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## HYPOVITAMINOSIS A IN TERRAPINS

What is it?

- Hypovitaminosis A is a deficiency caused by low levels of vitamin A from a diet deficient in green vegetables or plant matter.
- Vitamin A is important for the normal function of the skin, respiratory tract and eyes.
- In the wild, animals will eat plants containing carotene which is then converted to true vitamin-A in the body.
- In captivity diets deficient in plant material such as commercial food mixes can lead to low vitamin A.

Who can get it?

Aquatic species such as musk or map turtles, red-eared and yellow