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TORTUES TERRESTRES ET AQUATIQUES

Chinese Three-striped Box Turtle

Cuora trifasciata

Cuora trifasciata is a medium-sized turtle from southern China with a hinged plastron, a brown carapace with three black lengthwise stripes and a yellow upper jaw. The shell grows to 25 cm. The species is semi-aquatic and needs a large aqua-terrarium with a basking spot, UVB and a land area. It is critically endangered in the wild, and captive-bred animals are the only right choice.

Famille: Geoemydidae Ancien nom: *Sternothaerus trifasciatus; Cistudo trifasciata; Cyclemys trifasciata; Pyxiclemmys trifasciata*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**15-25 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**25-50 ans**
Activité	**Le jour et au crépuscule**
Mode de vie	**Semi-aquatique**
Habitat	**Zone humide**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**130 × 65 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**24-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**30-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-24 °C**
Hygrométrie	**60-80 %**
Eau	**Aquaterrarium** profondeur 20-30 cm
Température de l'eau	**24-28 °C**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Insectes, aliment complet, plantes, vertébrés et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**3-4 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1**
Incubation	**85-90 jours** à 26-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**En danger critique (CR)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about keeping *Cuora trifasciata*, because the species is almost only kept in captive breeding and conservation projects.
TEMPÉRATURE	The air temperature should be 24-28 °C by day, and the basking spot should be 30-32 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer on the shell. At night the temperature can drop to 20-24 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be 60-80%, and the land area should be damp but not wet. *Cuora trifasciata* comes from a humid climate, and hatchlings dry out quickly.
EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU	The water should be 24-28 °C and about twice as deep as the shell is wide: 20-30 cm for adults.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	UVB light is necessary for an animal kept indoors. Zone 2 is borrowed from the close relatives and suits a species that basks beside fresh water; the requirement has not been measured for the species.
ALIMENTATION	*Cuora trifasciata* is omnivorous but eats mostly animal food.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*Cuora trifasciata* is shy and cautious. The animal withdraws and closes its shell when frightened, and seeks cover again. It is most active by day and at dusk. It is not an animal for handling.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Chine et R.A.S. chinoise de Hong Kong.