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TORTOISES AND TURTLES

Southeast Asian Leaf Turtle

Cyclemys oldhami

Cyclemys oldhami is a dark, almost rectangular leaf turtle from forest streams in mainland South-East Asia. The shell is flat with a serrated rear edge, and the crown is pale with small dark spots. Adults spend a lot of time on land, while the young are mostly in the water. The species needs a large, humid aquaterrarium and clean water, and it is often confused with *Cyclemys dentata*.

Family: Geoemydidae Former name: *Cyclemys oldhamii; Cyclemys shanensis; Cyclemys tcheponensis; Cyclemys tiannanensis*

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**18-25 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**15-25 years**
Active	**At dusk and at night**
Lifestyle	**Semi-aquatic**
Habitat	**Rainforest and wetland**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**130 × 65 × 75 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**24-27 °C**
Basking spot	**30-32 °C**
Temperature, night	**22-25 °C**
Humidity	**70-90%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** depth 15-20 cm
Water temperature	**22-26 °C**
UVB	**Recommended** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects, fruit, complete diet, vertebrates and worms/snails**
Kept	**Singly**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**2-4 eggs**
Incubation	**90-110 days** at 26-28 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Appendix II**
EU annex	**Annex B**
IUCN	**Endangered (EN)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	There is almost no care knowledge that applies specifically to *Cyclemys oldhami*.
TEMPERATURE	*Cyclemys oldhami* needs 24-27 °C in the air by day, and the basking spot should be 30-32 °C. At night 22-25 °C is suitable. The water is kept at 22-26 °C. The figures are borrowed from *C. dentata*.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	Humidity for *Cyclemys oldhami* should be 70-90%. It is kept up with misting, a moist substrate layer with leaves and moist hides with sphagnum. Measure with a hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure.
LIGHTING AND UVB	*Cyclemys oldhami* needs UVB for D3 synthesis, but is a forest animal and seeks shade. Use a UVB tube for shade-dwelling animals (Ferguson zone 1) over the land area and basking spot, and provide shade for the rest.
FEEDING	*Cyclemys oldhami* is omnivorous like the rest of the genus. In the wild it eats figs and other soft fruit, insects, worms, snails, fish and carrion, and the diet should reflect that.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	*Cyclemys oldhami* is shy and hides a lot. The animals get to know their keeper and come forward at feeding time, but the species is not suited to handling.
NATIVE RANGE	Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos.