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TORTUGAS

Natal Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys natalensis

Kinixys natalensis is one of the smallest hinge-back tortoises. It lives in hilly, rocky bush and thorn savanna in eastern South Africa and Eswatini and normally grows to 8-14 cm long. The hinge is weakly developed and is found only in adults. The species is rare and vulnerable in the wild, and little is known about its care, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Familia: Testudinidae Nombre anterior: *Kinixys belliana natalensis*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**8-16 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**30-50 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Sabana y terreno rocoso**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**26-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**20-24 °C**
Humedad	**50-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentación	**Insectos, plantas y lombrices/caracoles**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**1-3 huevos**
Incubación	**105-200 días** a 28-31 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Vulnerable (VU)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Almost no published knowledge exists on the care of *Kinixys natalensis*, and the species is kept very little.
TEMPERATURA	By day the enclosure should be 26-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-35 °C under a lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. Shelters at the cool end should be kept at 23-26 °C, and at night 20-24 °C is suitable.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *K. spekii* and is an estimate.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	*K. natalensis* is diurnal. Sunlight is best. Indoors the species needs UVB lighting with a UV index of 2.0-3.0 at the basking spot (Ferguson zone 2). The zone is borrowed from *K. spekii*.
ALIMENTACIÓN	The diet is mainly plant material, but the animal also takes insects, snails and other small animals.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. The animal is difficult to handle and examine, so lift it from underneath with two hands and handle it as little as possible.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Sudáfrica y Esuatini.