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TORTUGAS

Tent Tortoise

Psammobates tentorius

Psammobates tentorius is a small, domed tortoise from the Karoo and other semi-deserts of south-western Africa. The shell is 11-15 cm long and has a pattern of yellow or orange rays on a dark ground. The species is difficult to keep: it dies easily in damp, cool air and rarely survives long in captivity. It is only for specialists who can give it a sunny, dry and well-drained set-up.

Familia: Testudinidae Nombre anterior: *Testudo tentoria; Testudo boettgeri; Testudo oscarboettgeri; Psammobates depressa; Testudo trimeni; Testudo verroxii*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**11-15 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**40-50 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto y terreno rocoso**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**22-28 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**12-18 °C**
Humedad	**30-50 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Plantas**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**1-3 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1**
Incubación	**94-198 días** a 28-30 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Casi amenazada (NT)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Almost nothing is known about keeping *Psammobates tentorius*, and the animals rarely survive long away from their habitat. Damp is the most common cause of death in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	By day it should be 22-28 °C in the enclosure and, under a lamp, a basking spot of 32-35 °C, measured on the surface. At night 12-18 °C is suitable.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	Humidity should be low, 30-50%, and the substrate should be dry. Damp is the most common cause of death, so misting is used only in very small amounts, and there must be no damp soil in the enclosure.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	The species is diurnal and basks a great deal. Sunlight is best, and the animal should be out in the sun as often as the weather allows.
ALIMENTACIÓN	In the wild the species feeds on grasses, sedges and other low herbs and succulents, and it has a preference for flowers.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	The species is shy and retreats under shrubs or digs itself half in. It is highly susceptible to respiratory diseases if mixed with other tortoises, so it is kept alone and must never come into contact with other species.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Sudáfrica y Namibia.

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