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TORTUGAS

Speke's Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys spekii

Kinixys spekii is a medium-sized, elongated tortoise from the savannas and open woodland of eastern and southern Africa. The shell is flat and usually 13-18 cm long, and a movable hinge at the rear lets adults close their hind legs inside. The species is a true omnivore with fungi as its favourite food; it stresses easily, and newly imported animals often carry many intestinal parasites, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Familia: Testudinidae Nombre anterior: *Cinixys spekii; Homopus darlingi; Kinixys australis; Kinixys jordani; Kinixys youngi*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**13-21 cm** longitud total con la cola
Peso	**500-1.500 g**
Esperanza de vida	**30-50 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Sabana, bosque seco y terreno rocoso**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**160 × 80 × 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 o en grupo**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**84-108 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2-6 huevos**
Incubación	**220-365 días** a 29 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little specific information exists on the care of *Kinixys spekii*, because the species was long treated as part of *Kinixys belliana* and is kept far less often than several of its relatives.
TEMPERATURA	During the 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. The basking spot temperature is borrowed from related tortoises.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	As a savanna species, *K. spekii* needs less humidity than the forest species of the genus, but it likes moisture and does not thrive in dry air.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	*K. spekii* is diurnal, and its activity depends on the heat: on hot days the animal is out in the morning and evening and hides in the middle of the day, while on cool days it is out around midday. Natural sunlight is best.
ALIMENTACIÓN	*K. spekii* is a true omnivore.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. If picked up, it hisses, often empties its bowels and may snap at the air.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Angola, Botsuana, Burundi, República Democrática del Congo, Kenia, Malaui, Mozambique, Namibia, Ruanda, Sudáfrica, Esuatini, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia y Zimbabue.