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TORTUGAS

Forest Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys erosa

Kinixys erosa is the largest of the hinge-back tortoises: a heavy, rust-brown rainforest tortoise with serrated shell margins and a movable hinge at the rear. The shell grows up to 33 cm long. The species lives in rainforest and swamp forest in West and Central Africa, needs high humidity and warmth, and is easily stressed. Newly imported animals often carry many parasites.

Familia: Testudinidae Nombre anterior: *Testudo erosa; Kinixys castanea; Cinixys erosa*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**25-33 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**30-50 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Selva tropical y humedal**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**240 × 120 × 60 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**28-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**22-25 °C**
Humedad	**70-90 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 1
Alimentación	**Insectos, fruta, plantas y lombrices/caracoles**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**1-5 huevos**
Incubación	**130-160 días** a 30-31 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Datos insuficientes (DD)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO
Little reliable knowledge exists on the care of *Kinixys erosa*, because the species is rarely kept and bred.

TEMPERATURA
The animal must be kept warm and even: 28-30 °C by day with a warmer zone of 30-32 °C, measured on the substrate, and 22-25 °C at night. The night temperature is an estimate based on the rainforest climate.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA
Kinixys erosa requires high humidity: 70-90 %, and sick or newly imported animals are kept at at least 85 %. Mist regularly, so that the substrate and leaf litter are kept moist, and leave a damp hide with moss available.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB
Kinixys erosa comes from the forest floor and requires a low light level. The enclosure should not have strong lighting, and the animal must always be able to retreat into dark hides.

ALIMENTACIÓN
Kinixys erosa is omnivorous. The diet is fruit, fungi, leaves and greens plus a little animal food. Fruits such as banana, melon, tomato, papaya, peaches and cucumber are taken readily, especially red and orange ones.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN
The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs itself in when disturbed. It is most active early in the morning and spends much of the rest of the day in a dark hide or in the water.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL
Angola, Benín, Camerún, República Centroafricana, República Democrática del Congo, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Ecuatorial, Gabón, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Ruanda, Sierra Leona, Togo y Uganda.