



## Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

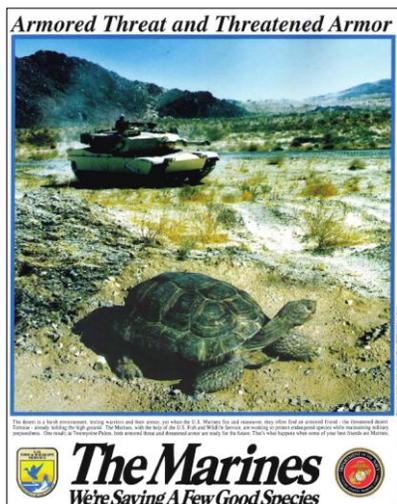
### Fact Sheet – The Desert Tortoise at MCAGCC – February 2011

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The Project Fact Sheets offer a focused way to provide easily accessible, wide-spread distribution of Project information. They augment the regular updating of Project public documents carried on MCAGCC's Proposed Land Acquisition Study webpage.

Please see these other Project documents for an overview and key background information.

- The Department of Defense and the U.S. Marine Corps understand that the lands they use for training are part of the public trust. They are committed to being good stewards of the lands placed in their care.
- Part of the stewardship responsibility is to protect and promote the recovery of threatened and endangered animals found on military installations.
- The Desert Tortoise was listed as a threatened species in 1990, and MCAGCC has played a role in protecting and enhancing species recovery.
- MCAGCC cooperates with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, UCLA and other biologists to study and enhance the Desert Tortoise population.
- ***In nearly five years of managed operation of a Desert Tortoise rearing program aboard MCAGCC, the program has produced over 380 hatchlings.***
- MCAGCC trains its personnel to be sensitive to the Desert Tortoise as part of its protection efforts, using tools such as these posters shown below.



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