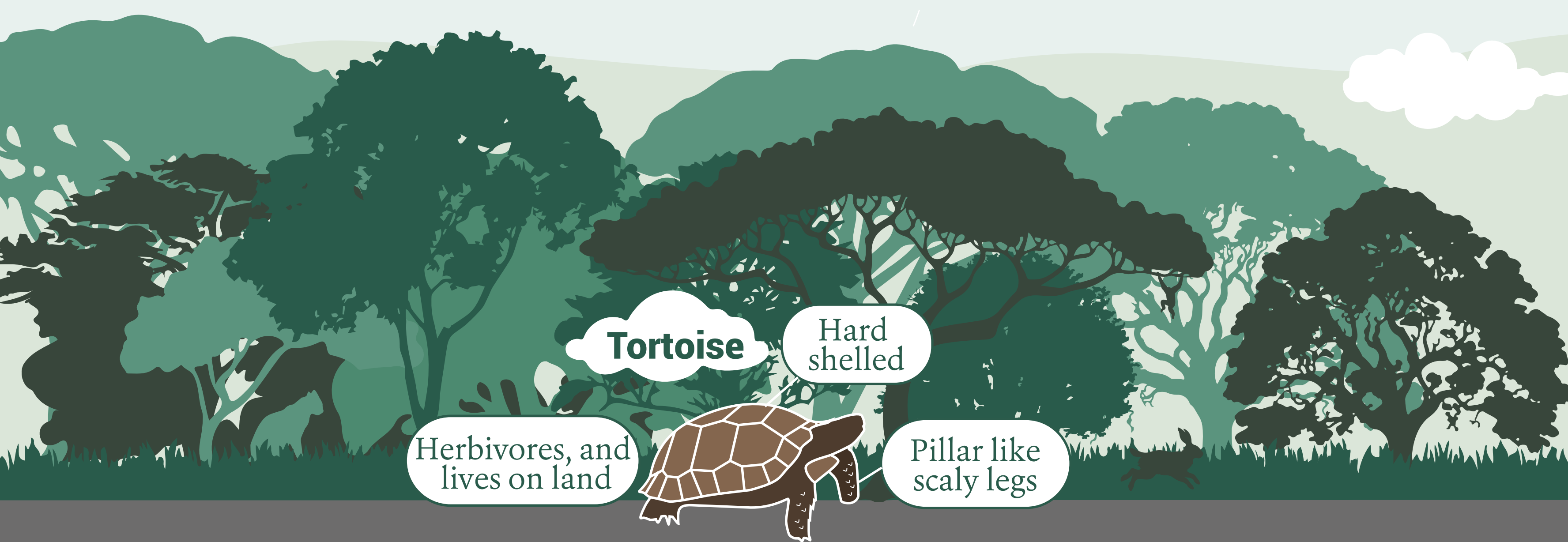


Be a Turtle Savior: Safeguard Turtles and Tortoises



Turtles and tortoises play a vital role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystem

Freshwater turtles help to improve water quality in wetlands by scavenging fish carcasses. Further, they help to disperse seeds control pests, and provide food for other animals.

However, human actions and behaviors, such as hunting and habitat destruction put them in danger of disappearing forever. Trade and consumption of freshwater turtles are their biggest threats in some parts of Bangladesh.

Don't risk buying, preparing and eating wild animals for your family's health

The trade and consumption of turtles and tortoises can make us sick. When we collect, store, trade, prepare and consume wild animals, we expose ourselves to harmful germs that can spread from animals to people.



Turtles and tortoises are protected by the Bangladesh's Wildlife (Conservation & Security) Act, 2012



The law prohibits killing, capturing, selling, buying, transporting, and consuming these species and their body parts.

Anyone who breaks this law is subject to severe punishment, such as imprisonment for up to 1 year, or a fine of up to Taka 50,000, or both.



Please inform turtle crime incidents



Wildlife Crime Control Unit (WCCU) Hotline : 01999-000095, 01713-076683, 01916-095643

Divisional Forest Office Contacts - Dhaka: 01999-007919; Khulna: 01999-005844, 01999-005891; Chattogram: 01711-482898;

Moulvibazar & Habiganj: 01748-575485; Sherpur: 01711-850733; Rajshahi: 01914-775363



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