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TORTUGAS

## Aldabra Giant Tortoise

# *Aldabrachelys gigantea*

*Aldabrachelys gigantea* is one of the largest land tortoises in the world: females reach about 90 cm and nearly 160 kg, males about 120 cm and 250 kg, and the species lives for more than 100 years. It comes from Aldabra Atoll in the Indian Ocean. An adult needs a heated barn and a large, secure outdoor paddock, so the species is only for keepers who can provide both.

Familia: Testudinidae  Nombre anterior: *Testudo gigantea; Testudo elephantina; Testudo ponderosa; Testudo sumeirei; Testudo gouffei; Dipsochelys dussumieri*

DATOS CLAVE

### EL ANIMAL

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| Tamaño adulto | **90-125 cm**<br>longitud total con la cola |
| Esperanza de vida | **80-100 años** |
| Activo | **De día** |
| Modo de vida | **Terrestre** |
| Hábitat | **Sabana** |
| Dificultad | **Experto** |

### CUIDADOS

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| Terrario mín. | **800 × 400 × 80 cm**<br>L × An × Al para 2 adultos |
| Temperatura, día | **24-28 °C** |
| Punto caliente | **29-32 °C** |
| Temperatura, noche | **18-23 °C** |
| Humedad | **55-65 %** |
| Agua | **Bebedero** |
| UVB | **Imprescindible**<br>Zona Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentación | **Plantas** |
| Se mantiene | **En grupo** |

### CRÍA

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| Reproducción | **Ovípara** |
| Madurez sexual | **180-240 meses** |
| Tamaño de la puesta | **9-25 huevos** |
| Puestas por año | **1-2** |
| Incubación | **98-148 días**<br>a 27-30 °C |

### PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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| CITES | **Apéndice II** |
| Anexo de la UE | **Anexo B** |
| UICN | **No evaluada (NE)** |

## Cuidados de un vistazo

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| **EL TERRARIO** | Little has been published about keeping *Aldabrachelys gigantea* outside zoos. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | By day the barn should be 24-28 °C with a basking spot of 29-32 °C under a heat lamp, and at night 18-23 °C; the night must not fall below 18 °C. |
| **HUMEDAD Y AGUA** | Humidity should be 55-65% for adults, while young animals need 70-80%. A low, wide, non-slip bowl of clean water must be available at all times, because animals in captivity drink a lot. |
| **ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB** | The species is diurnal and lives in full sun. |
| **ALIMENTACIÓN** | The diet is almost entirely plants: grass, herbs, leaves, twigs and, in smaller amounts, fruit. |
| **COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN** | The species is social and curious and quickly learns to recognise its keeper. An adult is so heavy and strong that it knocks over small trees and shrubs, and flimsy fences will not hold it. |
| **ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL** | Seychelles. |

La guía completa con mapa y actualizaciones: herpy.org/en/tortoises-and-turtles/aldabrachelys-gigantea