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## LIGHTING

Turtles need daily exposure to full spectrum lighting (including UV-b light).

Various UV lamps are available (see separate handout on lighting for reptiles), but for tortoises a lamp with a high output (e.g. 10-12%) should be used to mimic the strong sunlight of their wild environment.

Lamps should be kept on for ~ 12 hours per day and at an appropriate distance from the turtle as recommended by the manufacturer.

All lamps should be changed at least as frequently as manufacturer's instructions or checked regularly for their UV output.