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TORTUGAS

Common Spider Tortoise

Pyxis arachnoides

Pyxis arachnoides is a small, critically endangered tortoise from the dry spiny forests along the south-west coast of Madagascar. The shell is high and domed with a web-like pattern, and adults are 10-12 cm long and weigh 200-400 g. The species is rare in captivity and reproduces slowly, and little is known about its care.

Familia: Testudinidae Nombre anterior: *Pyxis aranoides; Bellemys arachnoides*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**10-15 cm** longitud total con la cola
Peso	**200-400 g**
Esperanza de vida	**50-70 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto y bosque seco**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 2 adultos
Temperatura, día	**24-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-38 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**50-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos y plantas**
Se mantiene	**En solitario, en pareja o en grupo**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**1 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1-2**
Incubación	**220-330 días** a 29-30 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice I**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo A**
UICN	**En peligro crítico (CR)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little documented information exists on the care of *Pyxis arachnoides*. The species is kept and bred mainly in zoos and by specialists.
TEMPERATURA	The animal must be kept warm. During the day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-38 °C under a heat lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. At night the temperature drops to 18-22 °C.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and should be seen as a starting point. Keep the substrate slightly damp, and mist the enclosure now and then.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	*P. arachnoides* is diurnal. Natural sunlight is best, and indoors the species needs UVB light with a basking spot in Ferguson zone 3. The zone is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and has not been measured for the species.
ALIMENTACIÓN	In the wild *P. arachnoides* eats young leaves, flowers, fruit, insect larvae and the droppings of larger animals.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	Handle the animal as little as possible, especially young animals. When threatened it withdraws its head, legs and tail into the shell.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Madagascar.